

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

Remembering
August 26-Sept. 01



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Is 66:18-21
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

Gerri Maun
Pat & Carol Cordova

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Richard Dolansky
Ken & Pat Corcoran

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm

Joseph Sparano
JWilliam & Diana
O'Sullivan

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

Jean Macaluso
Lena Fitzpatrick

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

Dolores Kremer
Ray & Carol Proulx

SUNDAY

7:15am (SP)

Stephanie Tenerowicz
Bob & Linda Franzmann

8:30am (SJ)

Tyler Stead
Gert & Art Stead

11:00 (SP)

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

Just Come in the Side Door

This fragment is from a church ceiling fresco that crumbled and fell to the ground. It was eventually added to the Vatican collection. A piece of rubble is now a priceless object of art. Viewers look up at the apostle from below as he gazes toward Christ's divine glory.

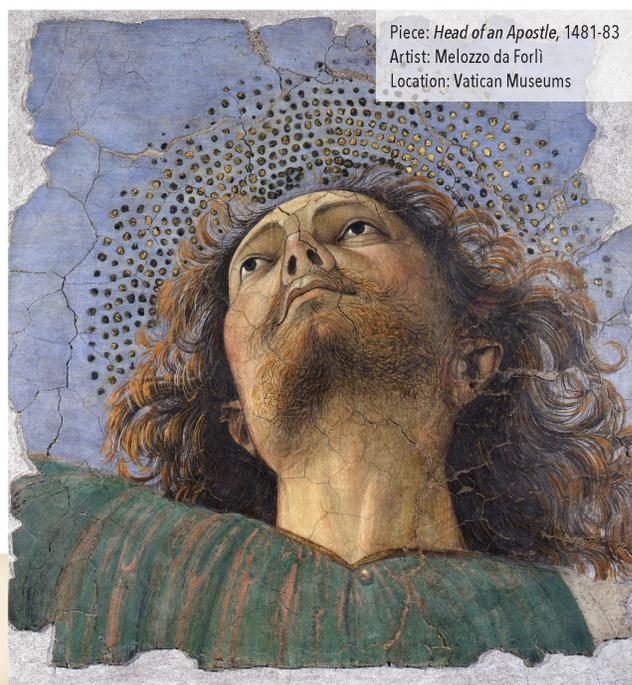
We also are striving to attain that heavenly vision, and Jesus advises us on how to realize it. We should work to enter the smaller gate, the narrow door. It's not the bigger main entrance that everyone uses. The narrow door is a less-traveled side entrance used by those who are close to the owner and his family. Christ invites us to be so familiar and comfortable with him that we come through the side door.

Many pass the Master's house, know where it is, but have lost the practice of stopping inside. They know about God, even pray occasionally, and don't hurt anyone. No doubt not hurting others is admirable, but there is so much more for someone baptized into Christ. We're not called to merely avoid hurting others but to have a deep, transforming experience of healing love that we then share with others.

Jesus' warning seems to be that when there is a mad rush to enter the front gate, those well-intentioned but out-of-practice souls who "don't know him" might find themselves struggling to squeeze in.

Jesus and the Church don't want that to happen to anyone. He invites us to get familiar, stop in often. He might say, "When you get here, just come in the side door!"

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Head of an Apostle*, 1481-83
Artist: Melozzo da Forlì
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Do I make getting to know our Lord in prayer a priority?

[Jesus said,] "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Luke 13:24

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

Are held the 4th Sunday of every month from 1-3 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you. **Please make a note that September 29th and is the 5th Sunday of the month. The Knights will be having their dinner on the 5th Sunday of September. The time will be the same, 1:00-3:00pm.**

FIRST FRIDAY

There is a Communion Service with the Sacred Heart Novena at St. Patrick's on the First Friday of every month at 12:00 Noon. Please plan to join us.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

Every first Saturday of the month, we will have First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at Saint Patrick's. We will begin at 11:30am, praying the Rosary, followed by a Communion Service and concluding with a Novena in honor to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The novena honors Mary by honoring Mary's gift of the Miraculous Medal to Christians. She gave us the gift when she appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in France in 1830. In one apparition, Mary showed her a vision, and she gave the young nun a mission to have that vision made into a medal. Mary told her that people who wear it will receive great favors, and she told her that they should wear the medals around their necks. The medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but the name was changed because of the number of miracles, healings and conversions reported by people who wore it faithfully. Please plan on joining us.

