

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

Remembering
Jan. 27-Feb. 2



January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 8:23—9:3

1 Cor 1:10–13

Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–1

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Dale Greeves

Frank & Diane Heater

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ Jean Leisenheimer
& Family

Donna & Stuart Rivera

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm(SP)

✠ For the People of
Saint Patrick's

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Margaret Boyle
Ann Dilger

FRIDAY

NO Mass

SATURDAY

1st Saturday

Rosary @ 11:30

Communion Service
12:00pm

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Bernard Cunningham
Margaret Cunningham

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Thomas McCooey
Krista Van Orden

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ For the People of
St. Josephs Parish

11:00 (SP)

✠ Harold McGlew
Dolores & Christine

Is Christ Divided?

"You're breaking the back of the body of Christ!" Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: "I belong to Paul...I belong to Apollos...I belong to Cephas" (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on their baptizer, the members themselves are superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here, because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ; we are all God's beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How do you act toward someone who understands faith differently? Do you respect their viewpoint or automatically ignore them?
- ★ Which religious voices do you listen to? Why?

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

MATTHEW 4:17



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.

BON SECOURS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

in many areas of the hospital. If you would like to join a special group of people, with a special gift to give please contact Amy Moore, Volunteer Manager at 845-858-7162 or email Amy_moore@bshsi.org

WARMING STATION NEEDS YOUR

HELP! The Tri-State Warming Station in Port Jervis, is open for its fourth season serving the homeless in our midst. Every night until Spring, the warming station will provide shelter for those without it, along with hot meals and hot showers. The need is real-we welcome as many as 20 guests each night- and it takes a lot of volunteer energy to make this work. Some of your fellow parishioners are already helping out, and you can too. Volunteers to cook and deliver dinner or to stay overnight to help watch over the guests are especially needed. Financial support is welcome, too. To get involved, or for more information, contact Kevin (from St. Joseph's) at kevinwalter@earthlink.net or (570) 296-6902.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

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.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (this Sunday) as Word of God Sunday. This first of an annual celebration is a special day to honor, study and share Sacred Scripture.

Word of God Sunday is an invitation to Catholics everywhere, to deepen their appreciation, love and witness to God and His Word.

Word of God Sunday is the perfect opportunity to begin or continue to read the Bible at home, sharing Sacred Scripture with family and friends, and being the witnesses of the Word that God calls us to be.

K OF C 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Sponsored by United Way. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. Pike County dial directly 855-567-5341.

MEN SAVE THE DATE!

The 6th Annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. The theme will be "Called to Fatherhood". The focus will be on St. Joseph, the earthly father to his Divine Son, Jesus Christ and husband of our Blessed Mother Mary. He is our example of earthly fatherhood as leader, protector and provider for the Holy Family. As Joseph met the challenges of fatherhood in his day, we must meet them in ours. More information will follow as to how to register and sign up for this conference.

COURT MADONNA NO. 114 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS TRICKY TRAY

Mark your calendars for Sunday February 16, 2020 at St. Mary's Most Sacred Heart Hall, 48 Ball St., Port Jervis, NY. Doors open at 12 noon, drawing begins at 2:00pm. Benefit...Community Charities. Tickets: 25 for \$1.00. Please contact Patricia Niosi at 914-443-8222 or Barbara Drw at 845 856-2624.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SALE

At all the Masses on Superbowl weekend, Saturday February 1 and Sunday February 2, the Knights of Columbus will be selling quarts of soup made by local chefs. The proceeds go to Hands of Hope for the Homeless in Pike County. Please plan to pick up some delicious soup at St. Joseph's at the Saturday 4:00pm Mass or at the Sunday 8:30 Mass, or St. Patrick's at the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass or the Sunday 11:00am Mass. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors..

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb 1-2

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>Ryan & Eric</i> <i>Schanzenbacher</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Benjamin Rivera</i> <i>Lukas Schutz</i>
Milford Senior Care 01/26 Lois Lazarczyk <i>2/02 Chuck Pike</i>

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Cristian Community of Faith, **Callan Joseph Guerra**, who was baptized here at St. Joseph's last weekend. God Bless Callan!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$40,000.00. to date, \$39,463.00 99% of our appeal goal has been achieved due to your kindness and generosity. To those of you who have pleased, THANK-YOU! Those of you who have not pledged, please consider. The Appeal helps support Catholic, Social Services, Clergy formation, Parish Life and Ministry just to name a few.

