

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

Rememóerínġ
August 26-Sept.01

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Marge Tonkin**
Pat & Carol Cordova

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Richard Dolansky**
Ken & Pat Corcoran

Wednesday

12:00pm

Joseph Sparano
*William & Diana
O'Sullivan*

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Dorothy Onofry**
Sharon & Dave Krause

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Cecelia Blydenburgh**

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Dolores Kremer**
Ray & Carol Proulx

Sunday

7:15am (SP)

✠ **Stephanie Tenerowicz**
Bob & Linda Franzmann

8:30am (SJ)

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

11:00 (SP)

✠ **For The People of
Saint Patrick's**



22nd Sunday In Ordinary Tme

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. 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 4th 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. **Please make a note that September 29th and is the 5th Sunday of the month. The Knights will be having their dinner on the 5th Sunday of September. The time will be the same, 1:00-3:00pm.**

FIRST FRIDAY

There is a Communion Service with the Sacred Heart Novena at St. Patrick's on the First Friday of every month at 12:00 Noon. Please plan to join us.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

On Saturday, August 4th and every first Saturday thereafter, we will have First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at Saint Patrick's. We will begin at 11:30am, praying the Rosary, followed by a Communion Service and concluding with a Novena in honor to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The novena honors Mary by honoring Mary's gift of the Miraculous Medal to Christians. She gave us the gift when she appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in France in 1830. In one apparition, Mary showed her a vision, and she gave the young nun a mission to have that vision made into a medal. Mary told her that people who wear it will receive great favors, and she told her that they should wear the medals around their necks. The medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but the name was changed because of the number of miracles, healings and conversions reported by people who wore it faithfully. Please plan on joining us.

PCDC TRICKY TRAY

The Pike County Developmental Center will be holding a Tricky Tray on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Delaware Valley High School Cafeteria, Routes 6 & 209, Milford. Doors open at 4:00pm and calling starts at 6:00pm. Trays-Grand Prizes-50-50 Raffle. Refreshments available, NO ENTRY FEE.

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

September 6-8, 2019

Finding the Gift of God's Mercy in our Everyday Lives"

Directed by Rev. Richard Nalepa, CP of St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh.
St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center

Fall Preached Retreat – Begins Friday 7pm – Departure after the Noon Meal Sunday \$140 per person – Deposit is required. Registration is 7:00 pm Friday Evening. Begins at 7:30 pm and Departure is after the Noon meal on Sunday the (No meals are served Friday evening.) To Register or for more information; Call: Retreat Office: 570 586-4957 or email: kporter@epix.net Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflection, prayer service, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Liturgy. A deposit is required. For more information, please call the Retreat Office: 570 586-4957 or email kporter@epix.net.

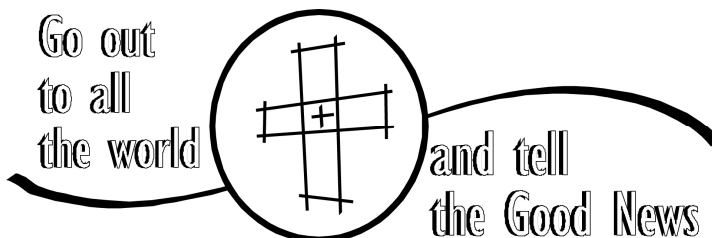
ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Looking for a member from St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's to help an elderly gentlemen who needs assistance with meals, light cleaning, and companionship. Saturday and Sunday coverage for Lunch 11-1, and dinner 4-6 (\$12.00/hour). Steady work for a mature and compassionate person, call Anita @ 845-303-7019.

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. PATRICK'S

There will be a training session here at St. Patrick's on Tuesday evening September 10th at 6:00pm. Anyone who plans to volunteer with the children must have this requirement. Please call the Parish Office of St. Patrick's if you have any questions and/or to sign up.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS In September, a new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in find 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, such as Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. 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. We promise to make you feel very welcome!



The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 7-8

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Jim Burnett</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Jackie Padgett</i> <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Altar Servers <i>Daniel & Cole Corcoran</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Janet Bright</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Diana Sierra</i> <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
Altar Server <i>Ryan & Eric</i> <i>Schanzenbacher</i>
Milford Senior Care 9/01 Carol Cordova 9/8 Chuck Pike



The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of
Marissa Blair

By
Elizabeth Blair

JR CHOIR & ADULT CHOIR

Calling NEW and returning choir members for St. Joseph's Jr. Choir and St. Joseph's Adult Choir. Each choir sings for 2 Sunday Masses every month and rehearses on Wednesdays. The Adult Choir rehearses from 5:10pm-6:10pm (starting Sept. 4th) and the Jr. choir (Grades 3-12) rehearses from 6:25pm -7:25pm (starting Sept. 11th) . See Mare Bradley after Mass or call her at 845-754-3620. Try it, you'll like it! It is a wonderful experience and we have a lot of fun together. When you pray, please include prayers for the choirs, seasoned and new members. Hope to hear from you soon. Thank you!

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

Monday, September 9th 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. We're looking for new members! All woman of the Parish are welcome!

ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Altar Servers. If anyone 3rd Grade and above is interested in becoming an Altar Server please call the Parish Office or speak with Father Joseph, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Mike after Mass.

