

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

Rememóerínġ
Nov. 26 - Dec. 2



November 25, 2018

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe (B)

Dn 7:13-14 | Rv 1:5-8

Jn 18:33b-37

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **All Souls Intentions**

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ **Louis Black**
Kari Moranti

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Rosalind Nathan**
Phil Brennan

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Enrique "Nester"**
Vargas & Lydia Vargas
The Family

FRIDAY

**1st Friday Communion
Service
Sacred Heart Novena**

SATURDAY

**Feast of The Immaculate
Conception
12:00pm(SP)
Joseph Umberto**
Wife, Catherine

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Gertrude Balicki**
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Reilly

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Anthony & Frank**
**DeMeo & Concetta &
Anthony DaMato**
Ciro

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Robert Kyle**
The Family

Feeble, Fleeting Human Glory

Lorenzo Sabbatini painted this amazing Christ the King ascended in heavenly glory. Have you heard of the artist? He and his art were sought after by the wealthiest, most powerful people of his day—so famous then, but unknown today. Thus is the feeble nature of human glory.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is in chains at the mercy of Pontius Pilate. The Roman procurator failed to recognize him. Thus is the feeble nature of human recognition.

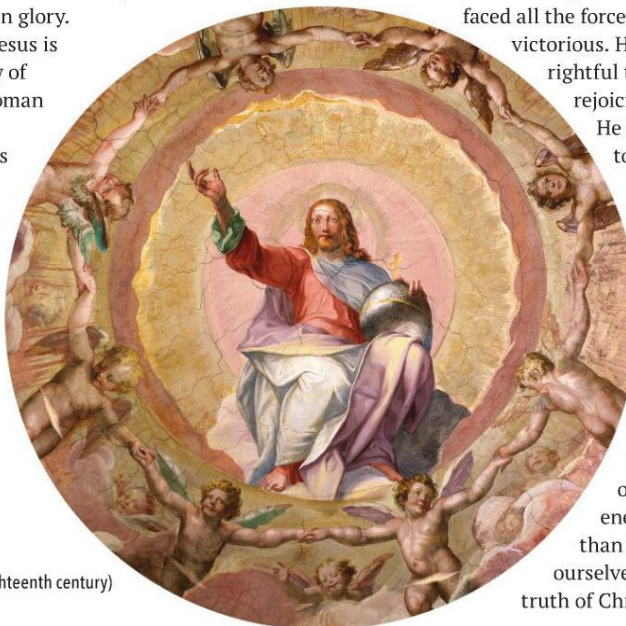
Pilate had before him the King of Kings, the author of all authority in heaven and on earth, his maker and judge. It appeared that Pilate was the powerful one, but Jesus knew all power really came from his

Father. Thus the feeble nature of vision without faith.

This ceiling scene painted by Sabbatini is what we should always keep in mind—Jesus taken up into the clouds as he blesses us. Cherubs dance and celebrate the return of the King, their fearless leader, who faced all the forces of hell and emerged victorious. He was taking his rightful throne and they are rejoicing at having him back. He still reigns from there today.

He has opened the gates of heaven so all his beloved can now enter and populate the mansions prepared for them from the dawn of time. We may often feel like victims of circumstances or totally limited by our failures, health, or enemies. Yet, we are more than conquerors if we allow ourselves to be set free by the truth of Christ's kingship.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Overview of the Vault,
St. Lawrence Chapel (circa eighteenth century)
Artist: Lorenzo Sabbatini
Location: Vatican Museums

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For Reflection

*Do I judge people superficially or with a vision enlightened by the gospel?
How can I truthfully and faithfully judge situations, and help others do the same?*

*Jesus answered [Pilate], "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world."*

John 18:37

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Once again, you are invited to submit your special prayer intentions to be remembered at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera on Sunday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral. Special Intention Envelopes are available at the back of the church. All prayer intentions must be returned to the Diocese by November 19. Kindly fill out your prayer intention envelope and place it in the collections basket. If you wish to make a gift to the Appeal, please fill out the gift information on the lower portion of the Prayer Intention envelope. You are welcome to submit a prayer intention without making a gift to the Appeal. Thank you.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, which include Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. We meet on Sunday afternoons for one hour. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE

ADULT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Belle Reve Senior Living is offering 7 group sessions which starting September 20th. Group is intended for adult men and women who are grieving a loss. Group will provide emotional comfort in a safe environment. The purpose of this group is to provide information about the grief process. The following are dates that the Group will be meeting, October 4th, November 1, November 15, December 6 and December 20th at 11:00 RSVP is strongly encouraged (570) 476-0150.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

is looking for volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8, 2018

Mass Friday 12/7 7:00pm Vigil (SJ)

Mass Saturday 12/8 12:00pm (SP)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS

