

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

Remembering

Nov. 20 - 26

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Margaret Fontana**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **All Deceased Members
of the Priests' Purgatorial Society**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **All Deceased Priests of
the Diocese of Scranton**

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **NO MASS**

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Special Intentions of
John & Tina Hess**

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Louise & Emil Moglia**
The Moglia Family

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✚ **Laura Caloger**
Frank & Irene Devito

9:00am (SJ)

✚ **For The People of
St. Joseph's Parish**

11:00am (SP)

✚ **For The People of
St. Patrick's Parish**

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thes 5:1-6

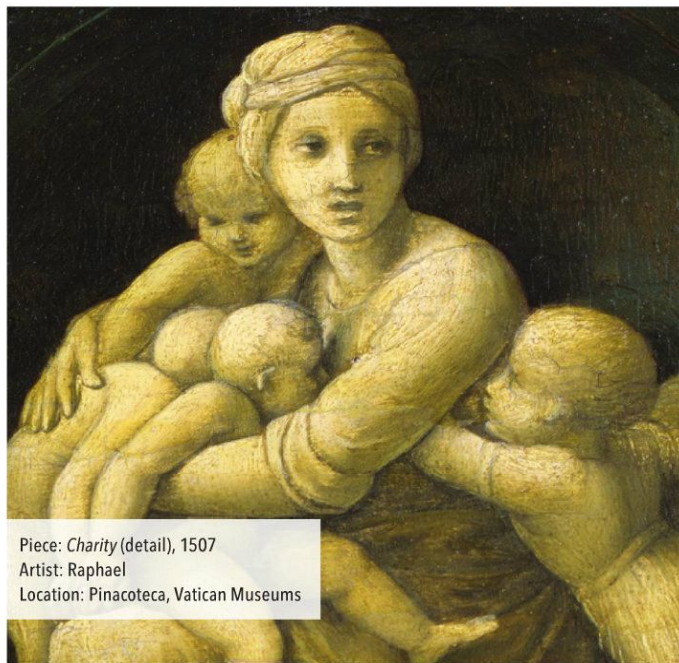
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

What's Our ROI?

The Gospel today encourages good investments! Jesus heaps praise on the good servants who were faithful in small matters and rewarded with the joy of the master. The servant who gets called wicked and lazy is punished, not because he miscalculated a risk but because he feared his master and took no risk at all. He was frozen by the thought that he could lose everything, so he buries the talent and anxiously awaits the master's return. He is wicked not for investing poorly but for not investing at all.

God has given us all so many talents, and he does so for us to enjoy a grand return on investment (ROI). He wants us to use our talents, work them, develop them, and—at the end of our lives—enjoy showing him the way they have multiplied. Like a loving parent, he knows that much of our happiness is in developing and growing those talents with his grace. Those talents are a sign of his call and an invitation to step out in faith.

Parents, your job is to help your children develop their talents and dreams. A confident, enthusiastic, and risk-taking child is a sign of parents who know the balance of loving discipline, positive motivation, and a healthy distance. Children who feel secure in the love of their parents are willing to venture out and invest their talents, for they know someone will always be there to accompany them and catch them if they fall.



Piece: *Charity* (detail), 1507
Artist: Raphael
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

Our loving God is the first to know this and so invites us with this parable to trust, invest, and enjoy the returns.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*What are the most important talents I have? Think of virtues, abilities, qualities, time.
Which talent should I invest in more so I can enjoy the return God wants?*

[Jesus said,] "It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them" (Matthew 25:14).

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

NEW MASS TIMES EFFECTIVE 12/2

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 11:00am

**Confessions - Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30am
and Saturday's after the 5:30 pm Mass upon re-
quest.**

St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

**Confessions Saturday's 3:00pm and after the
8:00am Masses upon request**

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 ANNUAL APPEAL

Walk Together in the Light of Christ

Thank you to those who have already joined us as we
“***Walk Together in the Light of Christ***” by making a
pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all
who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera ex-
tends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already
made a pledge. Each gift matters. If you have not yet made
your gift, please consider making a pledge. **Next weekend
is In-Pew Commitment Weekend.** Envelopes will be dis-
tributed at all our Masses. Everyone will be asked to com-
plete the pledge form, whether or not you have made a
pledge or intend to pledge. Thank you.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is an international lay organization
founded by Frank Duff in 1921. The goal is to share the
glory of God through prayer and spiritual works. To bring
consolation, conservation and conversion through our
Blessed Mother. The Legion of Mary welcomes new mem-
bers and anyone interested. Our meetings are on Tuesday
mornings at 9:30 in the Church Hall. Individuals of all
parishes are welcome. For more information please con-
tact Angie Yanick 201-873-6820 or Jeanne Ryan 570-428-
2023.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

