

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

Rememóerínġ  
August 27-Sept. 2

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 26, 2018

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

**MONDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Dolores & Calvin Baisley**  
*Jacki Tescione*

**TUESDAY**

**12:00pm**

✠ **Fred Prandato**  
*Phil Brennan*

**WEDNESDAY**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Annie Catalano**  
*Judy Reilly*

**THURSDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Lottie Kurtick**  
*Anna Lucas*

**FRIDAY**

**No Mass**

**SATURDAY**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **Intentions of Marilyn Curry**  
*The Bradley Family*

**5:30pm (SP)**

✠ **Angela Gleason**  
*Matt & Carol Osterberg*

**SUNDAY**

**8:30am (SJ)**

✠ **The People of St. Joseph's Parish**

**7:15am (SP)**

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

**11:00am (SP)**

✠ **Charles & Rachel Abbott**  
*The Moglia Family*

## Our Legacy of Faith

We all want to leave a legacy, to be remembered when we're gone. A legacy comes from faithfully and lovingly living your convictions. Joshua challenges the Israelites, making a definitive statement as their leader and head of his family: "We will serve the LORD." Notice that it isn't a question of if you will serve someone, but *who* you will serve.

The easiest way to find out who you are serving is to look where your heart, thoughts, and worries are. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21).

Peter also had this hard choice placed to him, and he spoke up as the first pope, the head of a family of believers. When Jesus revealed the doctrine of the Eucharist, that it was truly his body and blood, many left him over this difficult saying.

Jesus asks the apostles if they want to leave, too. He could have said this was just a symbol—that those who

left had misunderstood. But he doesn't change his teaching. He merely asks the apostles if they accept and believe him.

Peter's answer, like Joshua's, is a fundamental option. He finds in Jesus' words eternal life. There is nowhere else to go when you have tasted the goodness and truth of Jesus. As hard as some of those truths may be, for Peter there is no turning away. Following Jesus faithfully will lead him to lay down his life for Jesus, crucified upside down, and buried on

Vatican Hill where you can visit his tomb today. How's that for a legacy? —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*What are my convictions, and what ideal do I love and live for?*

*Will that ideal last in time and into eternity? There is still time to adjust.*



Piece: *The Crucifixion of St. Peter*, 1546-1550  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: Pauline Chapel, Vatican City

*[Joshua said,] "Choose today whom you will serve.... As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."*

*Joshua 24:15*

### 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

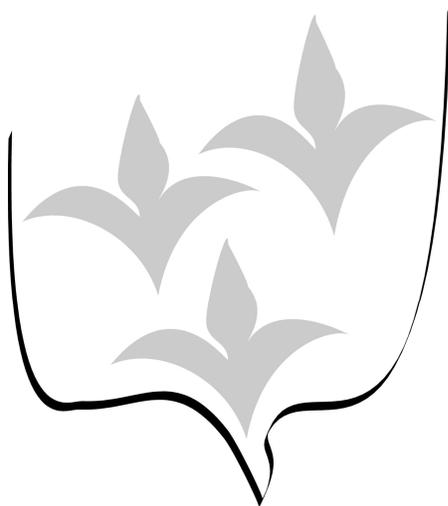
### DEANERY CHOIR HEALING SERVICE

#### *Holy Spirit Rain Down!*

Sunday, August 26, 2018 3PM at St. John Neumann Church, Lord's Valley, PA The DEANERY CHOIR will be presenting their annual Healing Service, **HOLY SPIRIT RAIN DOWN!** Join the Deanery Choir for an exciting and inspiring program of PRAISE, MEDITATIONS, PRAYERS FOR HEALING, AND, OF COURSE, MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC! For additional information join us on Facebook: Deanery Choir.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL RETREAT

We will have the opportunity to come together with fellow parishioners and members of other parishes to reflect on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: The Joy of the Gospel. Bishop Joseph Pepe, JCD, Bishop Emeritus of Las Vegas, Nevada will help us understand this wonderful document and how to make it part of our lives. Bishop Pepe will be with us on the weekend of August 25 & 26, speaking at the masses. The Retreat will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (August 27, 28, 29) at 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the evening and Bishop Pepe will preach the homilies. Please set this time aside to grow closer to the Lord. All are welcome!



*It is the Spirit that gives life*

### LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

St. Patrick's Church Office—conference Room, 111 E. High St., Milford, PA 18337. A 10 Week Session will begin September 6, 2018. Cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. Registration begins at 5:30pm on September 6, 2018. First class follows after registration. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy at Rysigner@aol.com or phone (917) 640-9587.

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

### DIocese OF SCRANTON HUMAN RESOURCES/SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children.

During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively.