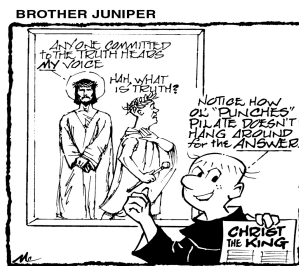
Would you like to know more about the meaning of the Mass, the source and summit of Catholic Christian life? Join Deacon Thomas Spataro during the December Advent Season on Tuesdays, December 4, December 11, and December 18 at 7:00pm. At St. Patrick's Church, Milford. Deacon Tom will hold weekly enlightening discussions based on Bishop Robert Barron's series "The Mass". All are welcome, please plan to join us. For further information call the Parish Office of St. Patrick's at 570 296-7451.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 1-2

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector***Stanley Lazarczyk***Eucharistic Minister***Diane Heater**Jack Reilly***Altar Servers***Eric Cabrera-Agostini**Daniel Corcoran***Sunday 8:30am****Lector***Janet Bright***Eucharistic Minister***Chuck Pike**Joe Price***Altar Server***Brenna Cavallaro**Robert McMullen***Milford Senior Care****11/25 Debbie Roa**

12/2 Jack Reilly

The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of

Gertrude Balicki*The Bensley Family***POINSETTIA MEMORIALS**

Again this year the Poinsettia's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost will be \$15.00 per plant. Special RED envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print clearly) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelopes into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline for your response is 12/17. A list of the memorialized will appear in the December 22/23 bulletin.

ADULT CHOIR FORMING! - If you are feeling called to serve the parish and enjoy singing, PLEASE CALL me, Mare Bradley, at 845-754-3620. You could also see me after 4:00 Mass or 8:30 Mass.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY NEEDED - Greeting parishioners and visitors is an important part of the hospitality of our church. The function of a minister of hospitality is designed to make all first-time guests and parishioners feel welcome. We are in the process of forming a pool of church greeters and would like your help. If you are interested in this Ministry or would like more information about it, please contact the Parish Office 570-491-2618.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF MATAMORAS & MILFORD

will be at the front entrance to the Church selling their Annual Lottery Calendar Booklets. Cost is \$20.00 per booklet. These numbered booklets are good for the whole year and you win \$\$ according to the daily lottery number. This is a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! Stop by their table before or after Mass!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY - Our next food pantry will be Friday, November 30, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 6:00pm Two Rivers Grille, Matamoras, \$34.00 per person. If you would like to attend, please fill out the coupon below and send it along with your payment to: Louise Piccirillo 109 Oak Avenue, Matamoras, PA 18336. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society. Deadline for your response is 11/30/18.

***Don't forget to bring a \$10.00 Grab Bag Gift!*

NAME: _____**Please select one of the following dinner choices:**

Seared Tilapia w/Asparagus, Mushrooms and Sherry Wine Beurre Blanc _____
Sautéed Chicken Breast w/Roasted Garlic Marsala Wine & Mushrooms _____
Roasted Prime Rib w/Rosemary Au jus & Creamy Horseradish Sauce _____

All entrees include salad, dessert, coffee/tea, tax & gratuity

Weekly Offering

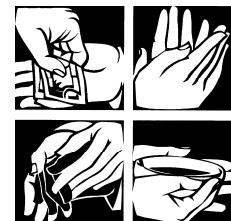
Last Year

November 18, 2018**November 19, 2017**

\$ TBA

\$ 3572.91

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."

PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Wednesdays at 2:40pm. During Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The Holy Father, St. John Paul II imparted a special Apostolic Blessing "to all the faithful, who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for the sick and those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour." The Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all who participate.

WORD OF LIFE—BULLETIN QUOTES "Through the Church's teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love."

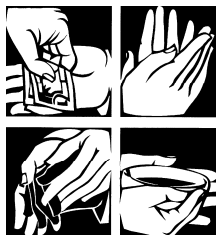
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

MOVIE MATINEE The Legion of Mary will be showing "The Star", an animated film, on December 2, 2018. It will be shown after 11:00 Mass in the church Hall. The running time is approximately 60 minutes and refreshments will be available. This would be a delightful way to begin Advent for the whole family, especially the children, There is no admission charge. We hope you will join us.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOME VISITATION

The Legion of Mary has a beautiful replica of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima which travels around the world promoting the message of peace and love. Part of the work of the Legion of Mary is home visitation with our statue of Mary. The purpose of this program is to aid families in responding to Mary's requests during her apparitions at Fatima to: return to God, make reparation for sins, and to pray the Rosary daily for peace. Only a few moments of welcoming prayer upon arrival and farewell prayer upon the statue's leaving is required. You will be inspired. Please contact Catherine Umberto (570) 491-5820 or Jeanne Ryan (570) 428-2023 if interested.

