

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

Remembering

Feb. 4-10

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

John Smith

Dave & Sharon Krause

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

Bert Fleming

Peter Coyne

Wednesday

12:00pm

For the People of St. Patrick's

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

Betty Duffy-Skinner

Doreen & Jack Reilly

Friday

No Mass

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

Rusty Haas

Jane Drake & Family

5:30pm (SP)

Angela Gleason

John & Donna Piazza

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

For the People of St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

Darlene Baggatta

Jo-Marie & Bill Totten



February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13

Lk 4:21-30

Developing the Strength of a Prophet

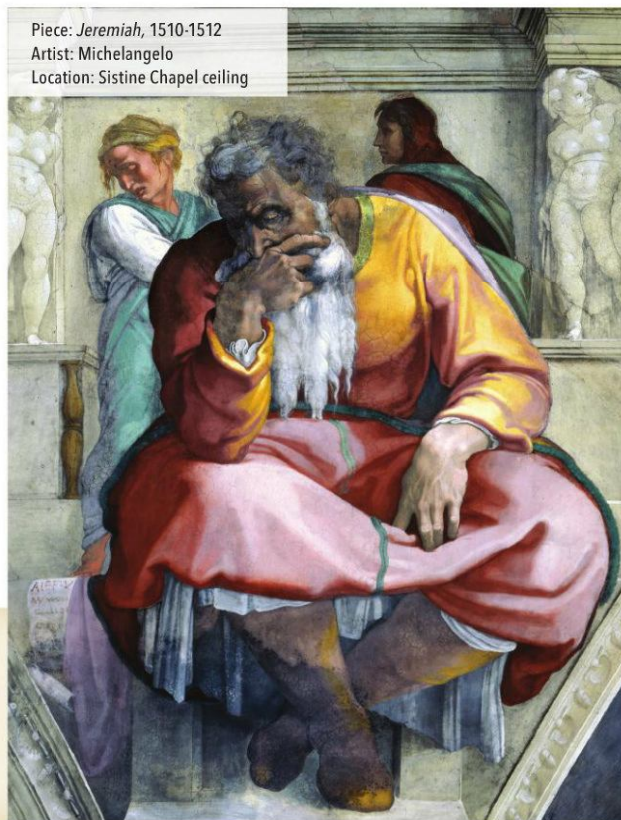
The consoling words from the prophet Jeremiah give comfort to all of us. God told him that he, like each of us, was known even in his mother's womb. It was this knowledge of being known and loved that gave Jeremiah the strength to stand before his people and prophesy some very strong and harsh words. He was set as a strong pillar, a wall of brass, a fortified city. He was rooted in love, because he needed to be so as not to be crushed by the anger and resentment stirred up by his prophetic words.

Jesus faces the same ire when visiting his hometown. At first the Nazarenes praise him, but soon, as if they had some entitlement, they presumptuously demand that he perform miracles to satisfy their vanity—not to change their hearts. When Jesus challenges them, their response is to want to throw him off a cliff!

As Christians, we all have a prophetic mission. We're called to preach the truths of the gospel, and at times this isn't popular. In the public square, the Church and Christians are often praised for their charitable work but asked to silence their religious voice when morality is discussed. We need the strength and conviction of prophets as well as the love that drives them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: Jeremiah, 1510-1512
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling



For Reflection

Do I have the serenity and moral courage to share the gospel truth in love?

Do I always show my faith in charitable thoughts and actions, and then in words when appropriate?

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born
I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.*

Jeremiah 1:5

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.

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.

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.

THIS WEEKEND!!!

SEVENTH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER FOR PIKE'S HOMELESS

This weekend, **Souper Bowl Sunday** quarts of soup made by local chefs will be offered for sale at all the Masses at St. Patrick's in Milford and St. Joseph's in Matamoras,. Proceeds go to Pike County Hands of Hope for the homeless.

Saturday, February 2nd: 4:00pm Mass at St. Joseph's and 5:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's

Sunday, February 3rd: 8:30 Mass at St. Joseph's 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's

Thank you for helping us help our neighbor.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH...The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Scranton invites all men who are 18 or older to participate in an upcoming Cursillo weekend. The next weekend, which is held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit, begins on Thursday evening, March 28 and ends on Sunday afternoon, March 31, 2019. a Cursillo weekend is similar to a retreat, with time devoted to listening to talks on Christian spirituality, plus lots of discussion, and daily Mass. It's a very special weekend aimed at deepening your relationship with Jesus and helping you to be a more active disciple of His. For information, contact Ray Proulx at 296-7645 or his e-mail, Proulx@ptd.net. Or check it out at [Http://scrantoncursillo.homestead.com/](http://scrantoncursillo.homestead.com/)

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER IS February 24, 2019 from 1-3PM. Thank you. If you plan to attend, please call Al Helms at 845-699-4143.



