

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

Rememóeríng
March 5-11

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Richard Schindler**
Tammy Compasso

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ **John Sybrandy**
Ray and Carol Proulx

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **For the People of
Saint Patrick's Church**

THURSDAY

✠ **NO MASS**

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **John & Janny Sybrandy**
Barbara Guinn

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **The Impomeni Family**
Ray Weeks

✠ **Stations of the Cross**

5:30pm (SJ)

6:30pm (SP)

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Lottie Kurtick**
Jane & Lee Helms

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Una Coyne**
Husband, Peter

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **For The People Of
St. Joseph's Parish**

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Holly Becker**
The Koenig Family



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

Wisdom, Strength

This ceiling painting by Laureti is found in the Constantine Room of the papal apartments. It is a symbolic celebration of the triumph of Christianity over paganism, set in a classical architectural space. The remains of a crushed Hermes lies broken in pieces on the floor, while a crucifix of Jesus Christ sits upon the pedestal.

It is fitting that this painting crowns the papal hall honoring Constantine, the first Roman emperor to leave paganism and be baptized a Christian. Constantine had four basilicas built in Rome—including St. Peter's—and gave Christians freedom of religion in the Roman Empire.

The message is clear. The Romans worshiped statues of gods who were mere human creations and

projections. In the statue's place is not just another statue but a crucifix that reminds us of a reality, a historical event. God himself became human in Jesus Christ and showed his divine strength by emptying himself and being crushed by our sins in order to forgive and win back a rebellious humanity.

This show of godly power through weakness is foolishness to the Gentiles and inconceivable to the

Jews. Yet this humility and love is the wisdom that confounds and the strength that saves.

Religion isn't a business or human invention for personal enthronement. Jesus overturns this idea like he overturns the moneychangers' tables. Worship of God is all about accepting his

initiative and humbly responding in the obedience of faith and the purifying joy of love.

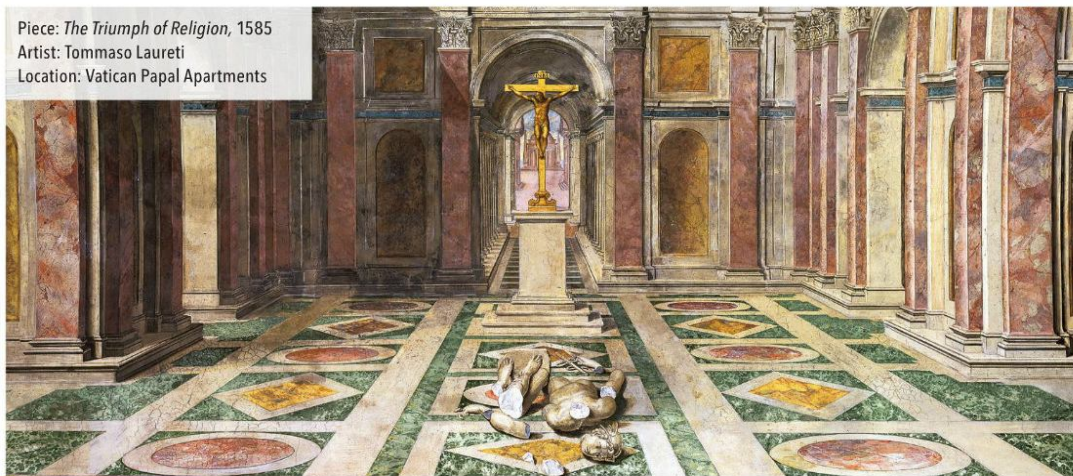
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How does my faith foster humility in me?

Are my Lenten practices helping me to be purified from sin and faithful to the gospel?

Piece: *The Triumph of Religion*, 1585
Artist: Tommaso Laureti
Location: Vatican Papal Apartments



[Jesus said,] "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."
John 2:16

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

RECONCILIATION

Monday's 6:30—7:00PM at St. Joseph's

FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT

8:00AM at St. Joseph's

12:00 NOON at St. Patrick's

**There will be NO 8:00AM Mass on Thursday's at
St. Joseph's during Lent**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 5:30PM at St. Joseph's

6:30PM at St. Patrick's

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:30PM at St. Joseph's

GOOD FRIDAY

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

2:00PM at St. Joseph's

HOLY SATURDAY

BLESSING OF FOOD

12:00 Noon at St. Patrick's

EASTER VIGIL

8:00PM at St. Patrick's

**No afternoon Confessions
NO 4:00pm or 5:30pm Masses**

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Father John Boyle from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Dingman Township will be hosting a trip with Collette Travel to **The Alpine Countries-Austria-Germany-Switzerland October 11-23, 2018** *13 DAYS—17 MEALS Double \$4,199 Single \$4,649. Book Now and Save \$200 per person. Brochures are now available!! Please contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish office at 570-686-4545 to request a brochure.

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

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 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling the Parish Office and leaving your name and phone number no later than March 18th.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Holy Spirit, at work in our lives

and in the lives of our ancestors,

You created the Church at Pentecost

and made it a sacrament of Jesus for the world.

We thank you for creating

the Diocese of Scranton 150 years ago

and rooting it in faith, hope and love.

We marvel at the journey you have traveled

with our bishops, laity, religious and priests.

Continue to strengthen us as one family.

Give us the clarity to focus on the things

that last:

-faith in you and the Gospel

-hope in the Resurrection

-and the love of our God.