TRICKY TRAY - COURT MADONNA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Sunday, February 16 at St. Mary's Hall Doors open at 12noon drawings begin at 2:00pm Tickets 25 for \$1.00 For more info call Pat Niosi 914-443-8222 or Barbara Drew 845-856-2624

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Tuesday of every Month at 11:00 am. The next scheduled Mass is Thursday, February 12th. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 7th from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Karen Sweeney @570-491-2228 or Tom Hogan @ 570-872-4925. If you wish you may also send the name via email to either Karen at sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or Tom at tchogan@ptd.net.

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn 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." 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!

The Sanctuary Candle
burns

For the Intentions of

Erin Walsh

By

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

January 19, 2020

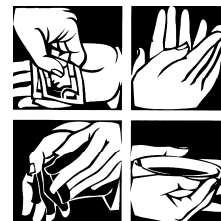
\$ 2981.30

Last Year

January 20, 2019

\$ 2545.00

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."

SAVE THE DATE

A St. Patrick's family needs our help! A spaghetti & meatball dinner is being held Saturday February 8th in the Church Hall to help defer financial burdens for John & Jeannemarie Passaro and their 2 two sons. The cost is \$12.00 per person which includes dinner & dessert. You may stay for dinner or take-out is also available. There will be a 50/50 raffle. All monies go directly to the Passaro family.

USHERS AND GREETERS

We are looking for volunteers to become ushers and greeters at both the 5:30pm and the 11:00am Masses. Please contact the Parish Office to inquire.

FOOD PANTRY

The next time St. Patrick's serves at the Food Pantry will be February 14th at 6:00pm

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

The group has made donations of handmade good to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center as well as local nursing homes and the Port Jervis Warming Center. We will not holding regular meetings during the winter months. We will resume our Wednesday meetings in the spring. The exact date will be announced in future bulletins.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the St. Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church with a dollar bill wrapped around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it with you to Mass on February 2, 2020. All soup and dollars will be used for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Help feed the hungry. God Bless you for caring and sharing!

DIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

We have raised \$27,331.00 (77%) of our goal. It's not too late to consider donating to the Annual Appeal. God Bless you!

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail to Tom Hogan at thogan@ptd.net or 570 872-4925.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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?

(@Stpatsmilfordpa): [Church of St Patrick \(@stpatsmilfordpa\)](https://twitter.com/Stpatsmilfordpa) | [Twitter](https://twitter.com/Stpatsmilfordpa)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COFFEE AND CHAT

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Coffee and Chat in the Narthex following the 11:00 Mass the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please take time to stop, have a cup of coffee or juice and visit with your fellow parishioners. It's a great time to catch up.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 1-2

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Brooke & Bennett Nielsen

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Abby & Anna Vogel



Weekly Collection

January 19, 2020
\$ 2,187.00 (snow storm)

This time last year
\$1,314.00 (snow storm)

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

January 19, 2020
\$ 391.00

Year to Date July'19- Current
\$24,087.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of

Timothy Greeves

requested by
His Family

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.

Dear Padre,

What are deacons' duties? Can they preside at wedding ceremonies? What about baptisms and other duties usually reserved for priests?

The Catholic Church has two kinds of deacons: transitional deacons, seminarians in the last stage of their studies for the priesthood, and permanent deacons, men who will remain deacons.

Transitional and permanent deacons can baptize, give homilies at Mass, give blessings (for example, the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day), perform the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at wedding and funeral services where there is no Mass.

Neither type of deacon can administer the sacrament of reconciliation. They can visit and bless the sick, but they cannot anoint them. Deacons can distribute holy Communion, but they cannot consecrate the bread and wine.

Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons can be married. If a deacon's wife dies, he may not remarry except in certain circumstances, for example, if his children are still very young. Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried.

Deacons are vital to the life of the Church. Many permanent deacons have families and full-time jobs in addition to their Church work. We don't thank deacons and their families enough for the many sacrifices they make for the people of God.

—Fr. Donald Kirchner, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



DEACON, AT LEFT / CNS PHOTO SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It deeply troubles me when I see a timetable in a parish: "From such a time to such a time." ...Don't worry about the timetable: have the courage to look past the timetable. In this way, dear deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful.

—JUBILEE OF DEACONS, MAY 29, 2016



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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 27

Weekday

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of
the Church

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

JANUARY 29

Weekday

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

JANUARY 30

Weekday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29

Mk 4:21-25

Friday

JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco,
Priest

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a,
13-17

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation
of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22-32

Daily Prayer

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments before we get out of bed, while in the shower or traveling to work, cooking or walking the dog - we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears

and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

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