

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

Rememóeríng
Jan. 14-20

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **James McAndrew**
Leonard Balch

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Albert Mickel** *Carol & Ray Proulx*

Wednesday

12:00pm

✠ **Timothy Greeves**
Dale & Pat Greeves

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Charles Lasher**
Bill & Mary Gaa

Friday

✠ **No Mass**

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Jack Shannon**
by Shirley Shannon

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Deacon Cliff**
The Parishioners of Saint Patrick's

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **Joseph Favinger**
Deg & Mary Carroll

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Marguerite Ferrington**
Philip Brennan

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Renewal by the Holy Spirit

We have all received baptism, but why don't the amazing fruits and graces received then always show themselves powerfully in our lives?

Titus tells us what has already happened for us in baptism. We were saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit" (3:5). Yet this renewal accomplished by the Spirit needs to be fully embraced by us for it to reach its potential. We know we have been renewed, but how do we keep renewing? This happens by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit.

In Titus, Spirit is capitalized because it's the Spirit of God. Renewal by the Holy Spirit is a renewal in which God, not man, is the principal protagonist. "Behold, I" (not you) "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

We often think that to be renewed and grow, we have to do something. God tells us it is something he does. "I, the LORD, make you holy" (Leviticus 20:8). We have to give him back the power he already has. Or better yet, we need to recognize God's power and let him use it in us.

A revolution needs to happen in our minds and hearts where we recognize that without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. So ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you in a real baptism of fire. Then all those baptismal gifts will spark into a flame and help you set the world ablaze with his love!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

When was the last time I prayed to the Holy Spirit? He is a real divine person; talk to him.

Am I courageous enough to ask the Holy Spirit to come down and touch my soul with his fire?



Piece: Baptism of Jesus, 1956
Artist: Publio Morbiducci
Location: Vatican Museums

[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water, but...he will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3:16

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.

DIOCESE ADDS NAMES TO LIST OF CREDIBLY ACCUSED INDIVIDUALS

Following the release of the Grand Jury report last year, Bishop Bambera made a promise that he would be more open and transparent in the way that the Diocese handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true. In August, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since then, additional victims have come forward. Eleven new names have been added to the online list. Those new names are listed below. We will continue to alert you periodically in the case that additional individuals are added to this list. If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Pacuska.

These names have been added to the original list of credibly accused individuals:

DIOCESAN CLERGY

Polcha, Michael C.
Pulicare, Michael J.

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Bourbon, Francis C. (S.J.)
Fertal, Joseph (SVD)
Garrity, Stephen M., (S.J.)
Long, Arthur J. (S.J.)
Pisaneschi, Sister Clare (M.P.F.)
Rebovich, John (OSJ)

LAITY

Maroni, Mark
Smith, Richard
Yarros, David

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

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.

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) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DECEMBER FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER IS CANCELLED. January 27, 2019 from 1-3PM is the next scheduled dinner. Thank you, Have a Blessed New Year!

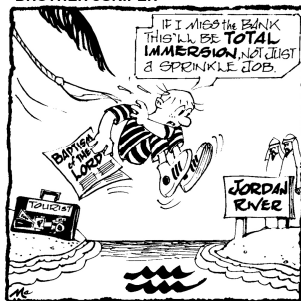
The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 19-20

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>Ella Carroll</i> <i>David Marcial</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Draven Nitecki</i> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i>
Milford Senior Care 1/13 Deb Roa 1/20 Carol Cordova

BROTHER JUNIPER



ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE - Tom Hogan, chairperson of St. Patrick's Prayer Group had graciously invited St. Joseph Prayer Circle Group, to join them. In order to make sure members receive the prayer request St. Patrick's has utilized the internet and most members receive the request by email. Some who do not have a computer have asked to receive the prayer request by phone. A list will be provided to those who wish to receive the prayer request by phone. Karen Sweeney has kindly accepted to replace Bette Lieberman as chairperson of St. Joseph's Prayer Circle Group. If anyone has a request for prayer contact Karen at sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or call 570-491-2228 or Tom at tchogan@ptd.net or call 570-296-6224. As we enter into the new year we make many resolutions. Please consider being a member and joining us in this united Prayer Group. For more information please contact Karen Sweeney or Tom Hogan at the above email or phone number.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER - Thank you again for your generous donations to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center from your Advent Giving Tree! It is truly appreciated and the gifts will help so many! Tri-State Pregnancy Center offers a FREE Motherhood Bible study, every Monday from 10-11am at the pregnancy center on 105 Wheatfield Dr in Milford. Children are welcome! Coffee, light refreshments and good fellowship! No need to sign up, just come! Questions-call Natasha Smolinski at 570-491-5151 office, 570-618-2756 cell.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY - Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 15, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

ADULT CHOIR - If you are feeling called to serve the parish and enjoy singing, PLEASE CALL Mare Bradley, at 845-754-3620. **Adult Choir practice will be on Wednesday's from 5 - 6 pm in the Church.**

TRICKY TRAY - Court Madonna No. #114's Annual Tricky Tray will be on Sunday, January 20th. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2PM. Tickets are 25 for \$1! No admission Fee! Contact: Barbara Drew 856-2624 All proceeds to benefit Community Charities.

2019 CALENDARS - Please remember to take a 2019 calendar, compliments of Knight Auchmoody & Gray Parker Funeral Homes. They are located at the entrances of the Church.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

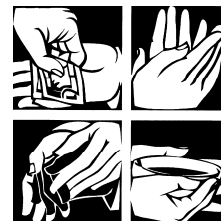
Thank you all for your generosity during the Christmas Season!

2019	Last year
\$8114.60	\$8407.50

Weekly Offering
December 30, 2018
\$5646.25
January 6, 2019
\$3911.82

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year
December 30, 2017
\$4766.30
January 7, 2018
\$4270.87



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Lucretia Welling
By
The Bensley Family

"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."

