

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

Rememóerínġ
April 30-May 6

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Peter Kozak**
The Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ **Rudolf Maras' (Living)**
*Maria & Joseph
Kociubinski*

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Anniversary**
Emil & Arlene Moglia

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Amparo DeJesus**
Steve & Rose Babey

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Una Coyne**
Husband, Peter

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **James Vito**

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Celebrant's Intention**



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches Become One

Jesus himself picked the image of the vine to describe the reality of our being united to him and the Father. And this was not lost on early Christians. One of the first images they used to mark their graves was the vine and branches.

An amazing thing about a vine and its branches is that you can't tell the difference between them. Look at a grapevine and try to determine which is the branch and which is the vine or trunk. You can't, since it appears as one seamless reality. Jesus invites us to be

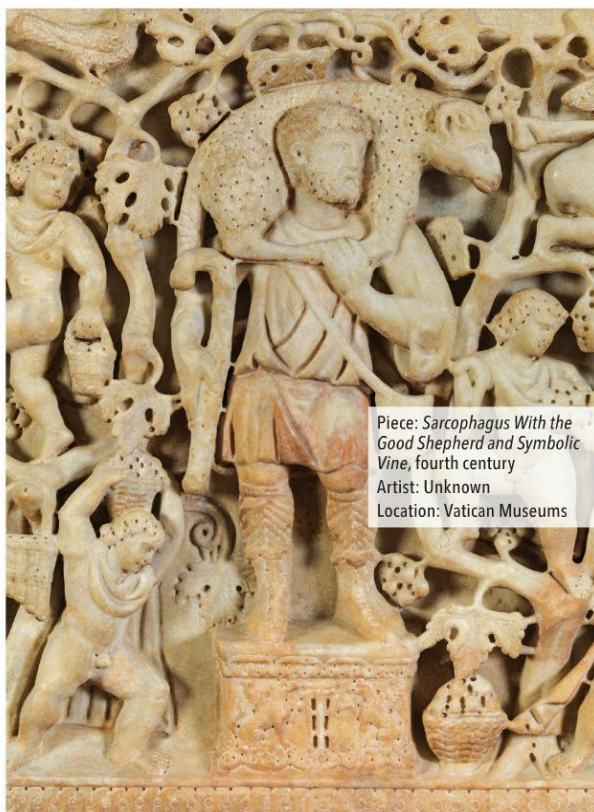
so close to him that we appear to be just like him—"other Christs," as our name Christian suggests!

Second, the sap that springs from the vine, runs through the branches, and matures in the fruit is all the same. The life in Jesus and the life in us as Christians are the same. He has given us the same Spirit that animated him, the Holy Spirit.

This is why Jesus can guarantee that, if we remain in him by listening to his word and following his Spirit, we will definitely bear much fruit. His word and Spirit cannot remain sterile in us.

The most important result of being united to Jesus and bearing fruit is that not only will we be united to him in this life, but this friendship will last for all eternity. That's why early Christians put vines on their tombs.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



For Reflection

Do I find ways to regularly read and hear the word of God?

What symbols would sincerely represent the way I live my life?

*The Church...was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord,
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.*

Acts 9:31

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

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?

St. Vincent de Paul Church's Grief Ministry is a faith based support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. A six-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help. All meetings will be held in the Sun Room of the St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Monday April 16th, 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th and 21st from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information please contact stvgriefgroup@att.net or call the parish office at 570-686-4545. Please join us for various faith based presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from January 22 - 27, 2019. World Youth Day is an initiative from St. John Paul II to gather Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18 -35. If you, or a young adult you may know, are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at (570) 207-2213 x1155 or email Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org.

ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISHES!!

It's Vacation Bible School Time. It will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Milford. The date is July 9-13th from 9am—12:00pm. Monday-Friday. Due to the Diocese Safe Environment protocols we now have to have everyone from the age of 14 and up complete the necessary clearances in order to volunteer. This process can take up to 6 weeks to complete. If you are interested or even think that you might be interested please contact Jo-Marie Totten 570 296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at High Point Country Club, Registration 10:00-11:00. Shotgun Start 12:00PM. Lunch, on Course—dinner @ Erie Trackside after Golf. Scramble format, assorted Golf Prizes and contests. Putting contest 11:00AM. \$100.00 per golfer—please pay by May 9th. Contact Benny Marasa (570) 296-5564, Tom Hogan (570) 296-6224 or John Piazza (570) 296-8678, Steve Riordan (945) 629-3642, Michael Braun (845)283-7461 or Warren Ponds (914) 443-3475.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER "BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER"

This year our Parish will once again be participating in the Tri-State Pregnancy Center's baby bottle fundraiser. The fundraiser is simple and fun! Please consider picking up a baby bottle from the display on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th. Fill it with loose change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday June 17th. The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located in Milford, PA and has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 25 years. Look for the baby bottle display soon at the front entrance to the Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 16th the Knights of Columbus will be having a blood drive at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 200 E. High St., Milford, PA from 1 to 6pm.