*The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for
Creation, part 9*

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "The
earth's resources are also being plundered because of
short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and
production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the
loss of species which may constitute extremely important
resources in the future, not only for food but also for cur-
ing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes
which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting
human needs and regulating environmental problems. It is
not enough, however, to think of different species merely
as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking
the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees
the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal spe-
cies which we will never know, which our children will
never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great
majority become extinct for reasons related to human ac-
tivity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer
give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their
message to us. We have no such right...We must be grate-
ful for the praiseworthy efforts being made by scientists
and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made
problems. But a sober look at our world shows that the
degree of human intervention, often in the service of busi-
ness interests and consumerism, is actually making our
earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey,
even as technological advances and consumer goods con-
tinue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can
substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with
something which we have created ourselves...Caring for
ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking
for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preser-
vation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish
lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits
to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seri-
ously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can
be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we
can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of hu-
manity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of
environmental deterioration." (Continued in part 10)

Let us pray ... that we recognize our obligation to care for
our world and all people, to share our resources with oth-
ers, and to see all people as equal in the eyes of the Lord.
Amen.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 25-26

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Anna Blackman

Eucharistic Minister

Cristin Cavallaro

Paul Cavallaro

Altar Servers

Mark Cavallaro

Brenna Cavallaro

Sunday 9:00am

Lector

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Diane Sierra

Larry Marcial

Altar Servers

Mikaela Parker

David Marcial

October Altar Server Of the

Month: **David Marcial**

Milford Senior Care

11/26 Carol Cordova

12/3 Eileen Dorko

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Donald Clayton
by
the Family

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

9:00am Thursday, November 23rd at St. Patrick's Church.

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 personally have needs or know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call to lift spirits or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

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!

COFFEE SOCIAL - Next Sunday, November 26th. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY Our next food pantry will be Friday, December 8th, from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - Your gifts support the following ministries made possible by the Catholic Social Services and Parish Social Justice Grants, Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education and Support Parish Life and Ministry Formation Catholic Media and Communication **Parish Goal: \$ 40,000. Total Pledged \$20,076.50 = 50%**

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 6:00pm

Two Rivers Grille, Matamoras, PA

\$33.00 per person

If you would like to attend, please fill out the coupon below and send it along with your payment to: Louise Piccirillo 109 Oak Avenue, Matamoras, PA 18336. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society Deadline for your response is 11/30/17. ***Don't forget to bring a \$10.00 Grab Bag Gift!*

NAME: _____

Please select one of the following dinner choices:

Flounder Francaise w/Lemon Butter Herb Sauce _____

Stuffed Chicken With Cranberry Stuffing _____

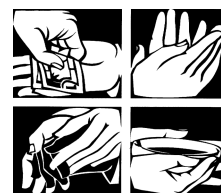
Prime Rib of Beef w/ Rosemary Au jus Creamy Horseradish Sauce _____

All entrees include salad, dessert, coffee/tea, tax & gratuity

Weekly Offering
November 12, 2017
\$ 3129.22(1st)
\$ 522.00 (2nd)

Last Year
November 13, 2016
\$ 3853.75 (1st)
\$ 519.00 (2nd)

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."

THANKSGIVING DAY

Mass will be 9:00AM at St. Patrick's Church.

NEW TIME FOR THE KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

Starting November, 1st, members will meet Wednesdays from 2-4. Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We are currently working on baby blankets for Lehigh Valley NICU. Come and join us! Can't knit or crochet?, We can help!!!

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on December 15th at 6:30. Volunteers are always welcome! Thank you.

BAPTISMS We welcome in the Christian Community of Faith **Alessia Rose Giordano**, daughter of Stephen and Jessica Giordano who was baptized here at St. Patrick's last weekend. God Bless you Alessia Rose.

