

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

Remembering  
April 1-7

Monday  
8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Ada Melnick**  
Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

TUESDAY  
12:00pm (SP)

✚ **For The People of Saint Patrick's**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Harold McGlew**  
Dolores

THURSDAY  
8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Charles Meloi**  
Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

FRIDAY

✚ **Stations of the Cross**  
5:30PM (SJ)  
7:00PM (SP)

SATURDAY  
4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Laura Moglia Caloger**  
Parents, Emil & Arlene

SUNDAY  
8:30am (SJ)

✚ **Intentions of Daniel Bradley**

11:00am (SP)

✚ **Una Coyne**  
Husband, Peter



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Living, Loving in the Here and Now

It is good that we are here—joined in community for Sunday worship, here, in this moment of prayer. Our lives are so hectic and fast-paced that it's often hard to enjoy just being in the present moment with God. It's not just the pressure of work, but the added responsibilities of home. You know the routine...getting the kids to school; getting to work on time; leaving from work; running a few errands; preparing dinner; going back out to pick up the kids from practice; then back home for dinner, dishes, laundry, homework; and then finally to bed on time so you can get up early and start again.

But just stop! Take the time to enjoy the grace of the Eucharist, to rejoice in one another and savor Christ who reveals his love to you. Give yourself this gift. Each moment has power, poetry, and grace. Each instant is a gift from God, and each moment is an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. It's an occasion to return within ourselves and turn back to our Father who is eagerly waiting for us.

It's good to be here—not somewhere else, not in another time when we were happier, healthier, or life was easier and simpler. Right here, right now, right where God has you is where he is revealing his love. It may not be easy, but this is where God is, and it's good to reflect on the graces each moment presents.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

#### For Reflection

*Can I let go of the past and set aside worries of the future to find God in the only place he can be found—in the present moment?  
If not, how about asking Christ for that grace today?*

*[Jesus said,] "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."*

*Luke 15:32*

#### 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.

#### 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 hospitalized, please contact your Parish Office.

Piece: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (detail), 1662-1669  
Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn  
Location: Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg



REMBRANDT VAN RIJN, RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON, GOOGLE ART PROJECT, WIKIMEDIA

### **PENANCE SERVICE CANCELLED**

St. Vincent's Church in Dingmans has cancelled their Penance Service scheduled for April 10th.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. call 211 and be connected to your zip code resource area in Pike County or dial directly 855-567-5341.

### **COLD AND FLU SEASON**

We ask you not to shake hands with the Priest, Deacons, altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers before or after Mass. During the "Sign of Peace" just use an acknowledgement to each other, like a nod or a wave. Beginning January we will not distribute the Cup of Precious Blood until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019. God Bless, Father Joseph

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER**

March 31, 2019 from 1-3PM. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS**

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 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.

### **LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS**

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### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**

**This number is for a death or Anointing of the Sick only for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Parishes (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Any messages or questions left at this number pertaining to regular Office business will not be answered.**



## **LENTEN / EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday Evenings

5:30 PM (SJ)

7:00 PM (SP)

### **CONFESSIONS**

"The Light Is On" every Monday during Lent  
5:30PM - 6:15PM (SJ)

6:45PM - 7:30PM (SP)

Regular Confessions Saturday's 3:00PM (SJ)

Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30AM (SP) and following the 5:30PM Mass Saturdays (SP)

### **COMBINED PENANCE SERVICE (SP)**

Monday, April 15th at 7:00PM

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

Evening of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM (SP)

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

The Passion 2:00PM (SP)

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Blessing of the Food 12:00PM (SP)

### **EASTER VIGIL 8:00PM (SJ)**

### **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

8:30AM (SJ)

11:00AM (SP)

### **24HOUR LENT EUCHARIST ADORATION**

March 29 following the Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Please check future bulletins for any additional services that may be added during the Lenten Season.

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
April 6-7

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Bob Curtis</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>David Marcial</i> <i>Ella Carroll</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>Ryan &amp; Eric</i> <i>Schanzenbacher</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b>
<b>3/31 Chuck Pike</b> <i>4/7 Debbie Roa</i>

## EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Again this year we will be memorializing the Easter Lillie's that are placed in the Sanctuary for Easter. The cost will be \$20.00 per plant. Special YELLOW envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print clearly) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelopes into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. The "Flower" envelope included in your monthly envelope packet is for the general Easter Flowers not the Lillie's. The deadline is April 15th. A list of memorials will be inserted in the bulletin Easter Sunday.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to all the Kids who participated and read at Stations of the Cross on March 22nd.....Readers were: Will Fells, Chelsey Samson, Keegan Samson, Ella Carroll, Nathaniel Carso, Owen Carso, Evan McDermott, Irene McDermott, Meaghan Hunt, Nikolas Renna, Rylee Nitecki, Gregory Cabrera, Jaelyn Csencsits, Michael Robin, and Meghan Haggerty. You all did an awesome job!!

