

Welcome to the Parishes of St. Joseph and St. Patrick

Remembering
June 3-9

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 2, 2019

Ascension of the Lord (C) Seventh Sunday
Acts 1:1-11 of Easter (C)
Eph 1:17-23 or Acts 7:55-60
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Lk 24: 46-53 Jn 17:20-26

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Tyler Stead**

The O'Donnell Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Lou Theodore**

Mary Ellen & Daughters

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm

✚ **Leonard Wollman**

Pat & Ken Corcoran

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Anna Brink**

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

FRIDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **First Friday**

**Communion Service
Sacred Heart of Novena**

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **The People of
St. Joseph's Parish**

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Peter Kenny**

Frank & Irene DeVito

SUNDAY

7:15am (SP)

**For the People of
St. Patrick's**

8:30am (SJ)

✚ **William Butsko**

*Paul & Cristin Cavallaro
& Family*

11:00 (SP)

✚ **Rosemary Walsh**
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Jesus Awaits Us

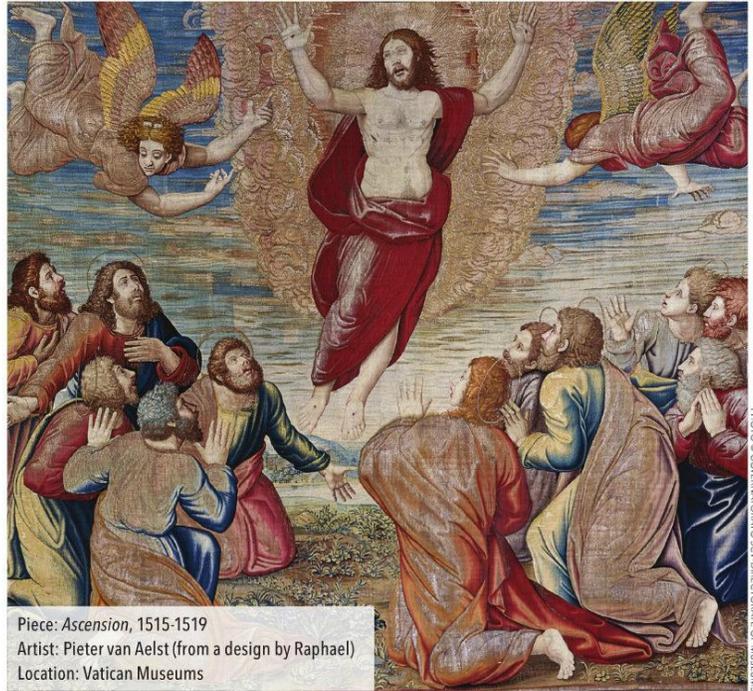
In the Nicene Creed, we pray, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven, where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man" (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). So we're not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for "the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit" upon each of us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 667).

For Reflection

Do we live like people who are aware that we're on our way to heaven forever?

How can I live this week with a more heavenly perspective?



Piece: *Ascension*, 1515-1519
Artist: Pieter van Aelst (from a design by Raphael)
Location: Vatican Museums

Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us? He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn't of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to "his kingdom [that] will have no end," to quote the same Creed. So let's live with newfound confidence that Jesus reigns in heaven, interceding for us, preparing our eternal home.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

Luke 24:51

Welcome

Our entire Parish Families welcome all of you who have come to worship with us today. We encourage you to participate fully in the spiritual, ministerial and social life of our parish community.

Sacrament of Baptism

All parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal instruction. Please contact your Parish Office to make arrangements for this opportunity for spiritual renewal

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should notify your Parish Office at least six months before the date of their intended marriage.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is for the comfort and strength of the ill. It is not just intended for those in immediate danger of death. It is a help and comfort to the living. If a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized, please contact your Parish Office.

DEANERY CHOIR

Deanery Choir at the Milford Music Fest
Sunday, June 23 at St Patrick's at 3PM
Will God Bless America Again?

