

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

Remembering  
Nov. 6-12

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

† All Souls Intentions

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

† Steven Dutkus

Kara & David Dutkus

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

† Carmine Loiacono

Nephew, Carmine

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

† William Fontana Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

† Kevin Cunningham

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

† Laura Moglia Colager

Mom & Dad

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

† Irene Wright

Donna & Stuart Rivera

9:00am (SJ)

† For The People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

† For The People of  
St. Patrick's Parish

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 5, 2017

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Mt 23:1-12

### A Priest's Lot

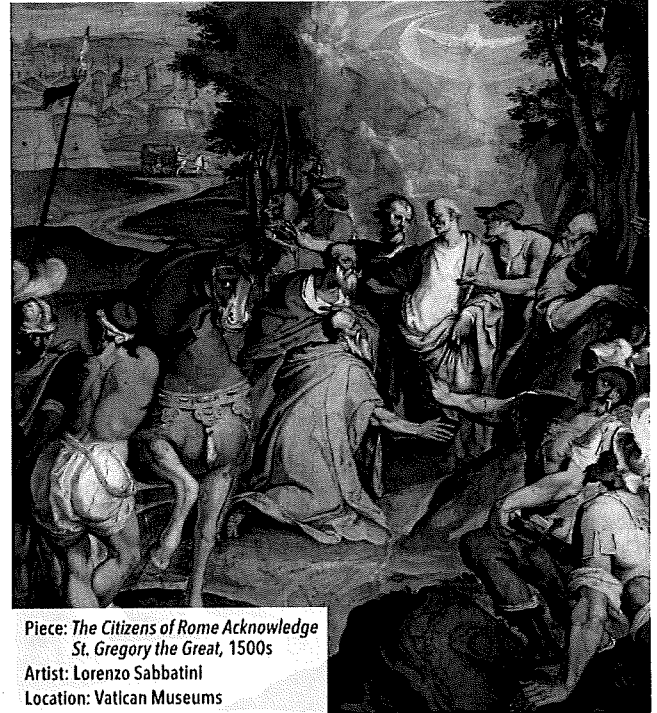
Today's readings are a stern call to conversion for priests who obviously have a special call to holiness. Like a parent cares for his or her children, a priest is entrusted with the spiritual children of God's family. His example, his words, and his way of carrying out his service all have profound effects on the holiness of the Church.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, condemns the priestly class of the Jews because they had turned away from God's commands and led people astray with faulty instruction. This rule of thumb from the Old Testament is still valid today: so goes the priests, so goes the people!

Jesus himself had harsh words for priests and religious leaders as well. It is clear from the Gospel that one of the main reasons why Jesus was ill-received by so many of his contemporaries was because the priestly class opposed him. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11).

Saint Paul gives us the example of what priests should be. They should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys, and victories. Rather than build up heavy burdens, they should make them lighter by lending a hand to lift them. They shouldn't dilute the gospel and its demands but, with brotherly love, show the beauty of the gospel by the joy and charity with which they live. Like a good parent, they should be the first to wake

up and the last to go to bed. Slow to judge, quick to forgive. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Citizens of Rome Acknowledge St. Gregory the Great*, 1500s  
Artist: Lorenzo Sabbatini  
Location: Vatican Museums

#### For Reflection

*As a parent, am I a priest in my family? Do I lead my children in prayer, teach them the faith, and set a good example of faith and love of God? Do I pray for priests and offer them support and help?*

*With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1 Thessalonians 2:8).*

### 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

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

#### ***Walk Together in the Light of Christ***

Thank you to those who have already joined us as we "***Walk Together in the Light of Christ***" by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge. Each gift matters. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge. **Next weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend.** Envelopes will be distributed at all our Masses. Everyone will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not you have made a pledge or intend to pledge. Thank you.

### DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE

The 12th Annual Complimentary Dinner Theatre for the **Senior Citizens of the Delaware Valley School District** is offering a complete Meatballs & Ziti Marinara Dinner served at 5:00PM in the Dingman Delaware Middle School Cafeteria on Friday, November 10, 2017 followed at 7:00pm by the DDMS Drama Club's performance of "**Getting to Know...The King and I, Jr.**" For reservations and further information, please call 296-3143 by November 3, 2017.

### ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER

Veterans, Please join us for our Annual Dinner sponsored by the DV High School Junior Historians Thursday November 9th from 5:30 - 7:00PM in the DVHS 11/12 Cafeteria. Reservations required. Please contact Carol Cordova at 570-409-2032.

### PIKE CO. HANDS OF HOPE

In the past our parishes have helped to gather supplies such as toiletries and materials for the homeless and near homeless clients in Pike County. This year they are in demand for Groceries, (gift cards could be purchased at Weis, Shoprite, Walmart, Key Foods, also for immediate food emergency restaurant gift cards would be helpful. Suggestions would be Subway, Ray N Charles, Dunkin Donuts, Perkins, or other fast food chains. Disposable baby diapers in sizes newborn, 1-6 and pull-ups as well as baby wipes are in great demand. This appeal is running from November 5th through November 12th. You will find a donation box at the entrance of the Churches.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

*The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 9*

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems. It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right...We must be grateful for the praiseworthy efforts being made by scientists and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made problems. But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves...Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration." (Continued in part 10)

Let us pray ... that we recognize our obligation to care for our world and all people, to share our resources with others, and to see all people as equal in the eyes of the Lord. Amen.