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

May 5 - 6

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Bob Curtis

Eucharistic MinisterChuck Pike, Jack Reilly,
Diane Heater, Carol Cordova**Altar Servers**Mark Cavallaro
Lucas Helms**Sunday 8:30am****Lector**

Jackie Tescione

Eucharistic MinisterMakayla Csencsits, Anna
Blackman, Larry Marcial,
Diana Sierra**Altar Server**Joe Loughney
Brenna Cavallaro**Milford Senior Care**

4/29 Chuck Pike

5/6 Carol Cordova

BROTHER JUNIPER

**CCD SHOWCASE**

will be held today, Sunday, April 29, 2018 downstairs in the Church Hall. Come join the CCD Students as they celebrate the CCD year!!

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER

at the Delaware Valley High School 11/12 Cafeteria, Friday, May 4, 2018
5:00 - 6:45pm with Jazz Night immediately following dinner.

RSVP to Carol Cordova at 570-409-2032 by April 27th.

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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, May 4, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

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.

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Rusty Haas

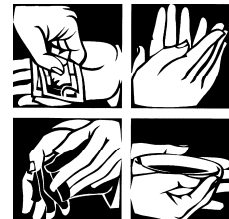
by
The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering
April 22, 2018
\$3879.00

Last Year
April 23, 2017
\$3853.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Easter 2017 \$ 6074.50
Easter 2018 \$ 4750.00



"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."

NEWS FROM THE RELIGION FORMATION DESK

St. Patrick's has some extraordinary youths who have received the Bishops Youth Award for their acts of charity and cheerful sacrifice. These youth live out Christ's instruction that, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". The young ladies and gentlemen are Madelyn Lawlor, Dana Stroup and Sean Rinkel. A celebratory Mass was held at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton with Bishop Bambera officiating. Congratulations and God Bless all of you. We are truly blessed to have you as part of St. Patrick's parish.

LEGION OF MARY TO PRAY FOR YOU

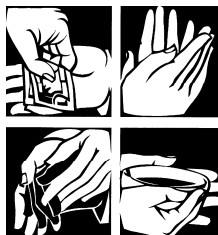
As one of the works of The Legion of Mary, we would like to pray for peoples' intentions. These prayers would be in conjunction with our rosary at our weekly meetings, the Legion of Mary pray the rosary before Mass and our own personal rosaries to strengthen the cause for the Beatification of the Servants of God Frank Duff and Alphonsus Lambe and Venerable Edel Quinn. After Easter, there will be small prayer boxes available in the vestibule by the statue of St. Patrick and in the narthex for anyone to drop their intentions into. These intentions will be gathered and prayed for weekly. If you or anyone experience any blessings as a result of these prayers, the Legion would be interested in knowing. Please write the blessing in a note and put them in the prayer box. Thank. The Legion of Mary says the rosary at 11:20 before the Tuesday and Wednesday Mass. We would love to have you join us.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, May 11th at 6:30pm.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Michael Petrakian** who died this past week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.



Weekly Collection
April 22, 2018
\$ 2,614.00
 This time last year
 \$3,129.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$711.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$36,495.00
 Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 5-6

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector David Stine

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca, Annette Petry,
 Colleen Sheldon

Altar Servers Riley Mapes,
 Dana Stroup

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira,
 Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Carli Lock



*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.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday of Easter | John 15:1-8

Jesus will help us grow into strong disciples and share His love.

Cycle B

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener."

John 15:1

True	U	A	R	F	A	T	H	E	R	E	R	F	D
Vine	T	C	A	P	E	G	A	R	D	E	N	E	R
Father	S	F	A	R	O	D	V	L	E	I	Y	S	O
Gardener	E	R	A	H	S	J	I	S	A	R	T	H	W
Branch	T	U	V	L	B	I	N	M	O	A	W	A	Y
Fruitful	A	I	O	T	R	U	E	L	L	D	I	R	N
Word	C	T	A	Y	A	R	G	N	O	R	T	S	E
Spoken	L	F	H	L	N	W	R	N	V	U	H	E	K
Clean	E	U	S	D	C	B	E	D	E	O	E	N	O
Remain	A	L	B	W	H	A	T	E	V	E	R	T	P
Me	N	O	T	H	I	N	G	F	J	E	S	U	S
Glory	W	I	S	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	H
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Calendar

Monday

April 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

May 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

May 2

t. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

May 3

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14

Friday

May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

or

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:11-16

Jn 17:11b-19

Daily Prayer

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others. It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close

friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today." "I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - even though right now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."

"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow."

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