

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

Remembering  
June 18 - 24



June 17, 2018  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Ez 17:22-24  
2 Cor 5:6-10  
Mk 4:26-34

**MONDAY**  
8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Denise Brocket**  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Farr

**TUESDAY**  
12:00pm

✚ **Lou Black**  
Vita Ditta

**WEDNESDAY**  
12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Angela Gleason**  
Ray Weeks

**THURSDAY**  
8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Kay Boyle**  
Mr. & Mrs. Declan Carroll

**FRIDAY**  
12:00pm (SP)

**The Martorana Family**  
Ray Weeks

**SATURDAY**  
4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Patricia Bolcar**  
Helen Gassmann

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Laura McNeil**  
Her Mother

**SUNDAY**  
8:30am (SJ)

✚ **For the People of  
St. Joseph's Parish**

7:15am (SP)  
**For the People of  
St. Patrick's**

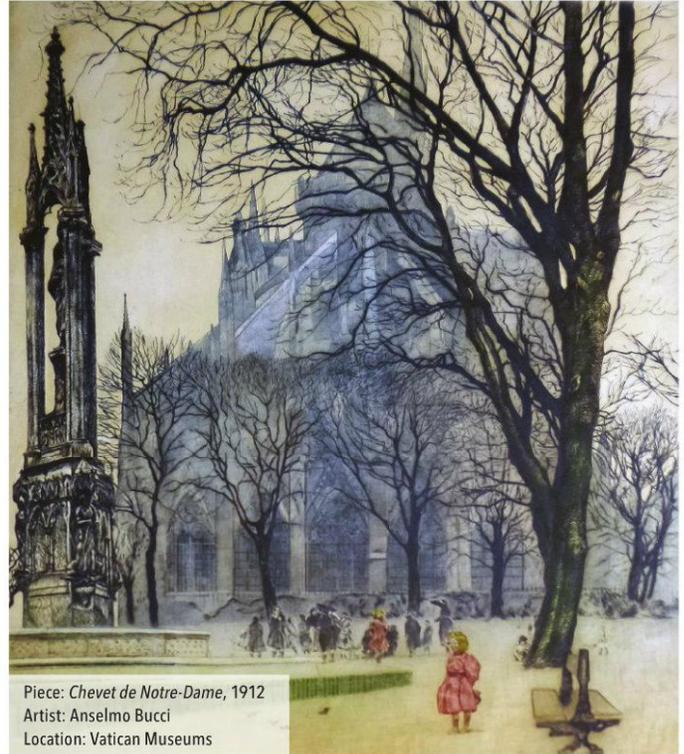
11:00am (SP)  
✚ **Josephine Commisso**

## Spreading Seeds

The kingdom of God has an inward power, an effervescence with which it is equipped, that makes it a force of growth and multiplication. Jesus compares the kingdom with a seed. You plant it in favorable soil and, you know not how, it springs up into a little plant and then eventually into a full-grown tree. Its life principle is not given by the soil—although that helps it grow—but rather it has power of itself to expand.

The Christian life and the kingdom are very much like this. At baptism we have received supernatural grace in our souls. And if given suitable support, that faith will grow and become the transformative element of our lives. It will drive us toward a life of faith, hope, and love. It will lead us to forgive others, improve society, and transform everything for good.

The same can be said of the Church, Christ's kingdom of love. Christ planted the seed of faith in his apostles and that seed spread and thrived all across Europe. Their faith multiplied and grew until all throughout the world the fruits of their faith are on display as a veritable kingdom of charity: hospitals, universities, soup kitchens, AIDS hospices, shelters for the battered and homeless, retreat centers, chapels, churches, museums, research and rehabilitation centers, religious orders, lay associations, volunteer



Piece: Chevet de Notre-Dame, 1912  
Artist: Anselmo Bucci  
Location: Vatican Museums

groups, and the list could and does continue on and on. There is a force in faith and love that cannot be contained!  
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Do I let the force of my faith multiply into acts of love and service?*

*[Jesus said,] "But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches."*

*Mark 4:32*

## 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. If needed, please contact your Parish Office to register.

### 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

## **A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BAMBERA**

**As you may already know from media reports, the Diocese of Scranton has been the subject of a state-wide Grand Jury investigating child sexual abuse in six of the eight dioceses in Pennsylvania. Public release of the report is expected in the coming weeks.**

**I want to take this opportunity to offer my deepest apologies to the victims of such abuse, to their families, to the faithful of our Church and to everyone impacted by the behaviors described in this report. While difficult to face, this is the only way for us to move forward in a more positive way as we learn from the past.**

**You will be kept apprised of new developments through various channels of communication as more information is released. Once again, I am deeply sorry for these past actions and the pain caused by the behaviors described in the report, and I will continue to do all that I can to ensure the safety and well-being of our children.**

## **ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISHES!!**

It's Vacation Bible School Time. It will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Milford. The date is July 9-13th from 9am—12:00pm. Monday-Friday. Due to the Diocese Safe Environment protocols we now have to have everyone from the age of 14 and up complete the necessary clearances in order to volunteer. This process can take up to 6 weeks to complete. If you are interested or even think that you might be interested please contact Jo-Marie Totten 570 296-7451 or [patsdre@ptd.net](mailto:patsdre@ptd.net).

## **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**

For St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

## **TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION**



**Due this week! Thank you for your continued support!**

## **FATHERHOOD**

### **THE AWESOME CALLING**

When the Lord bestows on man the gift of fatherhood He entrusts to him an irreplaceable mission.

As protector, guardian and transmitter of the Father's love, man reaches the heights to which he has been called by grace.