PCDC TRICKY TRAY

The Pike County Developmental Center will be holding a Tricky Tray on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Delaware Valley High School Cafeteria, Routes 6 & 209, Milford. Doors open at 4:00pm and calling starts at 6:00pm. Trays-Grand Prizes-50-50 Raffle. Refreshments available, NO ENTRY FEE.

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

September 6-8, 2019

Finding the Gift of God's Mercy in our Everyday Lives"

Directed by Rev. Richard Nalepa, CP of St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh.
St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center

Fall Preached Retreat - Begins Friday 7pm - Departure after the Noon Meal Sunday \$140 per person - Deposit is required. Registration is 7:00 pm Friday Evening. Begins at 7:30 pm and Departure is after the Noon meal on Sunday the (No meals are served Friday evening.) To Register or for more information; Call: Retreat Office: 570 586-4957 or email: kporter@epix.net Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflection, prayer service, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Liturgy. A deposit is required. For more information, please call the Retreat Office: 570 586-4957 or email kporter@epix.net.

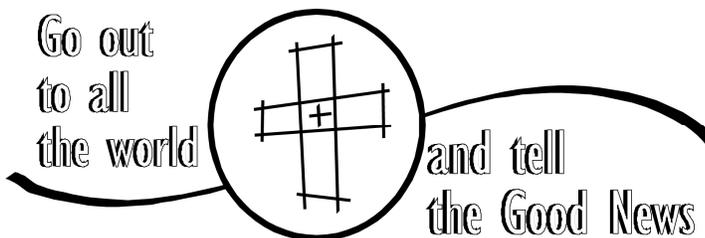
ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Looking for a member from St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's to help an elderly gentlemen who needs assistance with meals, light cleaning, and companionship. Saturday and Sunday coverage for Lunch 11-1, and dinner 4-6 (\$12.00/hour). Steady work for a mature and compassionate person, call Anita @ 845-303-7019.

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. PATRICK'S

There will be a training session here at St. Patrick's on Tuesday evening September 10th at 6:00pm. Anyone who plans to volunteer with the children must have this requirement. Please call the Parish Office of St. Patrick's if you have any questions and/or to sign up.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS In September, a new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in find out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non-baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, such as Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. We meet on Sunday afternoons for one hour. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. We promise to make you feel very welcome!



The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Aug. 31-Sept. 01

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Declan Carroll</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Diane Heater</i> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
Altar Servers <i>Ryan & Eric</i> <i>Schanzenbacher</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Neal & Michele Bensley</i>
Altar Server <i>Daniel & Cole Corcoran</i>
Milford Senior Care 8/25 Lois Lazarczyk <i>9/01 Carol Cordova</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



JR CHOIR & ADULT CHOIR

Calling NEW and returning choir members for St. Joseph's Jr. Choir and St. Joseph's Adult Choir. Each choir sings for 2 Sunday Masses every month and rehearses on Wednesdays. The Adult Choir rehearses from 5:10pm-6:10pm (starting Sept. 4th) and the Jr. choir (Grades 3-12) rehearses from 6:25pm -7:25pm (starting Sept. 11th) . See Mare Bradley after Mass or call her at 845-754-3620. Try it, you'll like it! It is a wonderful experience and we have a lot of fun together. When you pray, please include prayers for the choirs, seasoned and new members. Hope to hear from you soon. Thank you!

ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Altar Servers. If anyone 3rd Grade and above is interested in becoming an Altar Server please call the Parish Office or speak with Father Joseph, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Mike after Mass.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday & Thursday 9am—3pm.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 20th from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn (or more than one!) assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." (Did you know that long ago, the congregation would bring the bread and wine from their own possession? Nowadays, all you have to do is walk it reverently down the aisle.) You are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Just let an Usher know before Mass that you'd like to present the gifts, or if an usher approaches you to ask, please consider saying yes. Active participation will enrich our liturgy!

TRI-STATE PREGNANCE CENTER

On behalf of the Tri-State Pregnancy Center Board of Directors and Staff, we thank you for your continued support of the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. St. Joseph's Parish's generously donated **\$2750.74!** Thank you so much!!

