

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

Rememóeríng
Feb. 129- Feb. 25

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Ellis Mosher**

Jim & Karen Colaiaco

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✚ **For the People of St. Patrick's**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Annie Catalano**
The Moglia Family

THURSDAY

✚ **NO MASS**

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Louis Theodore**
Jim & Karen Colaiaco

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Lou Black**
Stuart & Donna Rivera

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Carl Rutkowski**
The Blackman Family

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Bart O'Neill**
Phil Brennan

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✚ **Irene Vito**

11:00am (SP)

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



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Navigating the Desert

Like Noah being prepared to navigate the Flood, so the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. Why was he sent there? Did he need to learn something he didn't know? Did he lack something he needed? Jesus as God didn't lack anything, of course, but he needed time to pray, reflect, and prepare for his mission. He also wanted to set an example to follow. Another Scripture says he went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. That time of spiritual combat was helpful for him.

We also need to go through trials and crises to grow both in our spiritual lives and human maturity. We each have had our desert where we are challenged to our core and stretched beyond our limits. Perhaps it was a crisis such as a health, employment, or relational issue. But it doesn't always have to be such a dramatic event. It can be as simple and constant as the

prolonged embracing of daily challenges in a manner that leads to life. We probably look back and see these as some of our best times—if we truly encountered ourselves and our Lord.

The key is in peaceful acceptance, looking for what good can be learned from these inconveniences. In every cross there is a resurrection; in every storm a rainbow assures us of God's presence and victory. It tells us that clouds and storms will not lead to total death, but rather to a purified rebirth, growth, and newfound life and strength. He has promised us this.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What important lessons have I learned from a challenge in my life? Maybe I can share that lesson with a friend or family member.



Piece: Noah and the Flood, 1508
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Sistine Chapel

[God said,] "I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

(Genesis 9:13)

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

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

*Holy Spirit, at work in our lives
and in the lives of our ancestors,
You created the Church at Pentecost
and made it a sacrament of Jesus for the world.
We thank you for creating
the Diocese of Scranton 150 years ago
and rooting it in faith, hope and love.
We marvel at the journey you have traveled
with our bishops, laity, religious and priests.
Continue to strengthen us as one family.
Give us the clarity to focus on the things
that last:*

-faith in you and the Gospel

-hope in the Resurrection

-and the love of our God.

Amen

LENTEN SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT

8:00AM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

AND

12:00 NOON AT ST. PATRICK'S

There will be NO 8:00am Mass on Thursday's at
St. Joseph's during Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE FRIDAY

EVENINGS 5:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

6:30PM AT ST. PATRICK'S

THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE WILL BE IN FUTURE
BULLETINS

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

Help to Strengthen and Heal Marital Relationships (To Re-Discover) A program that helps couples who may be experiencing tension, stress and loneliness in the marriage relationship. Program helps couples, even those separated and divorced to better communicate and resolve conflicts in their relationships. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website www.helpourmarriage.org for more information or to pre-register. All calls confidential. Cost of program is by donation. Next local weekend: March 2-4, 2018 at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Contact Persons: Nettie and Bob Goldate 570-587-0415

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Father John Boyle from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Dingman Township will be hosting a trip with Collette Travel to **The Alpine Countries-Austria-Germany-Switzerland October 11-23, 2018** *13 DAYS—17 MEALS Double \$4,199 Single \$4,649. Book Now and Save \$200 per person. Brochures are now available!! Please contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish office at 570-686-4545 to request a brochure.

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling the Parish Office and leaving your name and phone number no later than March 18th.

ANNULMENT

Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?: In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference
of the Diocese of Scranton

Saturday, June 23, 2018 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Byron Complex, The University of Scranton

Featuring:

Judy Landrieu Klein: Faith Through It All

Father Richard McAlear: Ministry of Hope and Healing

Music by "His Own"

Mass Celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera

Megan Murphy: Host

For information or to register:

dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 24-25

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector***Stephanie Fells***Eucharistic Minister***Diane Heater, Chuck Pike,
Jackie Padgett, Stanley
Lazarczyk***Altar Servers***Lucas Helms
Daniel Bradley***Sunday 8:30am****Lector***Makayla Csencsits***Eucharistic Minister***Paul & Cristin Cavallaro
Neal & Michele Bensley***Altar Servers***Joseph Loughney
Mikaela Parker***Milford Senior Care****2/11 Carol Cordova****2/18 Debbie Roa****LENTEN "SOUP-TO-GO"**

Again our "Soup To Go" fundraiser will be held during Lent. Soup will be available for sale beginning the weekend of February 11/12. A different soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms will be placed at all entrances to the church next weekend. All orders must be in by the Monday, preceding the sale for that week. The Soup will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up. The "Soup of the Week" for Thursday, February 22nd will be: **Cream of Broccoli Cheese**. Pick up will be in the church basement between 4 -6pm. Thank you for your support!

