

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

Remembering
Dec. 30-Jan 5

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 29, 2019

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ NO MASS

TUESDAY

New Year's Eve

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Kevin Cunningham

The Family

WEDNESDAY

New Year's Day

12:00pm(SP)

For the People of
St. Patrick's

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Joseph Amato

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

FRIDAY

12:00pm(SP)

First Friday

Communion Service

SATURDAY

11:30am (SP)

1st Saturday Rosary &
Communion
Service

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ For the People of
St. Josephs Parish

5:30pm (SP)

✠ James O'Donnell
Deacon Mike & Maria

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ Jackie Tescione
John Altadonna

11:00 (SP)

✠ For the People of
St. Patrick's

Practicing Family Values

"Do we have to go to Grandma's!"

Children aren't the only ones who sometimes dread the family Christmas gathering. Adults might, too. Why is that? Our family is the cradle that embraced us at birth, nourished us, and helped us grow. At least that's what it was supposed to be. Perhaps we didn't come from such a family. Still, when our time comes, it is within our power to form such a family. How are we to do it?

In today's readings we have two quite different descriptions of family dynamics. The first, from Sirach, focuses on children's respect for and support of parents. The Gospel passage recounts parents' protection of a vulnerable child. Together these readings tell us that every family member, regardless of age or position within the family, owes all the other members concern and care. Paul provides a short list

of what I like to think of as genuine family values: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12-13). Are such values asking too much of us?

It's not by accident that we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family during Christmastime. Some think that this is a season for children. It's actually a season for family, a time when generations—three, sometimes four or five—at least contact each other.

It's a time for us to decide whether or not Paul's list of virtues reflects our own family portrait. How authentic are our smiles? How deep are our family values?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

★ Try reaching out in a special way to a family member in the generation before you and one that follows you.

Those who
respect their
father will
live a long life;
those who
obey the
Lord honor
their mother.

SIRACH 3:6



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.

December 29, 2019, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



K OF C FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

There will be no Dinner in the month of December...Dinners will resume in January 2020.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Sponsored by United Way. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. Pike County dial directly 855-567-5341.

***WISHING YOU A BLESSED, HAPPY
HEALTHY
NEW YEAR***

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00PM (SJ)

NEW YEARS DAY

12:00PM(SP)

BON SECOURS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

in many areas of the hospital. If you would like to join a special group of people, with a special gift to give please contact Amy Moore, Volunteer Manager at 845-858-7162 or email Amy_moore@bshsi.org

WARMING STATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Tri-State Warming Station in Port Jervis, is open for its fourth season serving the homeless in our midst. Every night until Spring, the warming station will provide shelter for those without it, along with hot meals and hot showers. The need is real-we welcome as many as 20 guests each night- and it takes a lot of volunteer energy to make this work. Some of your fellow parishioners are already helping out, and you can too. Volunteers to cook and deliver dinner or to stay overnight to help watch over the guests are especially needed. Financial support is welcome, too. To get involved, or for more information, contact Kevin (from St. Joseph's) at kevinwalter@earthlink.net or (570) 296-6902.

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.

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

The Daily Bible Verses

<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan. 4-5

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Stanley Lazarczyk
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers Daniel & Cole Corcoran
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Tom McMullen
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server Robert McMullen Benjamin Rivera
Milford Senior Care 12/29 Chuck Pike 1/5 Jack Reilly

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Karen Sweeney @570-491-2228 or Tom Hogan @ 570-872-4925. If you wish you may also send the name via email to either Karen at sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or Tom at tchogan@ptd.net.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$40,000.00**. to date, **\$36,002.00 90%** of our appeal goal has been achieved due to your kindness and generosity. To those of you who have pleased, THANK-YOU! Those of you who have not pledged, please consider. The Appeal helps support Catholic, Social Services, Clergy formation, Parish Life and Ministry just to name a few.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, January 19th. 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.

FOOD PANTRY

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

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." You are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Just let an Usher know before Mass that you'd like to present the gifts, or if an usher approaches you to ask, please consider saying yes. Active participation will enrich our liturgy!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

*In Memory of
Jamie Willis*

*By
Michele Bensley*

Weekly Offering

December 22, 2019

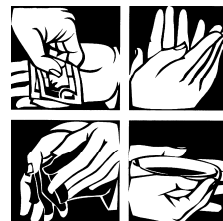
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(bulletin deadline 12/19)

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

December 23, 2018

\$4408.00



"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."

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR BRO. ZACK BURNS

Bro. Zack Burns, the son of Maureen and Gene Burns and a son of the Parish Family of St. Patrick, will be ordained a Franciscan priest in the spring of 2020. In thanksgiving and gratitude to him as he enters the service of God and His Church, you are invited to participate in a *Spiritual Bouquet* that we will present to him at Christmas. In the spiritual Bouquet Book located in the Narthex, chose the prayers and actions you intend to offer up (rosaries, prayers, sacrifices, etc.) print your name and number offered. This is a wonderful way to express your appreciation and support his vocation, a vocation that is so needed. God Bless Bro. Zack. May he be an inspiration to other young men to the vocation of the priesthood?

