

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

Rememóring  
May 27-June 2

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Mother's Day  
Intentions

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Jerry Remeika  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion

Wednesday

12:00pm

✠ Lou Black  
Ray & Carol Proulx

7:00pm Vigil

The Ascension  
For the People of St.  
Patrick's

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Rose Kizer  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

Friday

✠ No Mass

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ The People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Marcella Murphy  
Lee & Camilla Doyle

Sunday

7:15am (SP)

Dominick Peluso  
The Rivera Family

8:30am (SJ)

✠ Joan Long Osmun  
Robert Long & Pat Craig

11:00 (SP)

✠ Una Coyne  
Mike & Rita Donlan



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

In 14:23-29

## Interpreting Christ's Teachings Today

This passage of Acts shows us something about the early Church that we often overlook. Paul, Silas, and the other apostles felt a responsibility to preserve the true doctrine passed on to them. When they understood that certain Christians were teaching demands that didn't come from the Holy Spirit, they corrected that doctrine by sending a letter and endorsing the true interpretation.

Even in the earliest Church, there was an evolving hierarchy that interpreted what was God's will for the Christian community. This charism of the proper interpretation of Christ's teaching continues in today's Catholic Church through the pope and the bishops.

Jesus declared to the apostles at the Last Supper that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all he told them. Jesus gave this gift to the Church, and it's something we should value. How often do we do an internet search about a subject and then trust what a few articles say? Yet, are we as quick to look up what the Holy Father and the bishops say on different subjects in order to be guided by that light?



Piece: The Pentecost, 1576-1578  
Artist: Girolamo Muziano  
Location: Vatican Museums

### For Reflection

Do I make an effort to know what the pope or my bishop is teaching?

When faced with moral decisions, do I research what the Church has to say?

We are not sheep without a shepherd. We have bishops and priests who preach the word of God and lead us toward the truth. When the bishops, in communion with the Holy Father, exercise their ordinary teaching office (magisterium), they help us to better understand God's revelation in faith and morals. This is the way the early Church developed and the way the Church still lives today.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*[Jesus said,] "The holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you."*

John 14:26

## 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.

## **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](http://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.**

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE**

Vigil Mass Wednesday evening, May 29th 7:00pm at St. Patrick's and Thursday, May 30th at 8:00am at St. Joseph's



## **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**

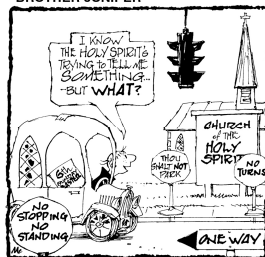
It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter 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](http://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).

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 1-2

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Tom McMullen
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Chuck Pike Jack Reilly
<b>Altar Servers</b> Eric Cabrera-Agostini Lukas Schutz
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Brenna Cavallaro
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Diane Heater Kathleen Warne
<b>Altar Server</b> Draven Nitecki Volunteer
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>5/26 Chuck Pike</b> 6/2 Jack Reilly

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns

In Memory of

**Grayce Ricciardi**

By

The Walter Marcial  
Family

## Weekly Offering

**May 12, 2019**

\$ 3999.00

**May 19, 2019**

\$ 3855.95

Thank you for your generosity!

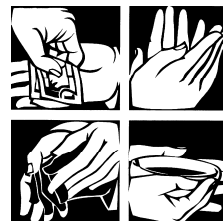
## Last Year

**May 13, 2018**

\$ 3698.75

**May 20, 2019**

\$ 3264.50



## 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.

## BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate Mass will be held next Sunday June 2nd at the 8:30 AM Mass. Invitations have been mailed along with a Biography request. If you are/know a graduating Senior who has not received an Invitation, please contact the Parish Office at 570-491-2618.

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## 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.

## WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Our Parish Service Ministry is reaching out to all parishioners who may be in need of our help. If you need or know a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appt, please call the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket

**"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 resume at St. Patrick's Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th and will continue through Columbus Day Weekend.

## ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS GROUP

WELCOME SPRING! We will resume meeting weekly starting Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2:00pm (weather permitting). The group meets in the Parish hall (use side entrance) from 2 to 4pm on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome. We supply the yarn and needles. Please come and join us as we make articles for various outreach programs.

## 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 1-2

### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** Jack Boyle

### Communion Ministers

Janet Finnerty, Pat Boyle

### Altar Servers

Caterina Catizone, Jason Lecina, Nicole Traxler

### Sunday 7:15am

**Lector** Joe Dooley

### Communion Ministers

### Sunday 11:00am

**Lector** Cheryl McCarthy

### Communion Ministers

Colleen Sheldon, Midge Curreri

### Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Lelaina & Julianna Hopper

The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
**Rachel Steward**  
requested by  
Annette Petry.



Weekly Collection

May 19, 2019

\$TBA



This time last year  
\$2,519.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

May 19, 2019

\$ TBA

Year to Date July '18- Current  
\$33,771.00

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

**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 Sixth Sunday of Easter | John 14:23-29

Jesus continues to prepare His disciples for His death and resurrection. He gives them the gift of peace and the power of the Holy Spirit to help them.

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"Peace I leave with you."

JOHN 14:27



### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus	D	I	S	G	I	A	N	S	W	E	R	E	D	S	T
Answered	M	S	W	E	O	D	B	E	F	O	R	E	E	O	P
Whoever	E	P	O	P	V	V	H	S	V	J	T	O	L	A	E
Keeps	A	I	R	E	J	O	I	C	E	E	E	D	B	H	S
Word	V	R	D	L	O	C	L	O	V	S	R	L	U	E	A
Father	D	I	A	R	F	A	E	V	E	U	Y	L	O	H	R
Loves	B	T	R	E	H	T	A	F	O	S	V	N	R	I	E
Dwelling	E	K	E	D	W	E	L	L	I	N	G	E	T	S	V
Within	L	E	R	N	V	E	A	R	W	E	L	H	D	H	E
Advocate	I	E	F	I	E	P	S	R	P	E	A	C	E	V	O
Holy	E	P	A	M	T	N	I	H	T	I	W	A	A	N	H
Spirit	V	S	N	E	P	P	A	H	U	S	Y	E	O	W	W
Teach	E	V	E	R	Y	T	H	I	N	G	L	T	H	S	A
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## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26-16:4a

### Tuesday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34

Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday

MAY 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-8

Jn 16:16-20

### Friday

MAY 31

Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or

Rom 12:9-16

Lk 1:39-56

### Saturday

JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28

Jn 16:23b-28

### Sunday

JUNE 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter,

Ascension of the Lord

### Seventh Sunday

Acts 7:55-60

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 17:20-26

### Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23 or

Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Lk 24:46-53

## Daily Prayer

We sometimes keep the idea of the Trinity firmly in our heads, rather than move it to our hearts. Our logical, practical minds cannot make sense out of three persons in one God.

But clearly this week Jesus wants us to have some sense of what the Trinity is - a continuation of the seamless love and identity between him and the Father. It is the Spirit of that love between them that lives on in us today, guiding us and helping us to follow the message of Jesus' life. It is that Spirit of Jesus that is with us in each of the difficult and joyous moments of our days.

Jesus invites us to discover the power of the Spirit in our lives through an awareness of "the Advocate" supporting us each day. Jesus encourages us in the same kind of intimate relationship he has with the Father. The startling idea of this close, personal conversation one might have with a parent, models for us

how we can speak to him.

If we feel tongue-tied or don't know where to begin, that is exactly the place to start. Each morning as we awaken, we can speak from our hearts.

Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day, head to a meeting, stand in the kitchen or fold laundry. It is not complicated to have a closer relationship with God but it takes focus. And always, we can end our day with a simple prayer of thanks for the many blessings of the day.

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