

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

Rememóeríng
August 20-26



August 19, 2018
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 9:1-6
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Seraphina Frey Phillips**
The Loughney Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ **Angela Gleason**
Patty & Tim Stroyan

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Raymond Corcoran**
Pat & Ken Corcoran

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Anna M Leiher &
Mary Gibbons Leiher**
The Family

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Eustacio Vargas**
The Family

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Una Coyne**
Emil & Arlene Moglia

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **The People of
St. Joseph's Parish**

7:15am (SP)

**For The People of
St. Patrick's**

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Bert Fleming**
Eileen Harrington

Accepting God's Truths

The pursuit of wisdom and knowledge has long been a supreme striving of the human heart. Especially as we age, we hunger to truly understand reality, the human heart, modern culture, its problems and solutions.

The Old Testament offers amazing tips on the



Piece: *The Hand of God*, 1890
Artist: Auguste Rodin
Location: Vatican Museums

pursuit of wisdom. Using the analogy of a woman who prepares a meal and invites others to dine at her table, wisdom is a gift prepared by God and set before humanity to receive. We don't produce the truth. We discover and embrace it. We chew on it, take it in like food, and gain strength from it.

The Jews had a hard time swallowing Jesus' truth about the Eucharist. They argued among themselves, trying to figure out this truth instead of simply accepting this revelation as coming from one they could trust—then once accepted, strive to understand the mystery. Once we accept the world, situations, and revelations offered to us, and strive to understand these gifts, then wisdom can become ours.

Some fundamental attitudes accompany this changed perspective: First, it is right to humbly accept the world, people, and situations as gifts to appreciate rather than problems to be solved. Second, believe God has wisdom to share. Third, build upon truths already known and revealed, accepting that we can't "know it all."

The Rodin sculpture also hides this same truth. God's hand fashions creation, holds it in his palm, and then offers it to us. We accept it as a gift, embrace it, and discover the wisdom of the hand of God hidden therein.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Would the author of Proverbs consider me foolish in the way I live? Read more of the book to find out.

Is there a truth I need to accept and build my life upon to move from foolishness to wisdom?

[Wisdom says,] "To any who lack sense I say, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"

Proverbs 9:4-5

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

DEANERY CHOIR HEALING SERVICE

Holy Spirit Rain Down!

Sunday, August 26, 2018 3PM at St. John Neumann Church, Lord's Valley, PA The DEANERY CHOIR will be presenting their annual Healing Service, **HOLY SPIRIT RAIN DOWN!**. Join the Deanery Choir for an exciting and inspiring program of PRAISE, MEDITATIONS, PRAYERS FOR HEALING, AND, OF COURSE, MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC! For additional information join us on Facebook: Deanery Choir.

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 four-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, July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th and August 13th 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. Men are also encouraged to attend as a men's group will take place at the same time and place. All are welcome!

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

St. Patrick's Church Office—conference Room, 111 E. High St., Milford, PA 18337. A 10 Week Session will begin September 6, 2018. Cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. Registration begins at 5:30pm on September 6, 2018. First class follows after registration. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy at Rysigner@aol.com or phone (917) 640-9587.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

DIocese of SCRANTON HUMAN RESOURCES/SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children.

During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively.

Please consider joining your community on to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018, 1 P.M.

818 Main Street, Saint Luke Parish, Stroudsburg

To register, please contact the parish at 570.421.9097

DIocese of SCRANTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018.

Buses will be departing from various locations. Approximate time of arrival will be 11:00 a.m. followed by a Welcome in the Upper church and Tour of Faith. 12:30 Rosary for Word Peace at the Upper church. 1:00 to 3:00pm, free time for lunch, touring, private prayer. 2:00pm Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church 3:00pm Gather in the Upper church to prepare for Mass. 3:15pm Pontifical Mass with The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist. 4:45pm buses depart and approximate return time to point of departure is 10:30. The cost is \$55.00 person plus lunch. Need to sign up by August 31, 2018. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Church. Contact Aedeen Hansen (917) 825-3962 or Annette Petry (845) 283-7228. Bring a bag lunch.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 25-26

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Bob Curtis

Eucharistic Minister

Anna Blackman

Jackie Padgett

Altar Servers

Eric Cabrera-Agostini

Ella Carroll

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Larry Marcial

Eucharistic Minister

Bill Reed

Joe Price

Altar Server

David Marcial

Daniel Corcoran

Milford Senior Care

8/19 Jack Reilly

8/26 Lois Lazarczyk

BROTHER JUNIPER



COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY

Immediately following the 8:30am Mass in our Multipurpose room. A variety of foods are available including sugar free! All are welcome!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Have you registered your child for CCD Class?? Blank Registration forms are on the black tables located at the front and back entrances to the Church.

ST. JOSEPH'S JUNIOR CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Our Jr choir will be forming soon! The Jr. Choir sings at the 8:30 Mass on Sundays. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to join. Please call Mrs. Bradley at 845-754-3620.

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.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 21, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. 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

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
**Johnny & Angela
Viglietta**

by
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Williams
and Family

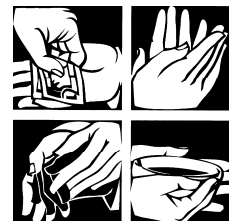
Weekly Offering

August 12, 2018
\$3551.00

Last Year

August 13, 2017
\$ 3415.50

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 REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!

