

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

Rememóerínġ
August 13-20

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Frances Murphy**
Mr. & Mrs. Declan Carroll

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ **Una Coyne**
Husband, Peter

7:00pm

Assumption Vigil (SJ)
✠ **Msgr. Bernard Yarrish**

WEDNESDAY

**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Joseph Loiacono**
Father, Carmine

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Diane Davis**
The Family

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **John "Jack" Shannon**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Christina Clark
Saunders**
Pat & Ken Corcoran

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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 12, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

In 6:41-51

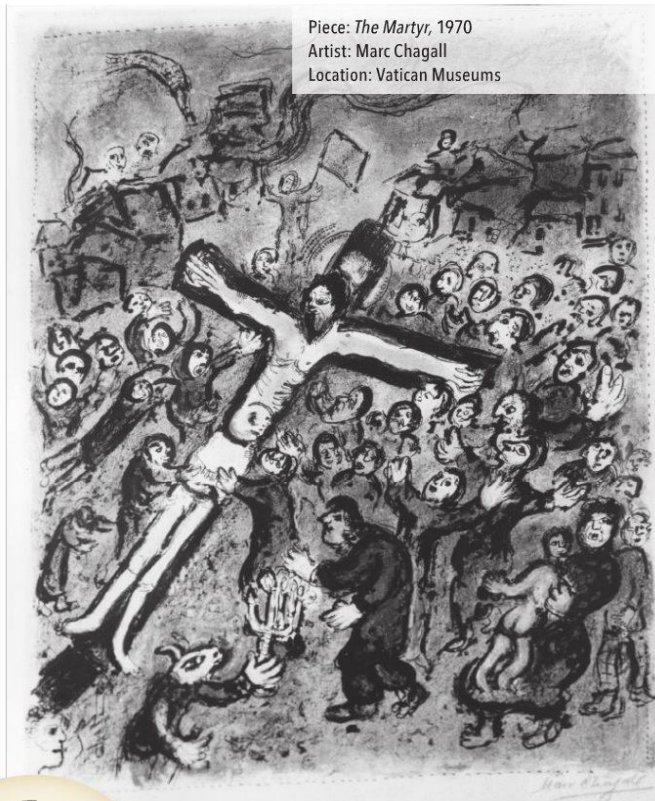
Jesus' Coming Down Among Us

Marc Chagall, a painter in the late last century and one of the favorites of Pope Francis, shows Jesus' crucifixion as a global mystery. It is not just an event in the past. Jesus is still coming down among the throngs of needy souls of the modern day, laying down his life and accompanying them in their sufferings.

The Gospel of John uses this term of "coming down" to take up the theme of the Incarnation. Jesus left his heavenly home and came down among us. He lowered himself to dirty his feet along the tortuous routes on which humanity travels. He is not unapproachable, far from the sufferings of his followers, but has become like them in all things but sin. He knows the hunger and needs of his people.

This is nothing new for God. He came down to walk in the Garden with Adam and Eve. He came down to see the people building the Tower of Babel. He came down to Moses in the burning bush and in giving the Ten Commandments. And he came down to console and feed Elijah, who was despairing of his life. He gave Elijah food for his journey, strengthening him to travel in the desert.

In the Eucharist, Jesus comes down to you today to carry your



Piece: *The Martyr*, 1970
Artist: Marc Chagall
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

*Jesus comes down
to be with me. Am I
available in my heart
to be with him?*

burdens and give you his life. He urges us to get up, eat. He is the Living Bread come down from heaven that, if we unite with him in holy Communion, he will give us his divine force and we will live eternally with him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever."*

John 6:51

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

**ASSUMPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Vigil Mass - Tuesday, August 14th
7:00PM @ St. Joseph's**

**Mass Wednesday, August 15th
12:00noon @ St. Patrick's**

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!

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).

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 Aedeon Hansen (917) 825-3962 or Annette Petry (845) 283-7228. Bring a bag lunch.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 18-19

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Jim Burnett

Eucharistic Minister

Tom McMullen

Diana Sierra

Altar Servers

Robert McMullen

Daniel Bradley

Sunday 8:30am**Lector**

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Paul & Cristin Cavallaro

Altar Server

Brenna Cavallaro

Draven Nitecki

Milford Senior Care**8/12 Debbie Roa**

8/19 Jack Reilly

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, August 17, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). 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

BROTHER JUNIPER

The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of

Jack Shannon

by
Shirley Shannon
& Family

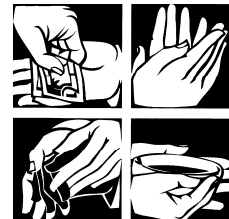
Weekly Offering

August 5, 2018
\$3556.50

Last Year

August 6, 2017
\$ 3175.25

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!