***Happy Father's Day***

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
June 23-24

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Bob Curtis</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Carol Cordova, Stanley Lazarczyk, Joe Price, Anna Blackman</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini Ella Carroll</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Larry Marcial</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Neal &amp; Michele Bensley, Larry Marcial, Bill Reed</i>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>David Marcial Daniel Corcoran</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>6/17 Lois Lazarczyk</b>  6/24 Jack Reilly

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory of  
**Andrew Witkowski**  
by  
The Family

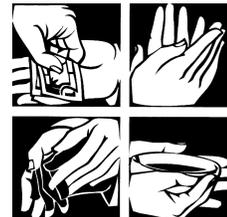
**FAREWELL FATHER VITO COFFEE SOCIAL**  
Come say goodbye to Father Vito at our next Coffee Social, Sunday, June 24, 2018. A variety of foods will be available including sugar-free! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

**ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY**  
Our next food pantry will be Friday, July 13, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team D). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. The food pantry would like to start a new team to help with daytime distribution. We need help Fridays 12 - 2pm. Please call or just show up Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

**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.

Weekly Offering  
**June 17, 2018**  
\$ TBA

Last Year  
**June 18, 2017**  
\$3917.05



Thank you for your generosity!

**"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."**



## ST. PATRICK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Starting June 3rd and continuing through Columbus Day weekend, there will be at 7:15am Mass on Sunday morning.

## ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

After many years of good and faithful service, Jeanne Hoffman has decided to step down as leader of the St. Patrick's Group. Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—[thogan@ptd.net](mailto:thogan@ptd.net) or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday, July at 6:30.

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito as he celebrates Mass with the residents at Belle Reve on Wednesday, June 20th at 2:30pm.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday, July 20th at 6:00pm

## BAPTISMS

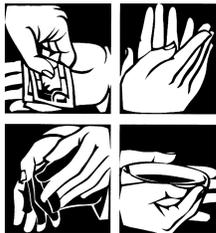
We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Victoria Marie Lake** and **Grayson Berry** who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick's. God Bless you Victoria and Grayson.

**ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE** Have you liked our Facebook Page At Saint Patrick's Milford PA? [facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA-276881409441280/](https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA-276881409441280/)

Have you followed us on Twitter? ([@stpatsmilfordpa](https://twitter.com/stpatsmilfordpa)):[Church of St Patrick \(@stpatsmilfordpa\) Twitter](https://twitter.com/stpatsmilfordpa)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE June 23-24

<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> John Boyle
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca, Ray Weeks
<b>Altar Servers</b> Nicholas Dinos, Riley Mapes
<b>Sunday 7:15am</b>
<b>Lector</b> David Stine
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Karen Loeschorn, Dean & Arlene Quirk
<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Diane Dennis
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Annette Petry, Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira
<b>Altar Servers</b> Vincent & Isabella Saski



Weekly Collection  
**June 3, 2018**  
**\$ 2530.00**

*This time last year*  
\$3,549.00

**June 10, 2018 \$4,478.00**  
*This time year* \$2,594.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
**\$1,434.00**

Year to Date July '17 - Current  
**\$39,468.00**

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

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
Peter Saunders,  
Leonard Wollman  
and  
Raymond Corcoran, Sr.*

**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.**

## Gospel Today The Most Holy Trinity | Matthew 28:16-20

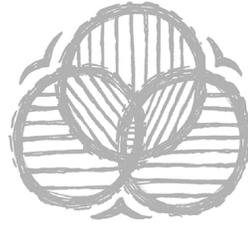
At the Great Commission Jesus commanded His apostles to gather believers and baptize, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

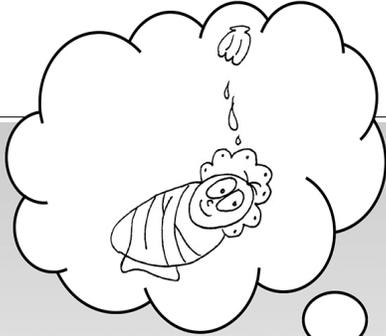
The church follows Jesus' command today. New members are baptized in the

name of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.



When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Matthew 28:17-18



### SWEET as HONEY



### Daily Prayer

Most of us know that having faith is more about confidence and trust in the Lord than it is about theological understanding or assent to truths. The biggest barrier to our more complete following of our Lord in faith is fear. This is a wonderful week to ask our Lord to heal us so that we can not be afraid and just have faith in him as we place our faith in his calming presence.

We can begin each day, sitting or standing at the edge of our bed and, in 30 seconds, simply name our desire. "Lord, thank you for this day. Please heal my fears. I want to place my trust in you more completely. Be with me in the tough stuff today." When we are in the shower or while getting dressed, as we are heading to work or doing laundry, when we are walking down a hall to a meeting or even at a store shopping, we can expand on our prayer - again, briefly and in a friend to friend conversation with our Lord. "Dear Lord, I'm going to be facing several things today that feel like storms at sea. Don't let me lose sight of your presence with me today. Give me courage and an inner peace to do what you call me to do."

The phrases from Matthew's Gospel can work their way into our week so easily in this context. "Lord, let me know your love and mercy, that I might treat those I'm now judging with more of the love and mercy you show me." "Lord, it feels like you are inviting me to take a narrower path today than the one I usually take, following the way everyone around me goes. Help me choose your way with greater freedom and peace."

There is a real and sustaining joy that accompanies this sense of intimacy with our Lord, in the midst of our daily, busy lives. It seems right to take a few moments each night to express our thanks to the

Lord for the gifts of the day.

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