

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

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Feb. 18-24

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Edward Polanis**
Jim & Maureen Farr

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Louis Black**
Emil & Arlene Moglia

Wednesday

12:00pm

✚ **Tim Coffey**
Frank & Irene DeVito

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **The Intentions of
Jenny Bradley**
The Family

Friday

✚ **No Mass**

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Louis Theodore**
*Wife, Mary Ellen
& daughters*

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

✚ **Grayce Ricciardi**
The Csencsits Family

11:00am (SP)

✚ **Mary Jones**
Alice Molampy

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.

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. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347.

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.

PORT JERVIS WARMING STATION

The Port Jervis Warming Station located at St. Peter's Church is looking for volunteers to work at night. It is a very well organized, clean, and safe environment. They have been housing approximately 15 persons at night. At present they need more volunteers. They have been in existence for about 4 years. To find out more information on volunteering call 845-629-5953.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

We ask you not to shake hands with the Priest, Deacons, altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers before or after Mass. During the "Sign of Peace" just use an acknowledgement to each other, like a nod or a wave. Beginning January we will not distribute the Cup of Precious Blood until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019.

God Bless, Father Joseph

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, March 10th 3:00PM at St. Thomas Church Montague NJ. 973-948-2296 for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

February 24, 2019 from 1-3PM. Thank you. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

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 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.

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.



LENTEN / EASTER SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00AM Mass and Distribution of Ashes (SJ)
12:00PM Mass and Distribution of Ashes (SP)
Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes
5:30PM (SJ) 7:00PM (SP)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Evenings
5:30 PM (SJ)
7:00 PM (SP)

CONFESSIONS

"The Light Is On" every Monday during Lent
5:00PM - 6:15PM (SJ)

6:30PM - 7:15PM (SP)

Regular Confessions 3:00PM (SJ)
Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30AM (SP) and
following the 5:30PM Mass Saturdays (SP)

HOLY THURSDAY

Evening of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM (SP)

GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion 2:00PM (SP)

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of the Food 12:00PM (SP)

EASTER VIGIL 8:00PM (SJ)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:30AM (SJ)
11:00AM (SP)

Please check future bulletins for any additional services that may be added during the Lenten Season.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 23-24

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i> <i>Ella Carroll</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Lukas Schutz</i> <i>Daniel Corcoran</i>
Milford Senior Care 2/17 Carol Cordova 2/24 Lois Lazarczyk

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns for the

Armando Tordini
By

George Schaberg

COFFEE SOCIAL THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, immediately following the 8:30am Mass (approx. 9:30am) in the Multipurpose Room. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are at 76% of our goal of \$40,000.00. It's not too late to pledge! Your Annual Appeal gift supports Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in School and Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education and Support, Parish Life and Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media and Communication.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 18th. Parish Council Meeting 6:30PM in the Multipurpose Room.

COURT MADONNA TRICKY TRAY

This Sunday, February 17th at St. Mary's Church Hall. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2PM. Tickets are 25 for \$1! No admission Fee! For more info Contact: Barbara Drew 845-856-2624 All proceeds to benefit Community Charities.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 22, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

ADULT CHOIR - If you are feeling called to serve the parish and enjoy singing, PLEASE CALL Mare Bradley, at 845-754-3620. **Adult Choir practice will be on Wednesday's from 5 - 6 pm in the Church.**

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.

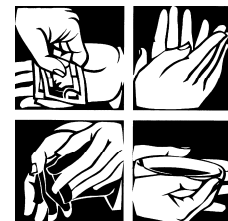
Weekly Offering

February 10, 2019
\$ 3506.55

Last Year

February 11, 2018
\$3067.00

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 DINNER!

Come One, Come All! You are cordially invited to celebrate the holiday with our annual St. Patrick's Day Church Dinner. Tickets went on sale February 3rd and can be bought after both Masses. Ticket includes entry, corned beef and cabbage dinner, dessert, home made soda bread, light refreshments, music and authentic Irish Dancers! Please feel free to BYOB. If you have any questions about tickets or volunteering, please contact Bernadette O'Donnell at 914 850-0408 or at bernie2002@yahoo.com. "Go Raibth Maith Agat"

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

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

10 Week session begins March 7, 2019. The cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. Classes will be held here at St. Patrick's Church Office. Beginner I 5:00pm, Beginner II 6:00pm. Registration begins at 4:30 on March 7, 2019. First class follows immediately after registration. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy at Rysigner@aol.com or 917 640-9587.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry, Friday evening, February 22 at 6:00.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER...please remember If you are St. Patrick's parishioners and attend St. Joseph's for a weekend Mass or St. Joseph's parishioners and attend a St. Patrick's Mass to kindly put your weekly donation in an envelope marked for your parish. This includes cash or checks. By doing so, this will ensure that you get proper credit and that each Parish gets its proper donation. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 23-24

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Riley Mapes

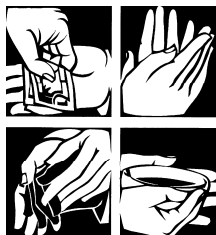
Sunday 11:00am

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Isabella & Vincent Saski



Weekly Collection
February 10, 2019

\$TBA

This time last year
\$3,489.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 10, 2019
\$ TBA

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$17,217.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
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Noel Reyes
requested by
Ricardo & Veronica
Sequeira*

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.

In the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus tells His listeners, all who are mistreated on earth for believing in Him will find reward in Heaven. But woe to you who mistreat others.

Jesus wants us to love others the way He loves us.



else. Please help me to continue to see how I respond to people. Please calm my fears." We can get in the habit of doing this kind of prayer every day, right where we are, in very brief moments. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives is the goal of this kind of prayer.

All of this is reinforced by our prayer of gratitude each night. If we are liking this kind of communion with our Lord each day, and thanking God for it each night, there is no question that we will be developing a new pattern in our life. We tend to continue to do what we enjoy. And gratitude feeds even more openness and generosity.

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We can feel the tension in this week's readings. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples - and us - about the rebellious style of the Pharisees, about hypocrisy. And, he is trying to heal the blindness of his disciples - and us - about what his mission is all about. He has come to free us from sin and the captivity we have to all kinds of self-centered patterns.

So when we stay reflective this week, we can become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we can ask, "Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered this week. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life. Stretch my heart to love more today." It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It doesn't have to be serious evil we are choosing. It might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness. "Lord, as I put on this sweater, I'm aware how I just spoke to Helen. I'm sorry. That was all about my fear, wasn't it? I cut her off because I was just afraid of what she was asking of me. I became more aware of the cost to me than anything