USHERS AND GREETERS

We are looking for volunteers to become ushers and greeters at both the 5:30pm and the 11:00am Masses. Please contact the Parish Office to inquire. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a meeting for all Altar Servers following the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, January 5th. Please plan on attending.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

People Helping People would like to thank everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Program this year. We wish you all a beautiful Christmas Holiday and a very Happy, Healthy New Year. God Bless you all.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be having a blood drive here at St. Patrick's on Thursday, December 26th in the Church Hall from 1:00pm til 6:00pm.

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

The group has made donations of handmade good to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center as well as local nursing homes and the Port Jervis Warming Center. We will not holding regular meetings during the winter months. We will resume our Wednesday meetings in the spring. The exact date will be announced in future bulletins.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

We have raised \$25,111.00 (71.7%) of our goal. It's not too late to consider donating to the Annual Appeal. God Bless you!

IN MEMORIAM

Please, remember in your prayers the soul of Barbara Combes Buchanan who recently passed away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan. 4-5

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Joe Dooley

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Amelia Lelaina and Julianna Hopper

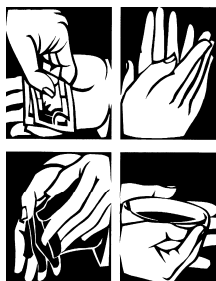
Sunday 11:00am

Lector Joe Dooley

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Abby & Anna Vogel



Weekly Collection

December 22, 2019
TBA

This time last year
\$2,210.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

December 22, 2019
\$ TBA

Year to Date July'19- Current
\$20,185.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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.

Dear Padre,

I've heard priests tell stories about Jesus' childhood, the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. Anne that aren't in the Bible. Where do these stories come from?

The Bible as we know it—a definitive collection of sacred texts as the word of God—came together in the fourth and fifth centuries. The same God that inspired authors to record his divine word also inspired the books of the Bible to be collected during the first centuries of Christianity. As such, the Bible itself is formed by tradition.

Ancient texts, other than those officially accepted as fulfilling revelation (like Scripture), existed in the Church's early centuries. These are known as noncanonical sources. Many of the stories you hear, especially about the people you mention, come from those sources.

In the Church's infancy, people were eager to hear as much as they could about Jesus and his family. In response, many stories about Jesus' childhood and family members were collected in a variety of written accounts—including the *Protoevangelium*, or gospel of James from the year 145 (not to be confused with the New Testament's Letter of James). Although they weren't included in the canon of the Bible, they became sources

for stories passed from generation to generation that were accepted as a part of our tradition. For example, information about Mary's parents, including their names, Joachim and Anne, were derived from noncanonical texts. These sources may add color and flavor to our faith and devotion. But ultimately, everything we need for salvation is revealed in the Scriptures.

—The Redemptorists | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.

—ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY (AMORIS LAETITIA), MARCH 19, 2016



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I need extra patience and care when in challenging situations. Continue to let my heart experience the joy of Christmas this week as I see signs of your presence with me.

When these words take on our own voice and our details, it will feel very personal. And, when we speak about our fears, our needs, when we express our gratitude and our deep desires, we are living and intimate relationship with the one who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.

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Daily Prayer

There is a lot going on in the readings for the week after Christmas.

It helps to recognize this and let ourselves enter each part of the mystery of the Incarnation. We are living in the flesh each day of our lives. He came to enter this life and be with us in it. After Christmas, we have this wonderful Christmas season, days to let the blessing of Christmas settle in before we move toward Ordinary Time again.

Each one of us can begin our post-Christmas and the beginning of our New Year's time by staying in touch with ourselves in the flesh - as people who are touched by Jesus' coming. We can turn to our Lord throughout each day and have real conversations with our Savior: over the kitchen sink, by the dishwasher, in front of the washing machine. This practice can make sacred any part of our "ordinary life" that we hold up to God.

During our preparation for Christmas we asked the Lord to open our hearts, to let us wait with patient trust, and to come to us. Last week we experienced joy and the mixed challenges of Christmas. This week we have the opportunity to have ordinary conversations with our God who came to be with us.

Thank you so much, Lord, for becoming flesh for me. And, thank you for being with me now, in the midst of each day's joys and sorrows. I ask you to increase my trust in you, my desire for closeness with you and my commitment to turn to you all day long. Continue to be with me when I have to make difficult decisions, when

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 30
Sixth Day in the
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday

DECEMBER 31
Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday

JANUARY 1
Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday

JANUARY 2
Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors
of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

Friday

JANUARY 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

Saturday

JANUARY 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10
Jn 1:35-42

Sunday

JANUARY 5
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



A Redemptorist Ministry