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Weekly Collection
November 18, 2018
TBA

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
November 18, 2018
\$ TBA

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$8,933.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 1-2

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca

Altar Servers

Caterina Catizone, Nicholas Dinos

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Annette Petry, Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Carli Lock

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
All Deceased Members
of
The Legion of Mary*

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Jn 18:33b-37

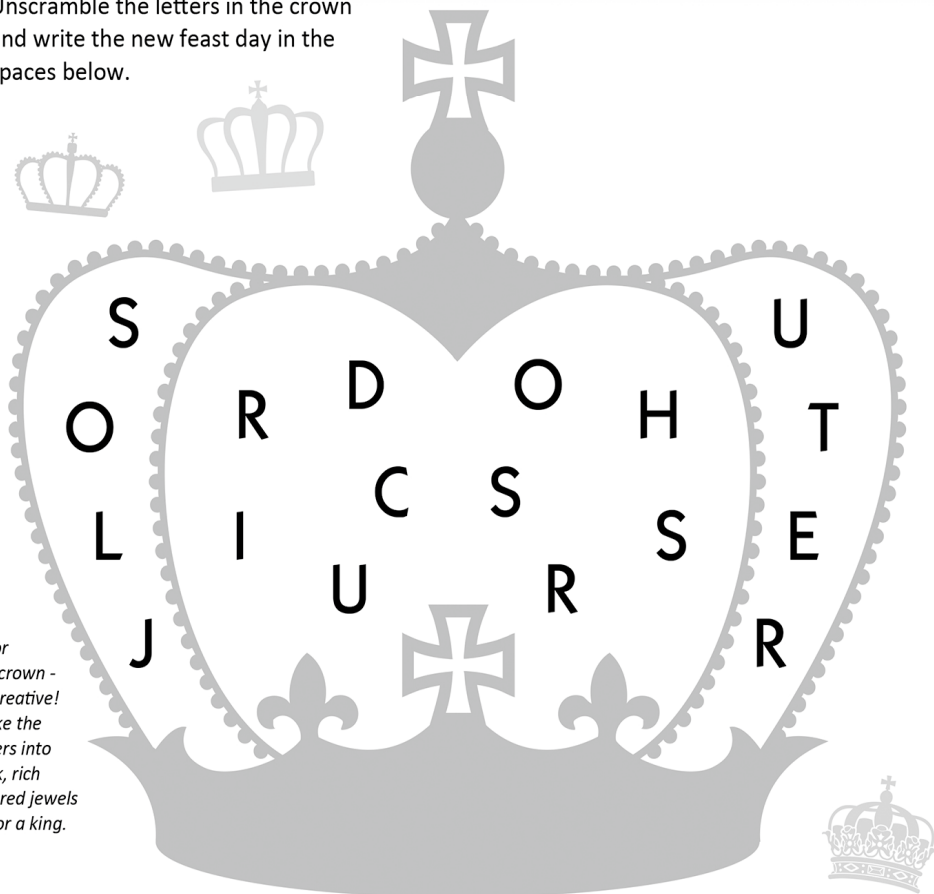
Jesus tells Pilate His Kingdom is not of this world. Jesus came to this world to testify to the truth, to teach of God's Kingdom of love, peace and kindness. We believe when Our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He showed the world He was King of the Universe.

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What was known as The Feast of Christ the King has been given a new name.

Unscramble the letters in the crown and write the new feast day in the spaces below.

Use this space to unscramble the letters...



Color the crown - be creative! Make the letters into dark, rich colored jewels fit for a king.

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Calendar

Daily Prayer

Monday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 28

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 29

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

Friday

NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Saturday

DECEMBER 1

Weekday

Rv 22:1-7

Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

DECEMBER 2

First Sunday

of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

This week we might be inspired by the gospels to ask God to help us be attentive for the signs of God's presence in our lives each day.

We can ask Jesus to help us open our hearts and be more generous in our daily lives. Inspired by the poor widow, we can ask ourselves, in faith, "How willing am I to share? Do I give from my surplus or is it a real sacrifice?" Are we generous with our time and talents? Perhaps we spend too much time at the computer or at work or in various other projects, neglecting our family or other relationships. Are there places where we could give more of ourselves to people who need us?

When Jesus speaks of the "tribulations" that are ahead for all Christians, this might prompt me to ask myself how willing I am to live my faith courageously. Caring for the poor, seeking justice and self-giving love are basic elements of following Jesus, but they are not valued by our culture. Am I willing to face the objections of family and friends for being so "counter-cultural" in following the gospel?

Perhaps we are distracted by the pressures of daily life, or as Jesus says so aptly, we allow our hearts to grow drowsy from "carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise...." What is it in our lives that keeps us from recognizing God's Kingdom here on earth? Maybe we abuse alcohol, are greedy or know deep inside there is a basic selfishness we don't even want to recognize in ourselves. We can only rely on Jesus for an "awakeness" that will help us to see ourselves as Jesus sees us, with love and forgiveness. It is in that moment, when we recognize that we are "loved sinners" that we can ask for the strength to make changes in our lives.

As we "awake" each morning and sit by the side of the bed before we begin our day, we can ask Jesus for the grace to see his presence in our lives in this day, and beg him for the help that we need. And in all of the smallest moments of the day, we can ask him from the deepest part of our hearts for the mercy and grace that will keep our eyes and hearts open this day. Then we can say, from our hearts, Thank you.