Registration for Religious Education was due August 1, 2018. If you have not already registered your child please do so. The first day of class is September 16th at 9:30. If you are new to the parish and need to register your child, we will also need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. For more information please contact JoMarie Totten at the office, 570 296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. Forms are available on bulletin board in Narthex or in Parish Office.

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—tchogan@ptd.net or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

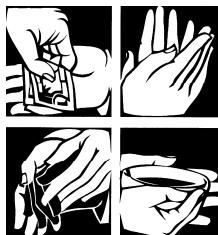
ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

The parish community of Saint Patrick's is warmly invited to attend the 2018 Parish Picnic Sunday, September 9th, noon-5pm. Record attendance is expected this year as we welcome our new Pastor, Father Joe. A full afternoon of food and fun for everyone will include: a delicious BBQ, with "Chef" Kathleen on the grill, Dessert Bake-off, Basket Raffle, 50-50 raffle, board games, face-painting, musical magic by DJ Joe and much more. Chairing the picnic this year are Pat and Jack Boyle and Patrick and Cheryl McCarthy. Parish volunteers are needed. Please express your interest in contributing your talents as a volunteer by emailing: pgm1@ptd.net, Jackb18337@gmail.com.

See you September 9th! And... *Everyone likes to be a Winner!*

Please consider creating a "Tricky Tray" basket for our parish picnic. Here are some possible ideas: Back to School," "Baseball Lovers Basket," "Car Care Kit," "Halloween Fun," "Lottery Tickets," "Gardener's Delight," "Chef's Kitchen Items," "Italian Festa," "Mexican Fiesta," "Crafty Person's Corner," "Chocolate Lover's Delight," "Pet Care Essentials," "Outdoor Grilling Tools," "Tea Lover's Delight," "Basket of Cheer,".....The suggested value of each "basket" is \$25.00. Please sign up on the Tricky Tray Sheet in the Narthex or contact Carol or Ray Proulx at 570-296-7645 or proulx@ptd.net.

FOOD PANTRY St. Patrick's serves Friday August 24th at 6:00pm



Weekly Collection
August 12, 2018
\$ 2,889.00
This time last year \$

This time last year
\$2,543.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$ 1108.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$45,874.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE August 25/26

Saturday 5:30pm	
Lector	Jack Boyle
Communion Ministers Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca	
Altar Servers Jason Lecina, Abigail Vogel	
Sunday 7:15am	
Lector	Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers Pat Corcoran, Annette Petry	
Altar Servers	
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	Ray Proulx
Communion Ministers Ray Weeks, Catherine Umberto	
Altar Servers Caterina Catizone, Roger Neff	

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Kevin M. Cox
requested by
Stanley & Arlene Dutkus

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.

I am the Bread of Life.

JOHN 6:48

Write the letters not found within the Eucharist in the space below.

J I X S
 K C V P F
 L G M T H Y
 Z W Q U N O

Unscramble the letters and write the word in the spaces below to complete what Jesus is telling us.

Whoever eats this

will live forever.

JOHN 6:58

Do you think Jesus is talking about sandwich bread?
 What bread is Jesus telling us to eat?

Calendar

Monday

August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and
 Doctor of the Church

Ez 24:15-23

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

August 22

Queenhip of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

August 23

Weekday

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

August 24

St. Bartholomew,
 Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Saturday

August 25

Weekday

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

August 26

Twenty-first Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32 or

5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

Daily Prayer

We pray through our everyday life this week, with the image in the background of our consciousness: Jesus offers us intimacy with him and gives us life, as shown in our relationship with him in the gospels.

Each day, we begin our day with the practice of briefly pausing, at our bedside to focus the day with a 15-30 second prayer. It is so helpful to develop this habit by simply doing it three or four days in a row. Even if we say that we are half-awake at this time, we can discover what a difference this way of beginning the day can be. With practice, it gets easier to say, "Thank you for this day, Lord. Please, be with me today, especially when I do _____ this morning and this afternoon as I _____ . Give me more patience, love and trust in you." While washing up and dressing, we can expand this prayer, in a simple friend-to-friend conversation with our Lord. This kind of connecting or

checking-in with our Lord at the beginning of the day lets a background connection with our Lord develop and grow, while I'm doing many things. It changes our consciousness and connects and integrates this fundamental relationship I desire with the things I'm doing, whether they are pleasant, routine or quite difficult. Throughout the week I might be thinking of what it would mean for me to sell what I have, give it to the poor, and really follow Jesus. What is preventing me from following the Lord more completely? Are there "riches" that I know are barriers to my surrendering to God's will more freely? What seems to possess me? Recognizing our lack of freedom in this area or that is the first step in being able to ask our Lord for the grace of freedom in that area. We might also ask the Lord to show us what he desires that we be "free for." "Freedom from" is the first part of our relationship. Then, we are free to be sent. What am I being freed for? What loving am I being freed for? What new generosity, what type of self-giving? What neighbor, in my family, or the poor of the world, am I being called to notice and serve? We might ask the Lord to reveal to us this week how we are called to be servant.

We will still do what is on our schedule, respond to all our commitments. The difference will be that we will do it more in touch with the Lord. Staying focused and connecting with our Lord throughout the day is at the heart of prayer, "Raising our minds and hearts to God." And, at the end of each day, we give thanks for this gifted presence that day.