

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

Rememóeríng
May 21-27

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Lydia Vargas**
The Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✚ **The Martorana Family**
Ray Weeks

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Lou Black**
Colleen McCarthy

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Margaret Fontana**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Joan Grau**
Angelina Yanick

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✚ **Deceased Members of
the Lapriore & Drake
Families**

11:00am (SP)

✚ *For The People of
St. Patrick's*



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 20, 2018

Pentecost (B)

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Patience of Mary

The image of Mary—surrounded by the apostles in the upper room, awaiting the Holy Spirit—has a name: *Regina Apostolorum*, Queen of the Apostles. She is enthroned as Queen Mother because, when her Son the King was enthroned and lifted up, he told her, “Behold your son.” With those words he entrusted Mary to the care of John, the apostles, and the whole Church. As any good queen and mother, she defends her own.

She is also called the Spouse of the Spirit, because it was in union with the Spirit that she engendered the Son. She also engenders him in the apostles and in our souls through her powerful intercession and waiting on the Spirit.

One of Mary's best qualities is waiting patiently until God's power arrives. After the annunciation she waited nine months with Jesus in her womb. Then she waited some thirty years while Jesus grew and prepared for his mission. She waited during his public life and watched as his fame spread, but also as his enemies plotted. She waited at the foot of the cross and endured that unending Holy Saturday until the resurrection. And she waited patiently on the first Pentecost Sunday for the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit promised by her Son. She knew he would come through, as he always did.

We get impatient with God and want him to respond on our timetables according to our expectations. He waits to give us a chance to adapt our hearts to his plan and timing. He waits until the time is just right.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How often do I seek Mary's intercession or help?

Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. How can you practice more patience this week?



Piece: *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*, 1608-1609
Artist: Guido Reni
Location: Vatican Museums

*But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.
John 16:13*

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

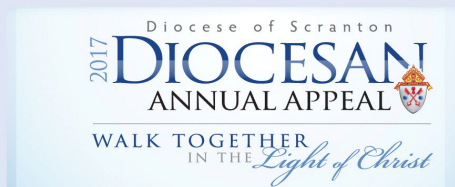
All parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal instruction. Please contact your Parish Office to make arrangements for this opportunity for spiritual renewal

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

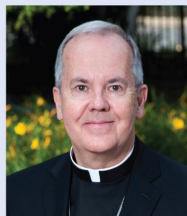
The Sacrament of the Sick is for the comfort and strength of the ill. It is not just intended for those in immediate danger of death. It is a help and comfort to the living. If a parishioner is homebound or



Thank you for helping us reach
our \$5 million goal
to maintain Diocesan ministries and services

By walking together in the
light of Christ, you bring
joy and hope to all who seek our
assistance.

When we open our hearts to
extend God's mercy and love to
our sisters and brothers, we grow
as disciples of Jesus Christ.



MOST REVEREND JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
BISHOP OF SCRANTON

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from January 22 - 27, 2019. World Youth Day is an initiative from St. John Paul II to gather Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18 -35. If you, or a young adult you may know, are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at (570) 207-2213 x1155 or email Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org.

The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Scranton

Saturday, June 23, 2018 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Byron Complex, The University of Scranton

Featuring:

Judy Landrieu Klein: Faith Through It All

Father Richard McAlear: Ministry of Hope and Healing
Music by 'His Own'

Mass Celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera
Megan Murphy: Host

For information or to register:

dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference

ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISHES!!

It's Vacation Bible School Time. It will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Milford. The date is July 9-13th from 9am—12:00pm. Monday-Friday. Due to the Diocese Safe Environment protocols we now have to have everyone from the age of 14 and up complete the necessary clearances in order to volunteer. This process can take up to 6 weeks to complete. If you are interested or even think that you might be interested please contact Jo-Marie Totten 570 296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at High Point Country Club, Registration 10:00-11:00. Shotgun Start 12:00PM. Lunch, on Course—dinner @ Erie Trackside after Golf. Scramble format, assorted Golf Prizes and contests. Putting contest 11:00AM. \$100.00 per golfer—please pay by May 9th. Contact Benny Marasa (570) 296-5564, Tom Hogan (570) 296-6224 or John Piazza (570) 296-8678, Steve Riordan (945) 629-3642, Michael Braun (845) 283-7461 or Warren Ponds (914) 443-3475.

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 consider picking up a baby bottle from the display. Fill it with loose change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday June 17th. The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located in Milford, PA and has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 25 years. Look for the baby bottle display soon at the front entrance to the Church.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 26-27

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Stanley Lazarczyk, Joe Price, Bill Reed, Tom McMullen</i>
Altar Servers <i>Ella Carroll Lucas Helms</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Terry McDonough</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Neal & Michele Bensley, Larry Marcial, Carol Cordova</i>
Altar Server <i>Draven Nitecki Joseph Loughney</i>
Milford Senior Care 5/20 Lois Lazarczyk 5/27 Chuck Pike

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Angela Ricciardi

by
Anne Crine

BACCALAUREATE MASS

will be held Sunday June 10th at our 8:30 am Mass. Invitations have been mailed along with a Biography request. If you are or know a graduating Senior who has not received an Invitation, please contact the Parish Office at 570-491-2618. Biographies should be mailed or emailed to Anna Blackman 302 Ave. G Matamoras, PA 18336 or Christine Marcial 710 Ave. H Matamoras, PA 18336 and must be returned before June 1st.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RWB RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus Council 13935 will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses to support two great causes, Special Olympics Area P and Vetstock in Milford. Vetstock is a local organization for American Veterans. Area P covers children with special needs in Pike, Wayne and Luzerne Counties. Tickets can also be bought from any Knight. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

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!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, June 8, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). 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

COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY!