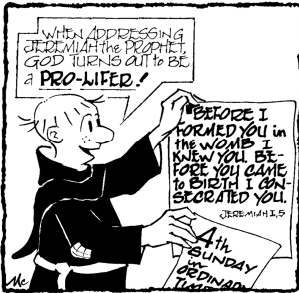
The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 9 - 10

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Declan Carroll</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>David Marcial</i> <i>Ella Carroll</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Lucas Helms</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Milford Senior Care 2/3 Chuck Pike 2/10 Debbie Roa

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns for the
**Intentions of Craig
Smith**
By
The Family

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEEETING

Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. All women of the parish are welcome!!

COURT MADONNA TRICKY TRAY

- Court Madonna No. #114's Annual Tricky Tray will be on 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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are at 75% 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.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph will celebrate Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of each month at 11:00am. The next Scheduled Mass is Thursday, February 14th. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

COFFEE SOCIAL

- Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, February 17th. All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

- Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 15, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). 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.**

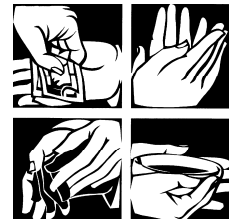
Weekly Offering

January 27, 2019
\$3734.95

Last Year

January 28, 2018
\$3605.30

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."

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY I

It's easy to remember: **Soup for the Superbowl!** Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the Saint Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church! Take a can of soup, any kind, wrap a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it to Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2019, and deposit it in the special boxes near the doors. All soup and dollars will be used for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Help feed the Hungry...we average 35-40 families each week seeking assistance...bless you for caring and sharing!

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

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOME VISITATION

The Legion of Mary has a beautiful replica of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima which travels around the world promoting the message of peace and love. Part of the work of the Legion of Mary is home visitation with our statue of Mary. The purpose of this program is to aid families in responding to Mary's requests during her apparitions at Fatima to: return to God, make reparation for sins, and to pray the Rosary daily for peace. Only a few moments of welcoming prayer upon arrival and farewell prayer upon the statue's leaving is required. You will be inspired. Please contact Catherine Umberto (570) 491-5820 or Jeanne Ryan (570) 428-2023 if interested.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening at 6:00pm on February 22nd.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE NEWS

Happy New Year to all our parishioners who have generously supported People Helping People over the years. Our first event for 2019 is the Bake Sale scheduled February 16 & 17. Please consider baking one of your favorite cookies or desserts and bring your baked item to the Mass you will attending. Our monthly bake sales along with our Summer Flea Market are the main events we hold in order to raise money to help others in need. We couldn't do this without your generosity. Thank you for your continued support.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 9-10

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Dean & Arlene Quirk

Altar Servers

Isabella & Vincent Saski

Sunday 11:00am

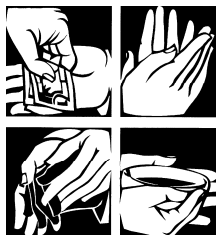
Lector Jack Boyle

Communion Ministers

Catherine Umberto, Midge Curreri

Altar Servers

Lelaina & Julianna Hopper



Weekly Collection
January 20, 2019
\$ TBA (snow storm)
This time last year
\$ \$2,664.00
January 27, 2019
\$ TBA
This time last year \$3,308.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
January 20, 2019 TBA
January 27, 2019 TBA
\$

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$15,606.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Una Coyne
requested by
The Family

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 4:21-30

After reading from the prophet Isaiah, Jesus told the people in the synagogue He was the One sent by God to fulfill, or make true, the scripture. Jesus was recognized as the ordinary son of Joseph the Carpenter, who was raised among them, and not seen as a prophet. Jesus would not perform special miracles for them and the angry group chased Him out of town.

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"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

Luke 4:24

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Isaiah
Today
Scripture
Reading
Passage
Fulfilled
Hearing
Amazed
Spoke
Highly
Gracious
Words
Recognized
God
Son
Joseph
Carpenter
Ordinary
Prophet
Unaccepted
Native
Place
Synagogue
Town
People
Chased
Jesus
Away

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Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 10

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11 or

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

Lk 5:1-11

Daily Prayer

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, we can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.

Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments this week when we plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of one part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, pure again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become "my" sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.

This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in my life. It may be the reason we don't ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.

This week, like so many,

can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called - placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others, rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforting us for being his disciple there. We can "come away with him" for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.

When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.

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