2018 PASCHAL CANDLE

If anyone is interested in memorializing our 2018 Paschal candle, please call the parish office for information.

COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY

Sunday, February 18th. We will be having cereal and a sugar-free food available! All are welcome!

DAILY MASS / ADORATION SCHEDULE DURING LENT

There will be no Daily Mass or Adoration on Thursday's, instead Daily Mass will be held on Friday's at 8:00am followed by adoration from 8:30am—10:00am. Daily Mass on Monday's at 8:00am will not change.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every Monday in the Rectory after the 8:00am Mass. Come join Father Vito and discuss current events, Church happenings, or anything on your mind. All are invited!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

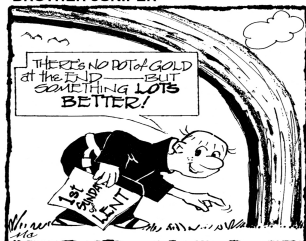
The food pantry would like to start a new team to help with daytime distribution. We need help Fridays 12 - 2pm. Please call or just show up. Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 23rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

SAUSAGE & PEPPER TAKE OUT

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Port Jervis N.Y. is having their annual Sausage and Pepper Take-out on March 24th 2018 at the Mount Carmel Hall located at 21 First Street Port Jervis, N.Y. from 4:00PM until 7:00PM.

BROTHER JUNIPER



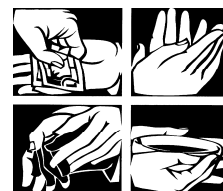
The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
**Seraphina Frey
Phillips**

by
The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering
February 11, 2018
\$3067.00

Last Year
February 12, 2017
\$ 3062.25

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."

MAKE LENT MORE MEANINGFUL THIS YEAR

St. Patrick Church is hosting *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* Bible study in the Parish Office Building beginning Tuesday, February 6 at both 12:30pm and 6:30pm, and continuing through the four Tuesdays in February. For more information or to register for the study, call Ray Proulx at 570-296-7645 or email at proulx@ptd.net

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team is scheduled to service at the Food Pantry on Friday February 23rd at 6:30. Volunteers are needed! Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering for this Parish Ministry or speak with Deacon Tom following any of the Masses.

MEMORIAL MASS CARDS

For those of you who have placed a Memorial Mass Card on the Cross for the month of November, please call the parish office to make arrangements to pick your cards up.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Have you liked our Facebook Page at Saint Patrick's Milford PA? <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA276881409441280/>
Have you followed us on Twitter? Church of St Patrick (@stpatmilfordpa)

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito the 3rd Wednesday of every month as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve. The next scheduled Mass will be February 12th at 2:30pm.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 24-25

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector

Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Janet Finnert Colleen
Sheldon, Annette Petry

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos Riley Mapes

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

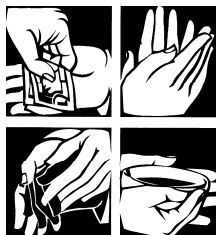
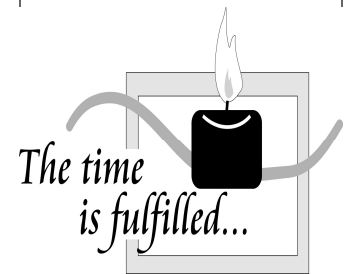
David Stine

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca, Ray Weeks

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Sean Rinkel



Weekly Collection
February 12, 2018
\$2,516.00
This time last year
\$1,655.00

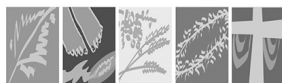
Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 12, 2018
\$ 1,046.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$29,428.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Sally Paiva
requested by
Husband, John

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Like Jesus, we too will spend 40 days praying and fasting.



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

LET'S MAKE PRETZELS

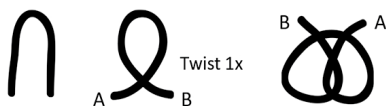
INGREDIENTS

- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 cups flour
- Kosher salt
- Water to hold salt on

Latin - Bracellae "Little arms", the original Lenten bread dating back to the 4th century.

Place yeast, salt, sugar & warm water in a large bowl and let stand. Add flour, mix well and knead to form smooth ball.

Divide into 12 pieces and roll each into a "rope" about 10-12 inches long. Form into a pretzel and place on baking sheet, brush with water and sprinkle with kosher salt. Let rise slightly and bake at 425° about 12-15 minutes.



Flip ends over to resemble arms crossed over chest - praying little arms

Calendar

Monday

February 19
Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

February 20
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

February 21
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

February 22
Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Friday

February 23
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

February 24
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

February 25
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Daily Prayer

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to realign our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can

keep talking with our Lord, in the background about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>

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