Amen

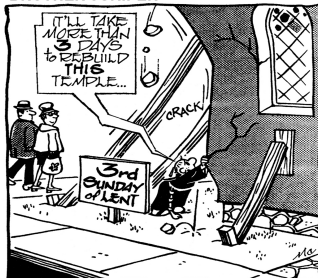
The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 10-11

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Bill Reed</i> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
Altar Servers <i>Draven Nitecki</i> <i>Lukas Schutz</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul & Cristin Cavallaro</i>
Altar Servers <i>Daniel Corcoran</i> <i>Mikaela Parker</i>
Milford Senior Care 03/04 Chuck Pike <i>3/11 Carol Cordova</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Ellis Mosher
by
Catherine Westfall

LENTEN "SOUP-TO-GO" - "Soup To Go" A different soup each week during Lent. Soup must be ordered in advance. Cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms are at all entrances to the church. All orders must be in by the Monday, preceding the sale for that week. The Soup will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up. The "Soup of the Week" for Thurs., March 8th: **Cream of Potato Leek...Vegetarian Vegetable is also available each week!** Pick up in the church basement between 4 -6pm. Thanks for your support!

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY BREAKFAST - Sunday, March 18th, our parish will be celebrating the feast of our patron saint, St. Joseph. We ask all of you to join us at 8:30am Mass and for our procession downstairs where we will have a breakfast buffet and a special St. Joseph's Table. Sign-ups are required and sign-up sheets are at the front and back entrances to the Church through the week-end of March 10/11. Please bring a bread, fruit, or dessert to share which will be placed on the St. Joseph's table. There is No fee but receptacles will be on each table for voluntary contributions that will be donated to St. Joseph's Center for Children, Scranton.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS - Again this year the Lily's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorializing. The offering per flower will be \$20.00. Special large YELLOW envelopes are available at all entrances to the church. Fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelope into the collection basket or at the Parish office. Deadline is March 19th. A list of the Memorials will appear in the April 1st Bulletin. Your monthly envelope packet has included an "Easter Flower Donation Envelope" returning this flower envelope helps defray the cost of flowers in general and does NOT reserve a Lily. ONLY THE YELLOW ENVELOPES provided at the entrances to the Church are for Lily Memorials.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE - Father Vito celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of every Month at 11:00 am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

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.

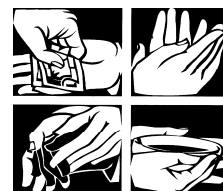
Please call or just show up. Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 23rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

BOOKCASE- Lent is a great time to read a good Catholic book. Check out the new selection of books, CD's & pamphlets in the book case in the main entrance of the church.

Weekly Offering
February 25, 2018
\$ 3102.94

Last Year
February 26, 2017
\$3226.50

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."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ANNUAL DINNER A meeting is scheduled for Monday February 26 at 7:00 here in the office of St. Patrick's to plan and coordinate the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. We will be looking for many volunteers, to cook, clean up, decorate and set up. Many hands make light work. LET'S DO THIS!

MEMORIAL MASS CARDS

For those of you who have placed a Memorial Mass Card on the Cross for the month of November, please call the parish office to make arrangements to pick your cards up.

KNIGHTS' SOUPER BOWL A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's K of C fundraiser for the "Hands of Hope." Because of your generosity, we have been able to give over \$1,000.00 to help the homeless of Pike County! Thank you!

IN MEMORIAM

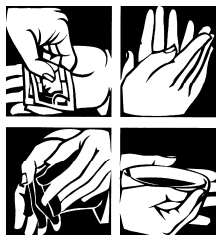
Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Harriett Cotterill**, **John McCarthy** and **Harry Geiger** who died this past week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

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!!!

EASTER LILY/FLOWER MEMORIALS

This year the Lilies and Flowers that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost will be \$15.00 per plant. Special Yellow envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelopes into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline for your response is March 19th. A list will appear in the Easter Bulletin.



Weekly Collection
February 25, 2018
\$ 2,030.00
This time last year
\$3,721.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 25, 2018
\$ 727.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$30,741.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 10-11

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)
Lector <i>David Stine</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Dean & Arlene Quirk, Catherine Umberto</i>
Altar Servers <i>Nicholas Dinos, Jason Lecina</i>
Sunday 11:00am
Lector <i>Jack Boyle</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira, Donna Hersca</i>
Altar Servers <i>Vincent and Isabella Saski</i>



*The Sanctuary Candle will
burn for
Fred Prandato ((Living))
requested by
Terri Pyrzynski*

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

Third Sunday of Lent | John 2:13-25

Jesus was upset people were conducting the "wrong business" in the temple. They were selling goods, not praying.

Cycle B

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We say our bodies are our temples - the Spirit of God is in us - eat & act healthy. Jesus also called His body a temple when He said "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days". John 2: 19

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Jesus
Jerusalem
Temple
Table
Exchanging
Money
Stop
Father
House
Market
Sign
Disciples

Believed
People
Written
Scripture



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

Calendar

Monday

March 5

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

March 6

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

March 7

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

March 8

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

Friday

March 9

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

March 10

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6

Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

March 11

Fourth Sunday
of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14

Daily Prayer

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs re-aligning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle. We are likely uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness face-to-face.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.

This is a week about God's love for us and our call to love others the same way. It is a week to keep our daily focus on naming a desire each morning. The day ahead will shape what we

ask for as our feet hit the floor in the morning. Pausing to thank the Lord for this day and to ask for the grace to let our mind and heart be renewed in the concrete circumstances, relationships and obligations of our day. Throughout the day, we can then return to those desires in background of our awareness. Our request for the Lord's help is always there and our consciousness of it will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and a sense of our need for a Savior, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for.

Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>

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