

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

Remembering
Jan. 13-19

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Andrea Traina**
Billy Williams

Tuesday

12:00pm

✠ **Stephen Voit**
Patty & Tim Stroyan

Wednesday

12:00pm(SP)

✠ **Dale Greeves**
Teri Pryzynski

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Anthony Cuccio**
Lena Fitzpatrick

Friday

NO Mass

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Angela Baez**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Elizabeth Murray**
Olga Hastings

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **For the People of**
St. Josephs Parish

11:00 (SP)

✠ **Margaret Argiro**
Larry & Cathy Commisso

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord (A)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

Our Chance to Start Anew

Who has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism.

Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God's love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to "bring forth justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God's spirit. How are we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?
- ★ Look within yourself. To what might God be calling you?



[Jesus] came up
from the water and
behold, the heavens
were opened [for him],
and he saw the Spirit
of God descending
like a dove.
MATTHEW 3:16

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.

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.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

K OF C FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

There will be no Dinner in the month of December...Dinners will resume in January 26, 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

A Holy Hour for Life will be celebrated on Sunday, January 12th immediately after the 11:00 Mass at St. Patrick's Church, marking the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion on demand. We will pray for the respect and dignity of human life from conception to natural death and for the safe travel and successful pilgrimage for all those attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 24th. While many of us can't be with them, we can support them in prayer. Please join us.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan 18-19

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>Lukas Schutz</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Terry McDonough</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Benjamin Rivera</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
Milford Senior Care 1/12 Debbie Roa 1/19 Carol Cordova

CALENDARS

Please remember to take a 2019 calendar, compliments of Knight Auchmoody & Gray Parker Funeral Homes. They are located at the entrances of the Church.

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, \$36,377.00 91% 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.

TRICKY TRAY - COURT MADONNA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Sunday, February 16 at St. Mary's Hall Doors open at 12noon drawings begin at 2:00pm Tickets 25 for \$1.00 For more info call Pat Niosi 914-443-8222 or Barbara Drew 845-856-2624

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held next Sunday, January 19th. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome!

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

Frank Morgiewicz

By

Ann Dilger

Weekly Offering

December 22, 2019

\$ 3550.00

December 29, 2019

\$ 4474.00

Christmas 2019

\$ 10225.67

January 5, 2020

\$ 4087.07

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

December 23, 2018

\$ 4408.00

December 30, 2018

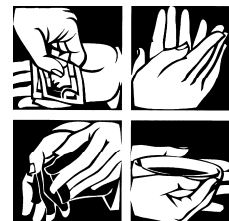
\$ 5286.25

Christmas 2018

\$ 8389.60

January 6, 2019

\$ 3837.25



"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."

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.

FOOD PANTRY

The next time St. Patrick's serves at the Food Pantry will be February 14th at 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 \$25,331.00 (72%) of our goal. It's not too late to consider donating to the Annual Appeal. God Bless you!

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail to Tom Hogan at thogan@ptd.net or 570 872-4925.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Have you liked our Facebook Page at Saint Patrick's Milford PA? <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA-276881409441280>
Have you followed us on Twitter?

(@Stpatsmilfordpa): [Church of St Patrick \(@stpatsmilfordpa\)](https://twitter.com/Stpatsmilfordpa) | Twitter

CATHOLIC SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE OF PIKE

COUNTY Our committee has been in existence since November 2011. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at st. John Neumann's Church on Route 739 at 2:00pm in the Church Hall. Our mission statement is to raise awareness and help the poor, working poor and the homeless and when possible to address issues that affect our community such as drug addiction, hunger, health care, jobs and financial direction. We welcome new members and new ideas. Please see our face book page and join us at our regular meeting time. Any questions call Margaret at 570 775-1647. If we have snow in February or March we do not meet.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the St. Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church with a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it with you to Mass on February 2, 2020. All soup and dollars will be used for the Eucmenical Food Pantry. Help feed the hungry. God Bless you for caring and sharing!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan. 18-19

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Jack Boyle

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Julianna, Lelaina & Amelia Hopper

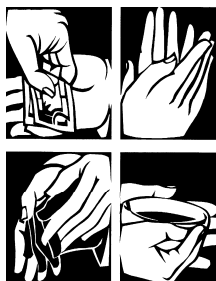
Sunday 11:00am

Lector Joe Sudano

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Sophia Mullen



Weekly Collection

December 22, 2019

\$3165.00

December 29, 2019

\$2272.00

January 5, 2020

\$2,365.00

Christmas \$9,121.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

December 22, 2019 \$587.00

December 29, 2019 \$489.00

January 5, 2020 \$1,722.00

TBA

Year to Date July'19- Current

\$22,983.00

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,

What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

Blessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol



of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted

by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;
10:1

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 19

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

Daily Prayer

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus' entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he has humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - "Follow me." This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

The Sunday gospel is a warm story of Jesus calling two more apostles, asking them, and us, "What are you looking for?" This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

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