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY I

It's easy to remember: **Soup for the Superbowl!** Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the Saint Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church! Take a can of soup, any kind, wrap a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it to Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2019, and deposit it in the special boxes near the doors. All soup and dollars will be used for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Help feed the Hungry...we average 35-40 families each week seeking assistance...bless you for caring and sharing!

FOOD PANTRY

Saint Patrick's team will be serving at the food Pantry Friday, January 18th at 6:00pm.

2019 CALENDARS

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MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, January 16th at 2:30pm

PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Wednesdays at 2:40pm. During Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The Holy Father, St. John Paul II imparted a special Apostolic Blessing "to all the faithful, who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for the sick and those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour." The Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all who participate.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOME VISITATION

The Legion of Mary has a beautiful replica of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima which travels around the world promoting the message of peace and love. Part of the work of the Legion of Mary is home visitation with our statue of Mary. The purpose of this program is to aid families in responding to Mary's requests during her apparitions at Fatima to: return to God, make reparation for sins, and to pray the Rosary daily for peace. Only a few moments of welcoming prayer upon arrival and farewell prayer upon the statue's leaving is required. You will be inspired. Please contact Catherine Umberto (570) 491-5820 or Jeanne Ryan (570) 428-2023 if interested.

CHRISTMAS 2018 COLLECTION

\$6,718.00. God Bless for your generosity.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 19-20

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Annette Petry, Pat Boyle

Altar Servers Julianna & Lelaina Hopper

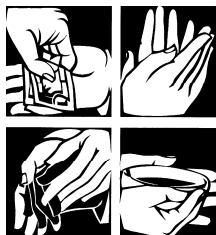
Sunday 11:00am

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca,
Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers Jason
Lecina, Nicole Traxler



Weekly Collection
December 30, 2018
\$ 2,449.50
January 7, 2019
\$2,624.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
December 30, 2018
\$ 1066.00
January 7, 2019
\$ 788.00

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$14,895.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000

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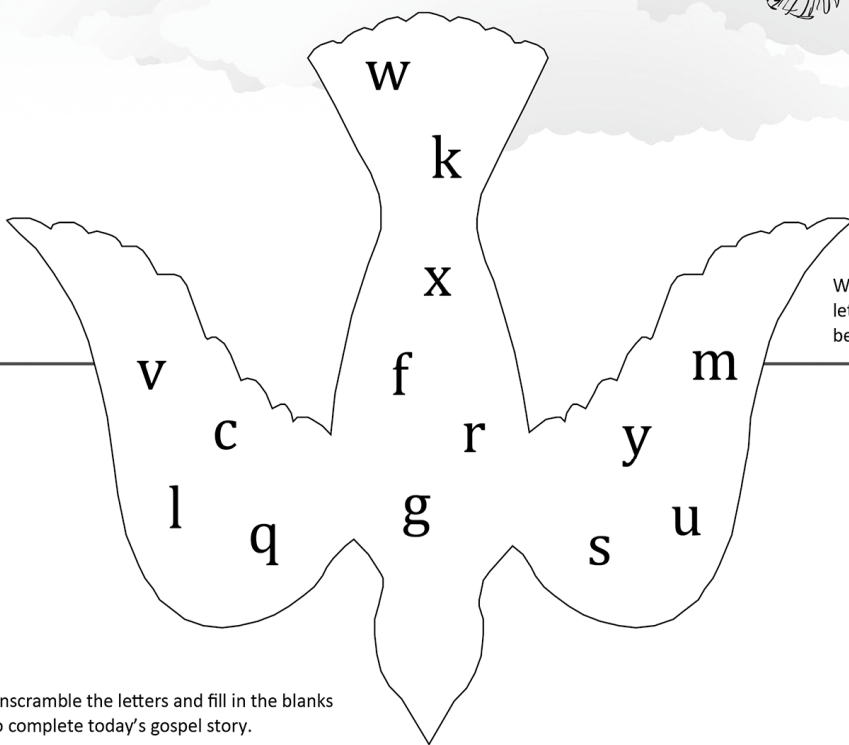
St. Patrick's Parish is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and vibrant area of northeastern Pennsylvania. As disciples, we dedicate ourselves to hearing, learning and sharing the good news of God's Word as we reverently celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Together, 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.

After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

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*And a voice came from Heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



Write the missing letters in the space below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete today's gospel story.

Note: There are two words, use each letter one time.

_____ many
people, including Jesus.

are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus is moved with pity for us, stretches out his healing hand to us and says, "I do will it. Be made clean."

We can hear the summons to follow him as a clear and personal call to us from Jesus, the one who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts are open to accept this invitation.

We can pray to Jesus this week for the strength to be healed of the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

Monday
JANUARY 14
Weekday
Heb 1:1-6
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday
JANUARY 15
Weekday
Heb 2:5-12
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday
JANUARY 16
Weekday
Heb 2:14-18
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday
JANUARY 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot
Heb 3:7-14
Mk 1:40-45

Friday
JANUARY 18
Weekday
Heb 4:1-5, 11
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday
JANUARY 19
Weekday
Heb 4:12-16
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday
JANUARY 20
Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5
1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The stories from Mark's gospel offer a vivid look into the life of Jesus and his followers on such a human level. Many are stories of healing and the week begins and ends with invitations from Jesus to us -- and to his disciples. To Simon Peter and Andrew, Jesus invites, "Come after me." To the tax collector Levi he beckons, "Follow me."

The invitation to healing we are offered can be a part of our own reflection as we begin a new year and want to somehow "fix" what is broken in us. The healing happens if we allow Jesus into our hearts and lives.

As we look at our lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others. We have parts of our lives that