The Deanery Choir will be presenting a concert in conjunction with the Milford Music Fest on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at St. Patrick's Church in Milford at 3:00PM entitled, Will God Bless America Again?. This free concert will be uplifting and positive with selections of both Spiritual and Patriotic music. All are welcome to come enjoy the sounds of the Deanery Choir!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. call 211 and be connected to your zip code resource area in Pike County or dial directly 855-567-5341.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

Are held the last Sunday of every month from 1-3 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

The 2nd Annual Catholic Women's Conference of NEPA "Come To The Well - Refresh Your Faith" Ladies, Buy Your Ticket Today \$40.00/person Saturday June 22, 2019 University of Scranton, Byron Complex, Scranton, PA **For details and registration: www.cwcnepa.com**

DATE CHANGE!

LEGION OF MARY MOVIE

Please note the new movie date is June 9th. Following the 11:00 Mass the Legion of Mary will present the film **Faustina** (an 88 minute movie)> this award winning film is a beautiful representation of the mystical life of St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy. The presentation is in keeping with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Wednesday during Adoration of the blessed Sacrament. Light refreshments will be offered.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

This number is for a death or Anointing of the Sick only for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Parishes (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Any messages or questions left at this number pertaining to regular Office business will not be answered.



TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER "BOOMERANG"

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is a simple, fun and easy way to raise money for your local non profit pregnancy and family crisis center-Tri State Pregnancy Center. All you do is put in your loose change (from your couch, cars, or even laundry) and place it in the Baby Bottle! The Boomerang starts Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day. This helps us keep all our services free and to be able to give away free baby items, such as diapers and wipes. Bottles will be displayed at the entrances of the Church.

Questions? Call Natasha Smolinski at 570-491-5151.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
June 8-9

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Bob Curtis
Eucharistic Minister Larry Marcial Stanley Lazarczyk
Altar Servers David Marcial Ella Carroll
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Makayla Csencsits
Eucharistic Minister Anna Blackman Diana Sierra
Altar Server Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher
Milford Senior Care 6/2 Jack Reilly 6/9 Debbie Roa

BROTHER JUNIPER



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PICNIC

We would like to have a Parish Picnic this Fall. A tentative date of Sunday, September 22, 2019 has been booked for Airport Park, Matamoras,. In order for this to become a reality, we need volunteers to form a committee and someone to Chair the event. Please consider volunteering...many hands make less work! Anyone interested in volunteering are asked to call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

will be holding their annual Pot Luck Dinner for the women of the Parish on Monday, June 3rd at 6:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. This will also serve as the last meeting until the Fall.

BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate Mass will be held this Sunday June 2nd at the 8:30 AM Mass.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, June 7th from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, June 23rd. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for their Red White and Blue Raffle after Masses. This is our 4th year. Thanks to every one for your support and generosity we have raised over \$6000 in the first three years. Proceeds from this raffle benefit the Special Olympics Area P and Vetstock (supports local Veterans). The drawing is on May20th and you don't need to be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 dollars. Thank you for supporting these local charities.

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The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Madeline Mason
By
Julia Allen

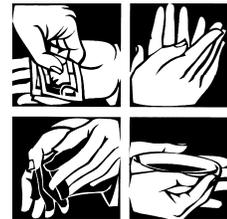
Weekly Offering

May 26, 2019
\$

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

May 27, 2018
\$ 2596.65



"We, the parish of St. Joseph's, in union with our Holy Father, our bishop, and our pastor, seek to grow in holiness as a welcoming and caring family reaching out to all. As a faith-filled community celebrating the Eucharist, we strive to enrich our spiritual lives by cultivating a deeper relationship with Christ through the sacraments. We are united in faith and find unity in diversity as we pray for the grace to use our gifts and talents to promote the knowledge of God's love."



7:15 MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

7:15 Mass will continue until Columbus Day Weekend, October 13th.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

On July 6, we will begin our First Saturday Communion Service and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. We will begin at 11:30, by praying the rosary followed by a Communion Service and Novena Prayers. Plan on joining us.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon, June 19th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, June 14th at 6:00.