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.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 20th from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn (or more than one!) assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praise-worthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." (Did you know that long ago, the congregation would bring the bread and wine from their own possession? Nowadays, all you have to do is walk it reverently down the aisle.) 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!

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER

On behalf of the Tri-State Pregnancy Center Board of Directors and Staff, we thank you for your continued support of the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. St. Joseph's Parish's generously donated \$2750.74! Thank you so much!!

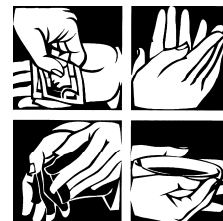
Weekly Offering

August 25, 2019
#3,685.88

Last Year

August 26, 2018
\$ 366130

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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IT'S TIME

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to these children"-Matthew 19:14

Register your children for Religious Education. Registration due August 1st! Please take a registration form off the bulletin board in the Narthex. Any questions please contact Jo-Marie Totten at patsdre@ptd.net.

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars. The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 8th from 12:00-5:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person, \$25.00 a family. Tickets can be purchased after the Masses starting July 20th through Sept. 1 in the Narthex. Sign up sheets for volunteers to set up and clean up and to help sell tickets are on the table in the Narthex. Music by DJ Productions, BBQ, desserts, games, tricky-tray and 50/50. Come one! Come all! A fabulous way of meeting your church family. Donations for Tricky Tray would be appreciated. Any questions, please contact Bernadette 570-296-5307 or by email bernieod2002@yahoo.com **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A BASKET FOR THE BASKET RAFFLE!! THANK YOU!**

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP

We would like to thank everyone for your generous donations of yarn and supplies. Currently we are not accepting any donations at this time. If you would like to find out more about our group, please call the Parish Office. We meet Wednesdays in the Church Hall from 2-4. Beginners, experts and those who would like to learn are welcome to join!

A NOTE FROM ST. PATRICK'S MUSIC MINISTRY Thinking of getting more involved in your parish? Do you like to sing? Would you like to learn to play a bell? Please consider joining St. Patrick's Music Ministry! We will begin our choir year in September and are currently looking to include new members, maybe even YOU! Please speak to Rich, our Director of Music, any of our Music Ministers...OR come to open rehearsals during September beginning Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30PM for our Choir or Monday, September 9 at 7:30 for Bell Choir.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY

Thanks everyone for their continued support. St. Patrick's collected \$1,302.24 towards their Baby Bottle Fundraiser.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 7-8

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Joe Sudano

Communion Ministers

Janet Finnerty,
Donna Hersca

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Riley Mapes

Sunday 7:15am

Lector Joe Dooley

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Ray Weeks, Catherine
Umberto

Altar Servers

Lelaina & Julianna Hooper



Weekly Collection

August 25, 2019

\$2,542.00



This time last year \$2,889.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

August 18, 2019

\$813.00

August 25

\$556.00

Year to Date July'19- Current

\$5,526.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one. 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.

Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus wants us to "give" with unselfish kindness, putting others needs before our own. Being compassionate, and not expecting anything in return, puts us first in God's eyes.

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Jesus says...

"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relations or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment."

—LUKE 14:12

Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found on the plate.

Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the

Luke 14:14

As we get into this pattern of letting the readings interact with the desires of our hearts, one week flows into the next. So, we begin this week continuing to reflect on the purpose of our lives. We can measure our resistance to self-denial for the sake of loving others more and ask for the Lord's healing and grace.

Our pattern of finding intimacy with our Lord in the unique context of our busy, complicated days begins with a morning moment of focus, the earlier the better. Soon after we wake up, we can pause briefly to give a faith filled shape to our day. While making coffee, starting a load of wash, taking a shower, getting dressed, we can begin our day with the Lord, begin our day in a relationship. At first, it may take practice to replace what usually goes on in our heads and hearts, with this kind of prayerful desiring. It can quickly become a very natural way to anticipate, plan and prepare for our day.

Reading this guide over the weekend or early in the week helps, as does reading the Daily Reflection for the day. But these resources work best when they provide a support for our inner conversation with the Lord as we go through the real experiences, relationships, conflicts and challenges of our day. Then the scriptures, the unique details of our lives, and the desires of our hearts simply come together in an ongoing dialogue with the Lord that takes place in the background of our days and shapes our choices and reveals deeper desires. This week, we might ask Jesus to confront the demons that seem to dominate the upcoming week. We may have many mothers-in-law or friends that need healing that we can entrust to the Lord's care. We might experience discouragement in our work, with our spouses or parents or in our jobs or ministries. We can take those discouragements and use them as an opportunity to ask the Lord to show

us his power there. And, when we are tempted to feel unworthy or to be humbled by the task ahead, we can let Jesus call us again to follow him. Perhaps this week we will feel the call to a real renewal, to not just keep trying to pour new wine into our old wineskins but to ask the Lord to make us new, and ready for the new calls, new graces he is offering us. With the smallest of efforts, we can find a few moments every evening to look back on these days of connecting with our Lord, and to express our gratitude for his presence and the new freedom and graces we are receiving.

By Saturday, we might find ourselves turning to Mary to ask for the graces we need from our Lord. "I thank God for your life, Mary. Please place me with your Son.

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