

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

Rememóeríng

May 8 - 14

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Kevin Cunningham**
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burnett

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **The Shadel Family**
Ray Weeks

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Vito Loiacono**
Father, Carmine

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Anna Maria Roozendaal**
John Sybrandy

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Frances Chase**
Eleanor Witkowski

5:30Ppm (SP)

✠ **Mr. & Mrs. Paul Troiano**
Louis & Denise Troiano

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Celebrant's Intentions**

9:00am (SJ)

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11:00am (SP)

✠ **For the People of St. Patrick Parish**



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

Our Shepherd's Voice

Saint Peter, the first pope, zealously preached the Sword of God, challenging the Romans and the Jews to believe. Astoundingly, on various occasions their hearts were moved and they asked, "What are we to do?" The answer from the apostles was often twofold: Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. Both are necessary first steps.

The same is true today: We receive baptism and confirmation. We keep cultivating this gift of faith and life in the Holy Spirit, listening to Jesus and the Spirit's promptings so they blossom and take over all of our life.

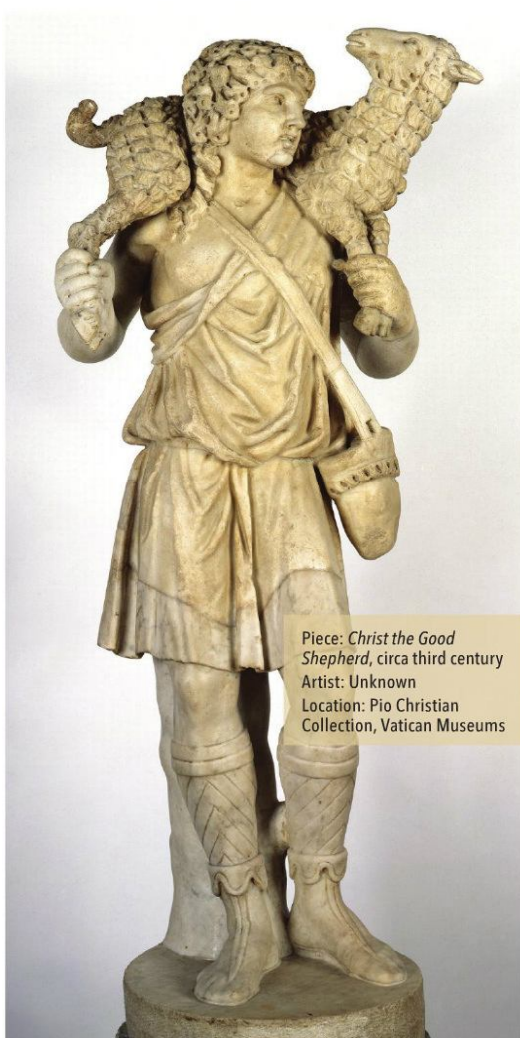
The Good Shepherd verses found in John 10 reveal that there are many messengers who promise fulfillment and happiness. Jesus warns that these others try to slip in the back door of our souls and trick us into following them. Initially their message is only slightly different than Jesus' message, but once they lead us out of his fold, we can end up in very distant fields, and it is a long, hard path back home.

How do we distinguish Jesus' voice from the others? Compare their words with the words of Jesus and his Church. If they don't align, beware. Another criterion is to see if there is an element of the cross and true peace. Jesus reminds us that the shepherd lays down his life for his sheep and leads them to pasture and rest. The cross, although not everything, is always a part of the shepherd's path.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How often do I listen to the Good Shepherd over the other messages around me? How do I stay informed of what the pope and other shepherds of the Church are saying?



Piece: Christ the Good Shepherd, circa third century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Pio Christian Collection, Vatican Museums

"For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25).

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

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CHARITY GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, May 24th at High Point Golf Club. Registration 10-11:00AM, Shotgun Start: 12:00 noon. Lunch on Course—Dinner @ Erie trackside after Golf. Scramble Format, assorted golf prizes and contests. \$100.00 per golfer—please pay by May 10, 2017. Contact Benny Marasa at 570 296-5564, Tom Hogan at 570 296-7210 or Walter Marcial at 570 491-4332.

9-11 MUSEUM BUS TRIP

A bus trip to the 9-11 Museum in New York City is planned on Armed Forces Day (Saturday May 20, 2017) This trip is being sponsored by the Veterans Memorial Park and Education Center Society. The cost is \$94.00. For more information contact Jane Drake (491-4202) or Nancy Vocci (492-4672).

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

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 pick up a baby bottle from the display Mother's Day weekend, May 14th. Fill it with change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th. The Center has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 20 years. Look for the baby bottle display in the Narthex next week.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 7

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic...It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited...There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.

Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms...However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption. There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, (reducing use of) fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. Worldwide there is minimal access to clean and renewable energy...Some countries have made considerable progress, although it is far from constituting a significant proportion. Investments have also been made in means of production and transportation which consume less energy and require fewer raw materials, as well as in methods of construction and renovating buildings which improve their energy efficiency. But these good practices are still far from widespread." (Continued in part 8)

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

(To read the entire Encyclical Letter by Pope Francis, go to http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 6-7

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector***Stephanie Fells***Eucharistic Minister***Bill Reed**Stanley Lazarczyk***Altar Servers***Ella Carroll**Lucas Helms***Sunday 9:00am****Lector***Matt Cavallaro***Eucharistic Minister***Cristin Cavallaro**Paul Cavallaro***Altar Servers***Draven Nitecki**Brenna Cavallaro***April** Altar Server Of the Month:**Eric Cabrera -Agostini****Milford Senior Care
4/30 Lois Lazarczyk***5/7 Jack Reilly***CONGRATULATIONS****TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS****Nathaniel Carso, Cole Corcoran, Kate Cuebas, William Fells,
Emily Ford, Genevieve Gumaer, Meghan Haggerty, Paris Machado,
Jack Montgomery, Rylee Nitecki, Shannon O'Leary, Megan Ross****TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER****"BABY BOTTE FUNDRAISER"**

This year we 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 next week on Mother's Day, Sunday May 14th. Fill it with loose change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday June 18th. The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located in Milford, PA and has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 20 years. Look for the baby bottle display in the front entrance to the Church next week.

BACCALAUREATE

Our Baccalaureate Mass will be held Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the 9:00am Mass. Invitations will be mailed soon along with a Biography request Form. If you are/know a graduating Senior who has not received an invitation, please contact the Parish Office 570-491-2618. Biographies should be mailed to Anna Blackman 302 Avenue G, Matamoras, PA 18336 or Christine Marcial 710 Avenue H, Matamoras, PA 18336 and must be returned before May 22, 2017.

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

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, May 21st. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, May 5th from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns In Memory of***Thomas Murphy***by
Mr. & Mrs. Declan Carroll***Weekly Offering**

April 30, 2017

\$3,522.50 (1st)

\$ 402.00(2nd)

Easter, 2017

\$ 6,044.00

*Thank you for your generosity!***Last Year**

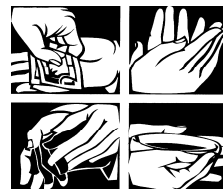
May 1, 2017

\$3891.76 (1st)

\$563.00 (2nd)

Easter 2016

\$ 6345.25



"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

Brendan Baird, Thomas Berger, Brian Byrnes, Alex Calvario, Samuel Carlozzi, Olivia coe, Counttney Davey, Cecelia Dickerson, Matthew Ertola, Andrew foley, Amanda Hart, Heidi Hodany, Lelaina Hopper, Logen Justino, Matthew Marotta, Jack Morris, Alexandra Morton, Sophia Mullen, Sofia O'Connell, Lucas Purdon, Raymond So, Dominic Totten, Julia VanJahnke, Samuel Wood.

Let us keep them in our prayers.

ROSARY AT BELLE REVE

The rosary is recited every other Tuesday, 2PM at Belle Reve Senior Care Home in Milford, parishioners from St. Patrick's join residents of Belle Reve for a half hour of prayer and fellowship. Why don't you join us in this worthwhile ministry? The next time they will meet will be May 2, 2016.

For more information, Call Eileen Harrington (570) 296-6137 or Pat Corcoran at (570) 409-9089.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

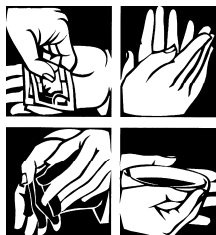
St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on May 19th at 6:00pm

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SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

New members are needed and always welcome. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance) of the Church Hall. We are currently working on blankets for veterans, prosthetics for cancer survivors, baby items for the Tri-State Pregnancy Center, chemo caps and more. For more information please contact Pat Santini at (570) 296-9469.



Weekly Collection

April 30 2017

\$ 2,883.00

Last year

April 26, 2016

\$4,907.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

April 30 2017

\$ 1163.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current

\$42,590.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 13-14

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector

John Wroblewski

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Janet

Finnerty, Rosemary Walsh

Altar Servers

Isabella & Vincent Saski

Sunday 7:30am

Lector

David Stine

Communion Ministers

Karen Loeschorn, Dean &

Arlene Quirk

Altar Servers

Jason Lacina, Dean Pedone

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

Angela Gleason, Colleen

Sheldon, Ray Weeks

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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.

FIND THE LETTERS

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).

Hint: This word has doubles of two letters



Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"I am the good _____;
I know my sheep and my sheep know me".

John 10:14



the Lord, our "moment of connection" can become more specific, more intimate, and more confident.

If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, or for several days, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will quickly return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, again, that we are never alone.

We are rejoicing in this Easter season and asking God to shower us with the light of salvation that John's Gospel refers to so often. Even now, weeks after Easter, we rejoice!

Monday

May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

May 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52

Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

This is potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We accept it if we let his availability to us seep more and more deeply into our consciousness each day. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: "Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love." This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - especially when we approach a particularly challenging responsibility, or an occasion or situation in which we habitually lose our peace or give in to temptation - we can be renewed by another 20 second prayer. Each time we turn to

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