

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

Rememóeríng

April 9-15

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Nestor Arnold Vargas**

The Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✚ **No Mass**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **No Mass**

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **No Mass**

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **William Fontana Sr &**

William Fontana Jr

Mr & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Rose Mule'**

Brother, Carmine

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✚ **For the First Holy Communion Class**

Jackie Tescione

11:00am (SP)

✚ **Lorraine Fortunato**

Joan Delmar



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Leaning Upon God

This painting is a powerful image of paternal love and union. It recalls the historic moment when St. John Paul II, at the Mass of his elevation to the papacy, embraced his lifelong mentor, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński. The painting is a moment frozen in time that represents something much bigger than the event that inspired it.

The two figures are barely distinguishable. They seem to be fused, like two figures carved out of one piece of marble. It is the mutual love of giving and receiving that makes this exchange so moving. Indeed, it reminds us of the embrace of love we seek in this life from our loved ones as well as in eternal life. There is no distance between them, rancor, or questioning—only the total happiness of being united with a friend.

The pope's strong, broad shoulders are penetrated by the grasping hands of the one embraced. There is a clenching need to find security in the other. We all search for love, forgiveness, and for strength we do not find in ourselves. We wish our faith were stronger but, the truth is, we need to be constantly turning to God for his mercy.

Yet, he is pleased to be our rock upon which we lean, the one we can touch in our doubt. Turn to him

Piece: *The Embrace*, 1980
Artist: Pedro Cano
Location: Vatican Museums



in need, for he is happy to save you from the trials of this life. He wants to be the risen one who restores our faith. He rejoices that we need him and return to him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I find security in the love of another in a healthy way? Is it the fruit of giving and not possessing? Is my strongest foundation in the love and mercy of Jesus?

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

**I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, support, gifts and goodies during the Easter Season. Your kindness and generosity has made my Easter Celebration very special. I ask God to Bless you and your families.
Pax et Bonum, Father Vito**

LEGION OF MARY MOVIE

Sunday, April 15th following the 11:00 Mass, the Legion of Mary will be showing the movie "Joseph of Nazareth". Fellowship and refreshments will follow. Please join us.

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. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

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) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

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

April 14-15

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Declan Carroll

Eucharistic Minister

Stanley Lazarczyk, Carol
Cordova, Bill Reed, Larry
Marcial

Altar Servers

David Marcial
Ella Carroll

Sunday 8:30am**Lector**

Makayla Csencsits

Eucharistic Minister

Joe Price, Chuck Pike, Neal
& Michele Bensley

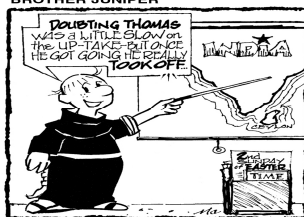
Altar Server

Mark Cavallaro
Draven Nitecki

Milford Senior Care

4/8 Carol Cordova
4/15 Debbie Roa

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
George D. Patterson III
by
The Patterson & Williams
Families

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Grayce Ricciardi**, mother of Michele Bensley, who recently passed away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS RETREAT

Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 9:15—12:00pm in the Church.

CCD SHOWCASE

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

Monday, April 16, 2018 from 1—6pm downstairs in our Church Hall. You can hold the power to save lives in your hands! Please donate! Thanks for your on-going support!

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.

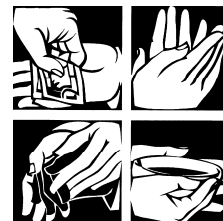
MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Vito celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 11:00 am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

Weekly Offering
Easter 2018
\$4215.00

Last Year
Easter 2017
\$6074.50

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."

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Wanda Piekarski**, mother of Nadine Plate, **Kevin McGowan**, and **Rosalind Nathan** who recently passed away. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

Meet Wednesdays from 2-4 in the Church Hall Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We knit and crochet for many agencies throughout the area. Please come and join us! Can't knit or crochet?, We can help!!!

LEGION OF MARY TO PRAY FOR YOU

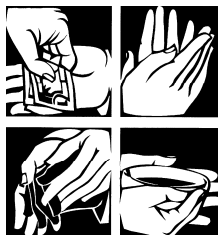
As one of the works of The Legion of Mary, we would like to pray for peoples' intentions. These prayers would be in conjunction with our rosary at our weekly meetings, the Legion of Mary pray the rosary before Mass and our own personal rosaries to strengthen the cause for the Beatification of the Servants 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.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, April 21, 2018 at 2:30pm.



Weekly Collection
Easter Collection
\$ 3,885.00
 This time last year
\$2,899.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$1,355.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$34,200.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000
 Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 14-15

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector

Jack Boyle

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca, Arlene & Dean Quirk

Altar Servers

Riley Mapes, Sean Rinkel

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

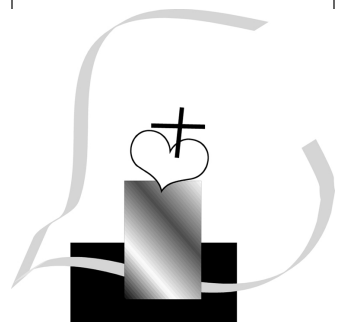
David Stine

Communion Ministers

Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira, Annette Petry

Altar Servers

Roger Neff, Dana Stroup



The Sanctuary Candle will
 burn in memory of
Camille Colantino
 requested by
 Daughter, Annette Petry

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

2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy | John 20:19-31

That evening, when Jesus appeared to the disciples for the first time since His Resurrection, they were in a room with the door locked. When Jesus offered them peace and the Holy Spirit, their fears were relieved. The following week Jesus appeared again, this time making Thomas a believer.

Cycle B

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Jesus	Touching
Appeared	Wounds
Locked	Peace
Room	Father
Offered	Receive
Disciples	Holy
Believed	Spirit
Doubting	Sins
Thomas	Forgiven
Needed	

D I S C I P L E S R D
T O U C H I N G E E Y
W O U N D S E H E R S
V O M B D E T N D E D
E S O E T A P E A C E
I N O L F I D V D E R
T I R I P S N I E I A
H S E E I G R G K V E
O V L V C K H R C E P
M G J E S U S O O U P
A D E D E E N F L O A
S O F F E R E D N Y S

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus gave Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) a simple ABC message to write down

Ask for His Mercy, Be Merciful, Completely Trust in Jesus

Do you sometimes feel like a "doubting Thomas"? Think of this simple ABC message God has given us to strengthen your faith.



Calendar

Monday

April 9

Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

April 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

April 11

St. Stanislaus,
Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

April 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

Friday

April 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

April 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

April 15

Third Sunday
of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

Daily Prayer

This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours, if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from our Lord to fall into his forgiving embrace.

Dear Lord, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.

I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed."

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