Please consider joining your community on to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018, 1 P.M.**

**818 Main Street, Saint Luke Parish, Stroudsburg**

**To register, please contact the parish at 570.421.9097**

### DIocese OF SCRANTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018.

Buses will be departing from various locations. Approximate time of arrival will be 11:00 a.m. followed by a Welcome in the Upper church and Tour of Faith. 12:30 Rosary for Word Peace at the Upper church. 1:00 to 3:00pm, free time for lunch, touring, private prayer. 2:00pm Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church 3:00pm Gather in the Upper church to prepare for Mass. 3:15pm Pontifical Mass with The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist. 4:45pm buses depart and approximate return time to point of departure is 10:30. The cost is \$55.00 person plus lunch. Need to sign up by August 31, 2018. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Church. Contact Aedeem Hansen (917) 825-3962 or Annette Petry (845) 283-7228. Bring a bag lunch.

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
Sept. 1-2

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Declan Carroll</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Jack Reilly</i> <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Lukas Schutz</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Terry McDonough</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i> <i>Anna Blackman</i>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>8/26 Lois Lazarczyk</b> <i>9/02 Carol Cordova</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory of  
**Pat Addio**  
by  
The Family

## BOOKCASE

Check out the bookcase in the front entrance of the church. We have added new books, some for young children. There are more CDs, which are great to pop in your car and listen to and learn more about our faith! They are free but a small donation is appreciated.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Have you registered your child for CCD Class?? Blank Registration forms are on the black tables located at the front and back entrances to the Church.

## ST. JOSEPH'S JUNIOR CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Our Jr choir will be forming soon! The Jr. Choir sings at the 8:30 Mass on Sundays. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to join. Please call Mrs. Bradley at 845-754-3620.

## 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.

## ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

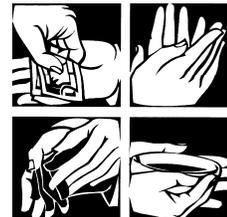
Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 21, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. The food pantry would like to start a new team to help with daytime distribution. We need help Fridays 12 - 2pm. Please call or just show up Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

Weekly Offering

**August 19, 2018**  
\$5036.16

Last Year

**August 20, 2017**  
\$ 4506.00



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."**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION GOING ON

**NOW!** Registration for Religious Education was due August 1, 2018. If you have not already registered your child please do so. The first day of class is September 16th at 9:30. If you are new to the parish and need to register your child, we will also need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. For more information please contact JoMarie Totten at the office, 570 296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. Forms are available on bulletin board in Narthex or in Parish Office.

## ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—tchogan@ptd.net or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

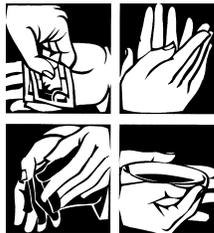
## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

The parish community of Saint Patrick's is warmly invited to attend the 2018 Parish Picnic Sunday, September 9th, noon-5pm. Record attendance is expected this year as we welcome our new Pastor, Father Joseph. A full afternoon of food and fun for everyone will include: a delicious BBQ, with "Chef" Kathleen on the grill, Dessert Bake-off, Basket Raffle, 50-50 raffle, board games, face-painting, musical magic by DJ Joe and much more. Chairing the picnic this year are Pat and Jack Boyle and Patrick and Cheryl McCarthy. Parish volunteers are needed. Please express your interest in contributing your talents as a volunteer by emailing: pgm1@ptd.net, Jackb18337@gmail.com.

### See you September 9th! And... *Everyone likes to be a Winner!*

Please consider creating a "Tricky Tray" basket for our parish picnic. Here are some possible ideas: "Back to School," "Baseball Lovers Basket," "Car Care Kit," "Halloween Fun," "Lottery Tickets," "Gardener's Delight," "Chef's Kitchen Items," "Italian Festa," "Mexican Fiesta," "Crafty Person's Corner," "Chocolate Lover's Delight," "Pet Care Essentials," "Outdoor Grilling Tools," "Tea Lover's Delight," "Basket of Cheer,".....The suggested value of each "basket" is \$25.00. Please sign up on the Tricky Tray Sheet in the Narthex or contact Carol or Ray Proulx at 570-296-7645 or proulx@ptd.net.

**FOOD PANTRY** St. Patrick's serves Friday August 24th at 6:00pm



Weekly Collection  
**August 19, 2018**  
**\$ 3,983.00**  
*This time last year \$*  
 This time last year  
 \$2,543.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
**\$ 967.00**  
**Year to Date July '18- Current**  
**\$3,124.00**  
 Goal for the Year \$100,000  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE Sept. 1-2

<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Jack Boyle
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca
<b>Altar Servers</b> Caterina Catizone, Riley Mapes
<b>Sunday 7:15am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Tom Hogan
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Karen Loeschorn, Annette Petry
<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Cheryl McCarthy
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Ray Weeks, Catherine Umberto
<b>Altar Servers</b> Carli Lock, Nicole Traxler

