

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

Remembering
May 7-13



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16

Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Eileen George**

Steve and Rose Babey

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✦ **Leonard Wollman**

Ken & Pat Corcoran

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✦ **Helen Ventrudo**

Patty Santini

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Sam & Antionette**

Ciccotti

The Family

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✦ **Thomas Murphy**

Deg & Mary Carroll

& Family

5:30pm (SP)

✦ **Father Mullally**

Ken & Pat Corcoran

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✦ **Mother's Day**

Intentions

11:00am (SP)

✦ **Celebrant's Intention**

God's Generous Love

Our painting by Aldo Carpi (1886-1973) shows the Virgin Mary bringing the Baby Jesus to visit the poor. She doesn't make distinctions. Mary understood that Jesus didn't come just for the rich and powerful but for everyone.

Peter learns this lesson when speaking to Cornelius and his household. Until this time, the apostles were preaching to the Jewish people, but when Peter speaks to these Romans, the Holy Spirit comes upon them just as he had upon the Jews. They repent and believe. This for Peter was essential, because it showed that Jesus wanted to send his Spirit and teachings to everyone, not just the chosen race. God doesn't show favoritism.

The same goes for us. It's natural to want to love our

own: our family and those sharing our social status, political party, club, school, or parish. But our love has to spread to all peoples, especially those in the most moral, material, and spiritual need. God is love, and those who love show they come from God.

Another element of love is that it is free, wanting

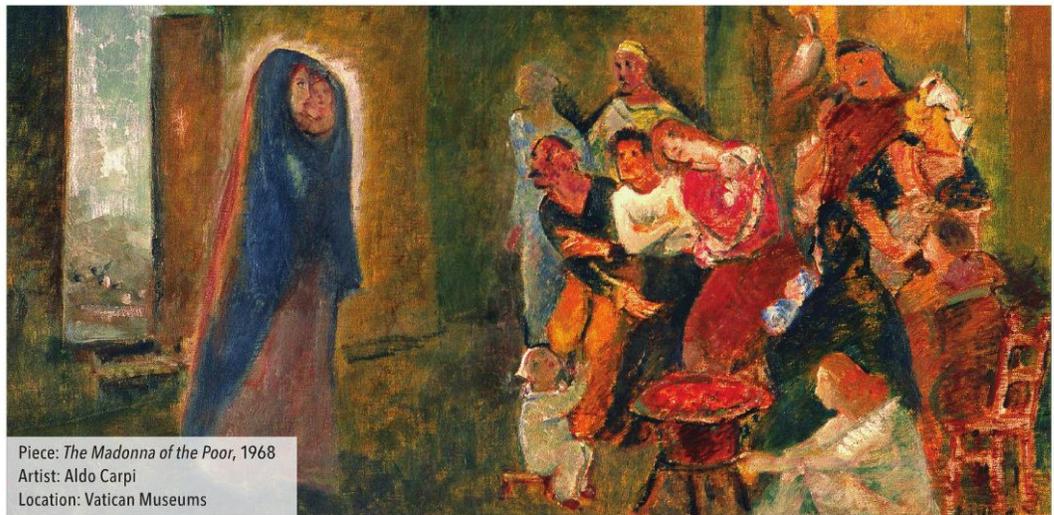
nothing in return. Recently, while sitting at an outdoor café, a woman walked up and gave me a small wrapped gift. "I like to give gifts to complete strangers, just to make their day," she said. What a beautiful gesture.

We should also note that Cornelius accepted God's love, was baptized, and

began following the Way. He and his family didn't take that free love of God for granted. They responded to it in joyful obedience. God's generous love asks for an equally generous response. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How often do I help or love someone who disagrees with me, or doesn't believe what I believe?



Piece: *The Madonna of the Poor*, 1968
Artist: Aldo Carpi
Location: Vatican Museums

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

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

ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Church

Vigil Mass Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00pm

St. Joseph's Church

Thursday, May 10th at 8:00am

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from January 22 - 27, 2019. World Youth Day is an initiative from St. John Paul II to gather Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18 -35. If you, or a young adult you may know, are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at (570) 207-2213 x1155 or email Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at High Point Country Club, Registration 10:00-11:00. Shotgun Start 12:00PM. Lunch, on Course—dinner @ Erie Trackside after Golf. Scramble format, assorted Golf Prizes and contests. Putting contest 11:00AM. \$100.00 per golfer—please pay by May 9th. Contact Benny Marasa (570) 296-5564, Tom Hogan (570) 296-6224 or John Piazza (570) 296-8678, Steve Riordan (945) 629-3642, Michael Braun (845)283-7461 or Warren Ponds (914) 443-3475.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER "BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER"

This year our Parish will once again be participating in the Tri-State Pregnancy Center's baby bottle fundraiser. The fundraiser is simple and fun! Please consider picking up a baby bottle from the display on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th. Fill it with loose change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday June 17th. The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located in Milford, PA and has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 25 years. Look for the baby bottle display soon at the front entrance to the Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 16th the Knights of Columbus will be having a blood drive at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 200 E. High St., Milford, PA from 1 to 6pm.