A POWERFUL STUDY ON THE BLESSED MOTHER

Join us for **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** at St. Patrick Office Building across from the church in Milford beginning Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 12:30pm or 6:30pm and continuing every Tuesday throughout Advent. For more information or to register for the study call Ray Proulx at 570 -296-7645 or email proulx@ptd.net.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Next Saturday, November 25th at 10:00am in Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, Bishop Bambera will ordain the following men to the Permanent Diaconate for service in the Diocese of Scranton, Carl S. Albright, Paul J. Cooper, Jr., Herbert W. Cruikshank, Andrew A. Fazio, Sr., Maxime E. Francois, Michael M. Golubiewski, Lenoard Jinselli, Jr., Ronald D. Maida, John P. Musyt, James M. Rebarchick, Robert J. Warnock.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE November 25-26

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector John Boyle

Communion Ministers
S. Cottone, C. Umberto,
R. Hennigan

Altar Servers Nicole
Traxler, Abigail Vogel

Sunday 7:30am

Lector Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers
K. Loeschorn, A. Petry

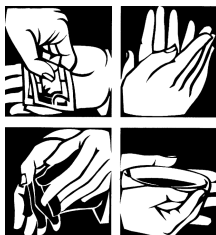
Altar Servers
Sean Rinkel, Bella Seidel

Sunday 11:00am

Lector
Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers
D. Hersca, C. Sheldon,
R. Weeks

Altar Servers
Alyssa Donatone, Dana
Stroup



Weekly Collection
November 12th, 2017
\$3,028.00
Last year
November 15 2016
\$4047.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
November 12, 2017
\$1135.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$21458.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*You may have the
Sanctuary Candle burn
in memory of a loved
one. Please call the
Parish Office*

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 25:14-30

The parable tells of three servants given pieces of silver, or talents to use while their master was away. Two men used the talents wisely and doubled their worth. The third man buried the talent, not using it and not increasing its value. We learn we must faithfully use the gifts God gives us to be worthy servants and gain a place in the Kingdom.

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Definition: *Talent* -- A mental or physical ability, things we are good at doing. Examples -- painting, designing, gardening, cooking, building, etc.

- or - various ancient coins or weights.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

"Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibility."

Matthew 25:21

Parable	P	A	R	A	B	L	E	T	H	R	E	E	A
Talents	O	C	R	S	E	R	V	A	N	T	S	C	E
Three	S	C	E	D	S	E	P	L	E	A	S	E	D
Servants	S	O	S	E	T	T	L	E	D	U	L	O	R
Pieces	E	R	E	L	B	I	S	N	O	P	S	E	R
Silver	S	D	A	B	I	L	I	T	Y	N	I	E	E
Entrusted	S	I	S	U	S	R	N	S	F	I	V	E	W
Possessions	I	N	E	O	R	N	R	A	E	L	N	D	A
Five	O	G	C	D	E	B	U	R	I	E	D	E	R
Two	N	E	E	N	T	R	U	S	T	E	D	D	D
One	S	N	I	A	S	T	N	U	O	C	C	A	E
According	O	T	P	F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L	R	D
Ability	Y	E	N	O	M	A	R	T	W	O	R	T	H
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Masters													
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Rewarded													
Faithful													

thank you for being so generous to me. I forget the gifts you have given me. Be with me today, so that I might be grateful and use my gifts well." "Loving Father, today I'm grateful for my parents, for the opportunities I've had up to this day, and for the special privilege this day brings to serve my family and to try to make a difference in this world. Be with me and keep me hopeful and patient, generous and free today." "Dear Jesus, I spend too much time in a tree, above the conflicts, keeping myself pretty safe. Give me the courage of your presence with me today, so that I might take more risks in loving. There are going to be some hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned people crossing my path today. Guide me in loving better. The cry of the poor in our world seems so overwhelming. Help me listen better and imagine what I might do to make a difference, with your help."

Each night, with these prayers in our hearts all day, we can easily give thanks for the experience we were given of intimacy with our God in the midst of our busy days.

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

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Calendar

Monday

November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43,
54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

November 21

Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31

Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

November 22

St. Cecilia,

Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31

Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15-29

Lk 19:41-44

Friday

November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,
Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59

Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1-13

Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Mt 25:31-46

Daily Prayer

We can easily spend this week asking for the grace to use the gifts we've been given. We want to recognize that we have gifts, and that they are, in fact, gifts. We didn't "earn" them; we were entrusted with them. We can reflect upon the potential each gift has and how we might develop and use each gift we have more completely - in loving, in making a difference on behalf of the poor in our world.

Each morning this week, as soon as our feet hit the floor, and while we are washing up and getting dressed, we can have our own version of the following brief conversations with our Lord. These simple prayers can shape our desiring throughout the day, as these longings in our heart grow deeper and interact with the events, encounters and opportunities in our lives.

"Dear Lord, throughout this day, help me count the ways you love me." "Lord,