*The Sanctuary Candle  
 burns in memory of  
**Kevin M. Cox**  
 requested by  
 Stanley & Arlene Dutkus*

**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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:60-69

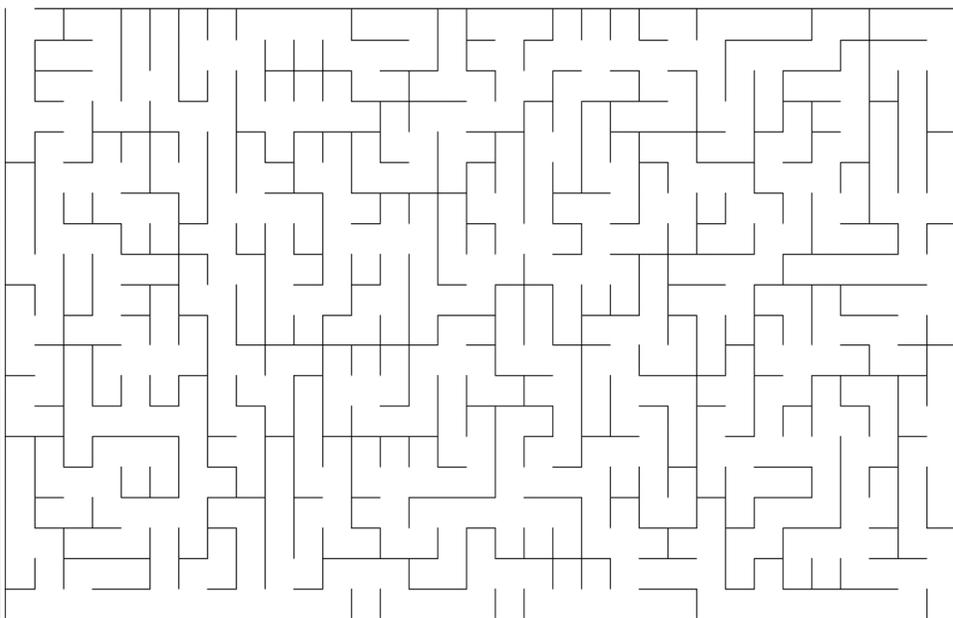
Some of Jesus' followers lacked the faith to believe Jesus' teachings and went back to their former lives. The Apostles had strong faith and stayed with Jesus.

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It is the spirit  
that gives life.

JOHN 6:63

Start Today



Finish today, but never end. Always read and believe God's words of eternal life.

FOLLOW JESUS THROUGH THE BIBLE AND SAY,  
"YES, JESUS, I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE HOLY ONE OF GOD."

ask ourselves some probing questions.

*In what ways am I a hypocrite? How do I use a double standard - harsher on others than I am on myself? How do I like to appear as a religious person, but actually lack mercy and deeds of charity? Am I a good steward of the gifts with which God has entrusted me?*

*As I grow in the ability to reflect throughout the day, I might try to recognize my inner spirit, my attitudes, the ways I respond. It is a way of staying alert and places me with my Lord in conversation, in the background as I make decisions, as I experience my reactions to events and people. Sometimes, I might just be saying "Thank you, Lord," expressing gratitude for what I've been given. At other times, that will quickly turn to a reflection on how I will be a good steward of those gifts. Hearing the readings this week, I might want to monitor how my fears or my laziness might prevent me from being bold about using the gifts the Lord has given me to build up the Kingdom in my world. Preparing for celebrating God's love on Sunday, I can focus on the readings for and ask to be more humble in my life. Who is "the poor, the crippled, the lame" person who needs to be invited more deeply into my life? Help me Lord to hear your word to me, even when it challenges me. Open my heart and guide me to use my talents to serve you. Teach me to be generous, Lord.*

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

## Calendar

### Daily Prayer

#### Monday

August 27

St. Monica

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12

Mt 23:13-22

#### Tuesday

August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17

Mt 23:23-26

#### Wednesday

August 29

Passion of

St. John the Baptist

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18

Mk 6:17-29

#### Thursday

August 30

Weekday

1 Cor 1:1-9

Mt 24:42-51

#### Friday

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 1:17-25

Mt 25:1-13

#### Saturday

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 25:14-30

#### Sunday

September 2

Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Like physical exercises which build strength and stamina, these exercises for finding intimacy with God in our everyday lives involve practice. Nobody ever got good at soccer or baseball, running or dancing without careful practice that becomes a habit, a way of life. And, no one even attempts such a regimen without great desire. The same is true with having a better relationship with our Lord. It takes great desire to sustain a routine of reflection and affective, intimate conversation. Such prayerful focus and connectedness takes discipline, but it quickly becomes natural. And, the rewards are phenomenal.*

*We can practice this week by asking ourselves some deep questions in the background of our life each day. Beginning each day by briefly expressing a desire to be more self-aware and transparent with our Lord, we can*