## WE WELCOME BACK THE PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH!!

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society, Sunday, April 14 after the 8:30am Mass. Sign-up in the Vestibule before or after and through April 7th. Cost is \$3.00 per person or \$7.00 per family and must be paid at sign-up.

## ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, April 26, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

## 5th ANNUAL "Be A Man Catholic Men's Conference"

What is Truth? In these difficult times, the world asks what Pontius Pilate asked 2000 years ago. What is Truth? The world thinks "Man is the measure of all things". This conference will remind us that God is the measure of all things and His truth is revealed in His son Jesus Christ. Guest speakers include Fr. Philip Bochanski, Catholic Priest & Director of Courage International, the Catholic Apostolate for men and women and their loved ones who struggle with same sex attraction (SSA), Dr. Ray Guarendi, Author, TV Host, & Psychologist and Doug Barry, Evangelist and TV Host. The Conference will be held April 27, 2019 from 8am-3pm at Holy redeemer High School 159 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Registration is necessary and may be done on-line at [www.BeAManConference.com](http://www.BeAManConference.com). Questions about the registration? please call 570-207-2213.



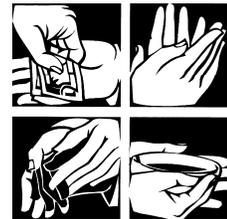
The Sanctuary Candle  
burns for the  
**Frances Chase**  
  
By  
*Maryann Peters*

Weekly Offering

**March 24, 2019**  
\$4609.95

Last Year

**March 25, 2018**  
\$ 3949.00



*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."**

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## ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS GROUP

WELCOME SPRING! We will resume meeting weekly starting Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2:00pm (weather permitting. The group meets in the Parish hall (use side entrance) from 2 to 4pm on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome. We supply the yarn and needles. Please come and join us as we make articles for various outreach programs.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Have you liked our Facebook Page at Saint Patrick's Milford PA?  
<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA-276881409441280>

Have you followed us on Twitter> (@stpatmilfordpa): [Church of St Patrick \(@stpatmilfordpa\)](https://twitter.com/stpatmilfordpa)

We have over 670 total followers on our combined social media! We will love to have you follow us for announcements, updates, spiritual posts and tweets and more.

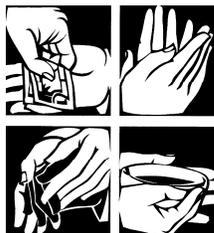
## PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Seeking volunteers to coordinate another Parish Pictorial Directory. The duties would include working with the photographer and parishioners to help create a new and updated directory. Having a parish directory is a great way of getting to know one another better. If you are interested in helping to do this, please call the parish office. Thank you.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 6-7

<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>David Stine</i>
<b>Communion Ministers</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Lelaina &amp; Julianna Hopper</i>
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Diane Dennis</i>
<b>Communion Ministers</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Carli Lock, Brooke Nielsen</i>



### Weekly Collection

March 24, 2019  
 TBA  
 This time last year  
 \$2,471.00

### Weekly Mortgage Offertory

March 24, 2019  
 \$ TBA  
 Year to Date July '18- Current  
 \$19,769.00  
 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 to make arrangements*

**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 Fourth Sunday of Lent | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

A man had two sons, and the younger took his share of inheritance and went to a distant country where he spent it all. Finding himself alone and hungry, he returned home to ask for forgiveness and become a servant to his family. The father welcomed him with love and rejoicing, the way God welcomes His people back from a sinful life when they truly want forgiveness.

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There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

LUKE 15:7

It took great faith for the young son to ask for forgiveness. Let us also believe in the truth as we FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Man	Y	O	U	N	G	E	R	E	T	U	R	N	E	D
Two	D	E	M	O	C	L	E	W	E	N	T	A	V	B
Sons	S	O	W	T	D	T	P	T	N	A	V	R	E	S
Father	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	N	E	S	S	C	R	I
Divided	E	A	N	A	V	S	N	R	M	M	A	O	Y	S
Property	D	D	T	S	I	A	T	S	A	M	A	U	T	P
Younger	I	E	L	H	D	S	A	R	E	H	G	N	H	R
Share	S	D	E	R	E	D	N	A	U	Q	S	T	I	O
Inheritance	T	E	R	D	D	R	C	R	T	C	S	R	N	P
Traveled	A	K	T	R	A	V	E	L	E	D	K	Y	G	E
Distant	N	S	M	R	A	F	A	M	I	N	E	J	N	R
Country	T	A	Y	R	G	N	U	H	O	P	E	N	O	T
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Everything														
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Hungry														
Became														
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Forgiveness														
Repentance														
Welcomed														
Open														
Arms														
Joy														

## Calendar

## Daily Prayer

### Monday

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

APRIL 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

APRIL 7

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

The gospels this week make it very clear toward the end of the week that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering

us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. But it is not a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.