Sunday, May 20th. A variety of foods will be available including sugar-free! All are welcome!

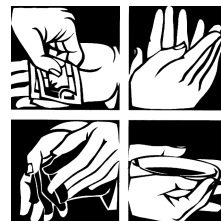
Weekly Offering

May 13, 2018
\$ TBA

Last Year

May 14, 2017
\$4217.06

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."

ST. PATRICK'S MASS SCHEDULE Mass at St. Patrick's on Memorial Day at 10:00. also...

Starting June 3rd and continuing through Columbus Day weekend, there will be at 7:15am Mass on Sunday morning.

LEGION OF MARY TO PRAY FOR YOU

As one of the works of The Legion of Mary, we would like to pray for peoples' intentions. These prayers would be in conjunction with our rosary at our weekly meetings, the Legion of Mary pray the rosary before Mass and our own personal rosaries to strengthen the cause for the Beatification of the Servants of God Frank Duff and Alphonsus Lambe and Venerable Edel Quinn. After Easter, there will be small prayer boxes available in the vestibule by the statue of St. Patrick and in the narthex for anyone to drop their intentions into. These intentions will be gathered and prayed for weekly. If you or anyone experience any blessings as a result of these prayers, the Legion would be interested in knowing. Please write the blessing in a note and put them in the prayer box. Thank. The Legion of Mary says the rosary at 11:20 before the Tuesday and Wednesday Mass. We would love to have you join us.

PHP FLEA MARKET NEWS

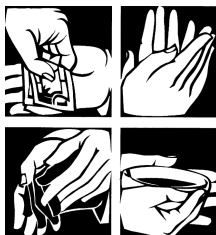
Our annual Flea Market will be held on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday July 22nd. Please check future bulletins for more information. If you would like to help at the flea Market, we are having a meeting on Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30 in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

After many years of good and faithful service, Jeanne Hoffman has decided to step down as leader of the St. Patrick's 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.

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

Did you take a baby bottle home on Mother's Day? Don't forget to return your change-filled baby bottle on Father's Day weekend. Thank you for your support of the Tri-State Pregnancy Center.



Weekly Collection
May 13, 2018
\$3,324.00
This time last year
\$2,972.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$837.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$38,096.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 26-27

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)	
Lector	<i>Jack Boyle</i>
Communion Ministers	
<i>Dean & Arlene Quirk, Annette Petry</i>	
Altar Servers	
<i>Nicholas Dinos, Carli Lock</i>	
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	<i>Ray Proulx</i>
Communion Ministers	
<i>Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira, Colleen Sheldon</i>	
Altar Servers	
<i>Vincent & Isabella Saski</i>	



The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Leith Hoffman
requested by
Jeanne Hoffman

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.

This is a week we can look at letting go -- of riches, honors, pride. In these Ordinary Time days we can hand it all over to Jesus and ask for the trust we need in our lives. We can hand over our fears and jealousy, our titles and our possessions - anything that has become too important in our lives can get in the way of how close we allow ourselves to be with Jesus.

As we go through our week, in the smallest moments of the day, we can beg Jesus for the strength of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we awaken in the morning, and in the everyday moments of our lives, an awareness of our desires before Jesus can change our attitudes toward these chores and see them as sacred moments of invitation from the God who loves us with such fire and compassion.

Letting go, releasing, giving things up: it's a struggle for all of us. Perhaps we can sit for a moment with the rich young man. When he returned to Jesus looking for the easy way out, Jesus

Monday

May 21
Weekday
Jas 3:13-18
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

May 22
Weekday
Jas 4:1-10
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

May 23
Weekday
Jas 4:13-17
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

May 24
Weekday
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:41-50

Friday

May 25
Weekday
Jas 5:9-12
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

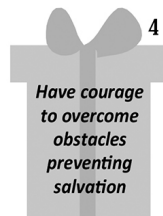
May 26
St. Philip Neri,
Priest
Jas 5:13-20
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

May 27
Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20



Dear Jesus, You said to your Apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Please Jesus, help me be worthy, give me the grace to receive the Spirit, so I can be blessed with the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Draw a line from each numbered "gift of the spirit" to its matching numbered "gift wrapped" meaning.

1 - WISDOM

2 - UNDERSTANDING

3 - COUNSEL

4 - FORTITUDE

5 - KNOWLEDGE

6 - PIETY

7 - FEAR OF THE LORD

"looked at him and loved him" before he said anything else to him.

Jesus understands our deepest fears and our motivations. But despite or maybe because of that, he looks at us and loves us, endlessly - not restricted in any way by our own selfishness or unwillingness to change.

Dear Lord, you know how filled I am with fears. Let each moment of anxiety today be a reminder to open my life, my heart and my soul to the love and courage you offer me. I know that if only I could trust in you more, it would change my life.

"He went away sad, for he had many possessions!" Let me turn these apprehensions over to you. I beg you to give me the wisdom and strength I need to trust more and to fear less. Teach me that it's OK to stop clinging to the fears I have known for so long and that I can embrace the freedom you offer me. Let me be less fear-full and more generous.

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