IT'S BACK!!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Mark your calendars for the week of July 8-12 from 9-12. VBS is a Victory Celebration! In Mighty Fortress VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us. Registration is Kindergarten (this year) through grade 5. Can't wait to see you there. To register forms are in the Parish Office or in the Narthex of the Church. Call Christine Sell 908-380-5004 or Laurie Barcia 201-522-4582.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE FLEA MARKET!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY July 21 from 9 to 4 and Sunday July 22nd from 9:30 to 1.

We will also be having a Bake Sale at the flea Market, so if you are a baker, please drop off your baked goods on Saturday morning July 20th. Our drop off times for donations are on the following days: Wednesday and Thursday, July 17 & 18 from 11:00am to 1:pm and 7:00pm to 8:pm. Friday, July 19, 11:00am to 2:pm only

Please remember we are not accepting the following items: NO clothing, stuffed animals, books, TV's computers or their components, upholstered furniture, mattresses, box springs, large furniture, car seats, cribs, typewriters, medical equipment (crutches, etc) records, video games, CD's magazines, sofa beds and futons. Thank you for your generous donations!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE June 8-9

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Joe Dooley
Communion Ministers Midge Curreri, Janet Finnerty
Altar Servers Caterina Catizone, Jason Lecina, Sophia Mullen
Sunday 7:15am
Lector Joe Casmus
Communion Ministers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Diane Dennis
Communion Ministers Annette Petry, Pat Boyle
Altar Servers Carli Lock, Riley Mapes, Nicole Traxler



Weekly Collection
 May 19, 2019 \$3,287.00
 May 26, 2019 \$2,044.00

This time last year
 \$2,519.00 (May 19)
This time last year \$
 (2,157.00 May 27)

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
 May 19, 2019
 \$ 872.00
 May 26, 2019
 \$ 552.00
 Year to Date July'18- Current
 \$35,195.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000
 Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
 burns in memory of
Louis Theodore
 requested by
 Wife, Mary Ellen
 and Daughters*

St. Patrick's Parish is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and vibrant area of northeastern Pennsylvania. As disciples, we dedicate ourselves to hearing, learning and sharing the good news of God's Word as we reverently celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to know, love and serve God. We strive to promote a culture of love and respect for all human life and for the beautiful world in which we live. We welcome all people to participate in the spiritual and social life of our parish family.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Seventh Sunday of Easter | John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for all who believe in God, His Father, that they will be united in love and share the love of God with the whole world.



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Unscramble the letters and write the correct word in the spaces below.

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"Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:23



Calendar

Daily Prayer

Monday

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

JUNE 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

JUNE 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

JUNE 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

JUNE 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

JUNE 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

JUNE 9

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Rom 8:8-17

Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

We can hardly believe the message from this week's gospel. It is one of complete invitation to us. Jesus tells us of his intimate bond with the Father and invites us into the same kind of close relationship with Jesus himself.

He does not promise us a trouble-free life, and is clear about the challenges we will face as his followers. He cautions us that the world will want to make us one of "its own" and Jesus lovingly protests that we are his, not the world's. He prays to the Father of us, "They are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me..."

This kind of loving dialogue with the Father is what Jesus wants with us. It does not mean our lives will be trouble-free but we are offered the peace in our hearts that Jesus longs to give us.

Some days we may feel anything but peace in our hearts. That is the time to pause and open our hands and our hearts to the Lord. Just the simple physical act of

opening our hands can send a signal to our hearts. We can stop thinking and start feeling the love that Jesus has for us.

We can begin each morning at the side of our beds, aware of the sacredness of the day ahead of us, and ask for peace, courage and guidance. On our way to work or while taking care of our family, cooking or running errands, we can stop for the briefest moment and ask again: "Lord, help me to feel how much you love me. Help me to accept that love and carry it to all those you send into my life today."

And at the end of the day, we can pause again at the side of our bed, reflect for a moment on our day and offer thanks for the moments where we felt in our hearts the love of Jesus. And, we can ask that tomorrow we can feel the Lord's own love and compassion for us - and beg that we can pass that along.

Like Peter in Friday's gospel, we have denied Jesus many times in our lives but he looks at us again with love and simply says, "Follow me."

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