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



The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 12-13

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Joe Price, Bill Reed, Stanley Lazarczyk, EM Volunteer</i>
Altar Servers <i>Draven Nitecki Lukas Schutz</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Carol Cordova, Larry Marcial, Diana Sierra, Jackie Padgett</i>
Altar Server <i>Robert McMullen David Marcial</i>
Milford Senior Care 5/6 Carol Cordova <i>5/13 Debbie Roa</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Sophie Ulbrich

by
The Patterson & Williams
Families

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COM COMMUNION CLASS

Regan Donnelly, Peyton Machado, Kevin McMenemy, & Camryn Yakupcin

BISHOP'S YOUTH AWARDS - The Bishop's Youth Award Mass was recently celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera. Congratulations to **Daniel Corcoran, Joseph Loughney & Robert McMullen** from our parish who were recognized for their extraordinary acts of service. CONGRATULATIONS!!

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING - Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. New Members always welcome!

BACCALAUREATE MASS - will be held Sunday June 10th at our 8:30 am Mass. Invitations have been mailed along with a Biography request. If you are or know a graduating Senior who has not received an Invitation, please contact the Parish Office at 570-491-2618. Biographies should be mailed or emailed to Anna Blackman 302 Ave. G Matamoras, PA 18336 or Christine Marcial 710 Ave. H Matamoras, PA 18336 and must be returned before June 1st.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE - Father Vito will celebrate Mass at Milford Senior Care on Thursday, May 10th at 11:00am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RWB RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus Council 13935 will be selling raffle tickets after all Masse to support two great causes, Special Olympics Area P and Vetstock in Milford. Vetstock is a local organization for American Veterans. Area P covers children with special needs in Pike, Wayne and Luzerne Counties. Tickets can also be bought from any Knight. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

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 - Our next food pantry will be Friday, June 8, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. The food pantry would like to start a new team to help with day-time distribution. We need help Fridays 12 - 2pm. Please call or just show up. Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

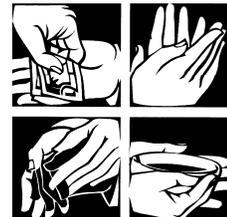
COFFEE SOCIAL - Our next Coffee Social will be held **Sunday, May 20th**. A variety of foods will be available including sugar-free! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

Weekly Offering

April 29, 2018
\$3084.20

Last Year

April 30, 2017
\$3544.50



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."

THE BREAD OF LIFE...THE CUP OF JOY...CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

Please pray for Claire Barcia, Alexa Byrnes, Brianna Doran, Isabella DeMeo, Isabella Dugdale, Lucas Eira, Leah Ford, Adrianna Keller, Gianna Lake, Adriana Masi, Anton McDonough, Brooke Nielsen, Melissa Padula, Christian Sell, Kayla Snyder, Mason Stewart

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.

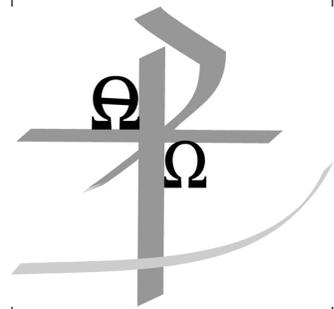
FOOD PANTRICK St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, May 11th at 6:30pm.

BAPTISM We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Lillian Eivor Fagerholt** who was baptized here at St. Patrick's. God Bless you Lillian.

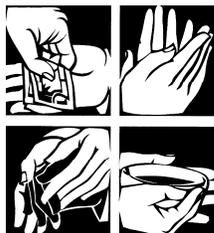
PHP BAKE SALE Thank you for all your continued support in our last bake sale. We were able to sell crumb cakes and cookies the previous weekend. Please mark for your calendars for our next bake sale—May 19 and 20th!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE May 12-13

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)
Lector Ray Proulx
Communion Ministers Janet Finnerty, Dean & Arlene Quirk
Altar Servers Jason Lecina, Nicole Traxler
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers Donna Hersca, Annette Petry, Catherine Umberto
Altar Servers Isabella & Vincent Saski



You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements



Weekly Collection
April 29, 2018
\$ 2,748.00
This time last year
\$3,515.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$764.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$37,259.00

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

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.

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Gospel Today
Sixth Sunday of Easter | John 15:9-17
Jesus says follow His command - LOVE EACH OTHER.

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"Love one another as I love you."
John 15: 12

Color the hearts and think of what you can do to show your love to others - family, friends, neighbors and classmates.



Love
is the fruit of the vine.

Calendar

Monday
May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday
May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday
May 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday
May 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

Friday
May 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday
May 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday
May 13
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord
SEVENTH SUNDAY
READINGS:
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
1 Jn 4:11-16
Jn 17:11b-19
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
READINGS:
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13
or 4:1-7, 11-13
Mk 16:15-20

Daily Prayer

Jesus invites us to remain in his love. That is a powerful freedom. If we can reflect this week on ways we can remain in his love, and not let anything take away our peace, we will grow in great freedom.

Jesus tells us that his one commandment to us is to love one another as he has loved us. The most important word in that command is "as." He wants us to imitate the very "way" he loves us - completely, un-conditionally, in a self-sacrificing way. It can be the focus of our entire week to ask for the grace to love the people in our lives the ways Jesus loves us. But, that begins, if it is to be deep and transformative, needs to begin by reflection on how much Jesus loves us.

All week we can let the Spirit be the helper and the gatherer that our Lord promises will accompany us in our journey. It helps us prepare for the feast of Pentecost, to be asking, "Come, Holy Spirit."

Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel

in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day, head to a meeting, stand in the kitchen or fold laundry. It is not complicated to have a closer relationship with God but it takes focus. And always, we can end our day with a simple prayer of thanks for the many blessings of the day.

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