It's time to register for Religious Education. Form with payment due by August 1, 2018 for us to order the proper number of books. 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.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

The next scheduled Mass for the Residents of Belle Reve is Wednesday August 15, 2018, at 2:30pm

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

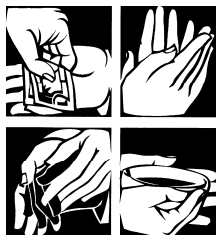
The parish community of Saint Patrick's is warmly invited to attend the 2018 Parish Picnic Sunday, September 9th, noon-5pm. Record attendance is expected this year as we welcome our new Pastor, Father Joe. A full afternoon of food and fun for everyone will include: a delicious BBQ, with "Chef" Kathleen 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!

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.

FOOD PANTRY St. Patrick's team serves Friday, August 24 @6:30pm



Weekly Collection
August 5, 2018
\$ 3,488.00
This time last year \$

This time last year
\$3281.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$ 1049.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$44,766.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE August 118-19

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty,
Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Dana Stroup

Sunday 7:15am

Lector Jack Boyle

Communion Ministers

Annette Petry, Karen
Loeschorn

Altar Servers

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca, Arlene Quirk

Altar Servers

Carli Lock, Sean Rinkel

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Joseph Loiacono
requested
by His Father, Carmine*

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.

Jesus tells the people He is the Bread of Life (not like the manna in the desert that kept their ancestors alive). If they believe and eat the bread their spirits will live forever. The people don't understand, because Jesus has not yet created the Eucharist or risen from the dead.

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Cycle B

Have faith, believe in God, accept Jesus for eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

JOHN 6:48

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Jesus	M	S	P	I	R	I	T	U	A	L	S	E	A	P
Bread	A	S	T	H	S	E	V	E	I	L	E	B	U	T
Life	R	T	N	R	G	S	R	O	T	S	E	C	N	A
From	P	N	E	C	I	U	D	L	I	V	E	S	D	O
Heaven	D	E	S	E	R	T	O	J	E	S	U	S	E	U
Parents	E	R	V	I	L	F	O	R	E	V	E	R	R	F
Joseph	D	A	E	R	B	T	Y	U	H	R	O	F	S	R
Mary	J	P	L	E	I	O	L	I	H	T	T	I	T	O
Spiritual	O	T	C	V	N	F	L	O	E	G	Y	R	A	M
Father	S	H	G	E	T	E	R	N	A	L	L	Y	N	S
Sent	E	R	C	O	M	E	S	O	V	V	L	I	D	T
Him	P	M	I	H	D	O	I	R	E	H	T	A	F	L
Ancestors	H	A	S	W	N	H	M	A	N	N	A	S	U	E
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To														
God														
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Whoever														
Believes														
Lives														
Eternally														
Understand														
Forever														

One of these words is found ten times in this puzzle... can you find the word?

Calendar

Monday

August 13

Weekday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr

Ez 2:8-3:4

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

August 15

Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

Thursday

August 16

Weekday

Ez 12:1-12

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

August 17

Weekday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63

or Ez 16:59-63

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

August 18

Weekday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

August 19

Twentieth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Daily Prayer

Finding intimacy with our God is not limited to people who can go away on a retreat. We can all be contemplatives in action, if only we can focus on our relationship with the Lord in the background, every day. This week we can feed on the words of life which Jesus gives us. And, we can ask for the graces we need, in the midst of our busy lives.

Throughout this week, we can wake up and go through our morning routine asking for the grace that God's mercy might flow through us this day. One day, I might take notice of those in my life who need my forgiveness. I might pay attention to the one who frustrates me or has hurt me or has hurt those I love - real people I know (living or dead) or the anonymous people who represent the systems, institutions and structures that seem unjust or sinful. There are people who benefit from war, the poverty or slavery of others, the sacrilege against the dignity of life itself, the drug trade and the destruction of the environment. I can actually take the grace filled moments of brief intimacy with Jesus this week to forgive!

This week of mercy can be a

powerful blessing for our whole lives.

This can be a wonderful week for us to remember how many times we are called to forgive. And, we might want to take a few extra moments to reinforce this by re-reading the parable of the servant who has been forgiven himself but refuses to forgive. If we are really stuck in our struggle to forgive, we can find times to beg for the grace: "Dear Lord, you keep forgiving me, please let me experience the intimacy of forgiving as you have forgiven me."

Throughout this week, we'll be embracing little children and other "little ones" because we will be delighting in being one with him and his being one with us. And, we'll give thanks and praise.