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Marissa Blair
By
Elizabeth Blair

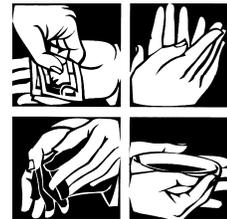
Weekly Offering

August 18, 2019
\$ 4589.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

August 19, 2018
\$ 5037.16



"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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IT'S TIME

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to these children"-Matthew 19:14

Register your children for Religious Education. Registration due August 1st! Please take a registration form off the bulletin board in the Narthex. Any questions please contact Jo-Marie Totten at patsdre@ptd.net.

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars. The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 8th from 12:00-5:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person, \$25.00 a family. Tickets can be purchased after the Masses starting July 20th through Sept. 1 in the Narthex. Sign up sheets for volunteers to set up and clean up and to help sell tickets are on the table in the Narthex. Music by DJ Productions, BBQ, desserts, games, tricky-tray and 50/50. Come one! Come all! A fabulous way of meeting your church family. Donations for Tricky Tray would be appreciated. Any questions, please contact Bernadette 570-296-5307 or by email bernieod2002@yahoo.com

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Ava Rose DeMeo** and **Caroline Joanna Gaspar** WHO WERE RECENTLY BAPTIZED HERE AT St. Patrick's Church. God Bless you Ava and Caroline.

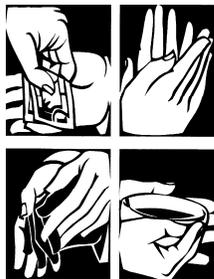
SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP

We would like to thank everyone for your generous donations of yarn and supplies. Currently we are not accepting any donations at this time. If you would like to find out more about our group, please call the Parish Office. We meet Wednesdays in the Church Hall from 2-4. Beginners, experts and those who would like to learn are welcome to join!

A NOTE FROM ST. PATRICK'S MUSIC MINISTRY Thinking of getting more involved in your parish? Do you like to sing? Would you like to learn to play a bell? Please consider joining St. Patrick's Music Ministry! We will begin our choir year in September and are currently looking to include new members, maybe even YOU! Please speak to Rich, our Director of Music, any of our Music Ministers...OR come to open rehearsals during September beginning Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30PM for our Choir or Monday, September 9 at 7:30 for Bell Choir.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE August 31-Sept. 1

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Joe Casmus
Communion Ministers Pat Corcoran, Midge Curreri
Altar Servers Brooke & Bennett Nielsen
Sunday 7:15am
Lector Tom Hogan
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers Donna Hersca, Ray Weeks
Altar Servers Caterina Catizone, Nicole Traxler



Weekly Collection
August 11, 2019
\$2,973.00
This time last year \$2,889.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
August 11, 2019
\$977.00
Year to Date July'19- Current
\$4,157.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Total collected for the year 2018 \$39,986.00

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.

Gospel Today

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 13:22-30

Jesus tells us entering heaven will be as difficult for some as entering through a narrow gate. Today's disciples who live and behave like Jesus every day will find salvation with the prophets and people from around the world.

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"People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God."

LUKE 13:29

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Lord	A	J	F	A	I	L	I	M	I	T	A	T	I	N	G
Advised	H	H	A	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	S	F	R	E	O
Followers	G	S	T	C	E	R	A	T	T	E	M	P	T	S	D
Strive	U	A	A	U	O	D	B	S	W	L	A	C	K	R	L
Enter	O	L	I	H	O	B	R	A	A	E	L	P	O	E	P
Heaven	R	V	G	N	I	S	A	E	L	P	S	T	U	W	A
Through	H	A	N	U	K	R	H	L	I	F	E	H	R	O	E
Narrow	T	T	A	B	L	E	A	D	V	I	S	E	D	L	A
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Many	D	O	S	T	R	I	V	E	W	A	A	V	T	O	E
Lack	E	N	T	E	R	W	O	R	R	A	N	E	A	F	S
Strength	R	E	C	L	I	N	E	D	E	C	Y	N	G	E	U
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Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 26

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:1-8

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

AUGUST 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

AUGUST 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mk 6:17-29

Friday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 1

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Lk 14:1, 7-14

Daily Prayer

The old Baltimore Catechism defined Prayer as "raising the mind and heart to God." It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is "heart to heart." So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love or if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-selfish ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God. Praying can often become easier, more personal and intimate. This week, we can go from

hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter "the narrow gate", by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day to day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word "awake" and to carry it all day long. "Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day." We may want to ask, "Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gifts."

As we prepare for Sunday, we can begin to reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, "Lord, help me humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren't performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for others."