(To read the entire Encyclical Letter by Pope Francis, go to [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html))

### LEGION OF MARY MOVIE

Please join the Legion of Mary on Sunday, November 12 at 12:30 in the Church Hall for the movie "Miracle of Fatima".

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 11-12

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Stephanie Fells
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Bill Reed Diane Heater
<b>Altar Servers</b> Eric Cabrera-Agostini Ella Carroll
<b>Sunday 9:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Janet Bright
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Joe Price Chuck Pike
<b>Altar Servers</b> Mark Cavallaro Mikaela Parker
<b>October Altar Server Of the Month: David Marcial</b>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>11/12 Lois Lazarczyk</b> 11/19 Jack Reilly

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory of  
**James Reilly**  
by the  
Bensley Family

## ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Altar & Rosary Society will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9 - 2pm in our downstairs Hall. Craft Vendors, Bake Sale, Raffles, and Flea Market. Breakfast and Lunch will be available. Come do some early Christmas Shopping. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Flea Market may bring them to the Church on Tues., Wed. or Fri., 11/14, 15, 17 from 6:30 - 7:30pm. PLEASE only clean saleable items (NO clothing, electronics, or large furniture). Bake Sale Items can be dropped off Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

**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 personally have needs or know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call to lift spirits or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

**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!

**COFFEE SOCIAL** - Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, November 26th. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

**ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY** - It's time to collect food for the Thanksgiving Distribution (11/15/17). The pantry is planning on 80 baskets. We at St. Joseph's are collecting boxes of cereal and we need 111 boxes. If every parish family donated one box, we'd have plenty. Gift cards are also helpful. ANYONE that needs food because the month is longer than the money, please call the food pantry (570)618-1568 -Nancy- and leave your name. She'll call you back. Food Pantry location is 321 Fifth St. Milford, PA. WE are here to help. **Our next food pantry will be Friday, November 3rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.**

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL** - Your gifts support the following ministries made possible by the Catholic Social Services and Parish Social Justice Grants, Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education and Support Parish Life and Ministry Formation Catholic Media and Communication **Parish Goal: \$ 40,000. Total Pledged \$20,076.50 = 50%**

## MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

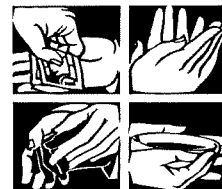
Father Vito will celebrate Mass at Milford Senior Care on Thursday, November 9th at 11:00am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, November 13 6:30 pm in the

Weekly Offering  
**October 29, 2017**  
\$ (1st)  
\$ (2nd)

Last Year  
**October 30, 2016**  
\$ (1st)  
\$ (2nd)

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."**

## NEW TIME FOR THE KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

**Starting November, 1st, members will meet Wednesdays from 2-4.** Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We are currently working on baby blankets for Lehigh Valley NICU. Come and join us! Can't knit or crochet?, We can help!!!

## NO 12 NOON MASS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

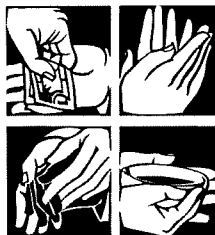
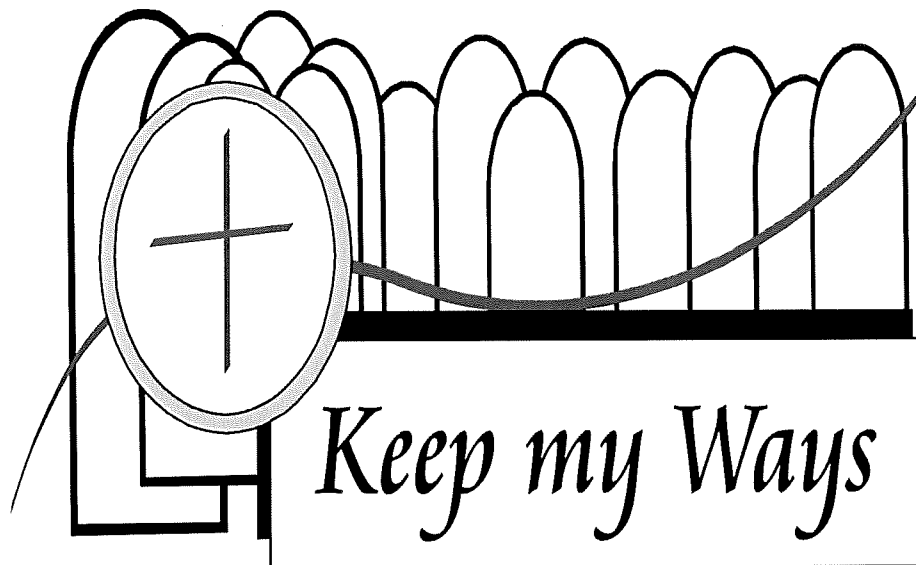
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be at 6:30 PM, there will be no Mass at 12 Noon.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on November 10 at 6:30. Volunteers are always welcome! Thank you.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Thomas Frederick Berlin** and **Thomas Joseph Tighe** who were baptized here at St. Patrick's last week-end.



**Weekly Collection**  
**October 29, 2017**  
**\$3,189.00**  
*Last year*  
**October 18, 2016**  
**\$3,399.00**

**Weekly Mortgage Offertory**  
**October 29, 2017**  
**\$945.00**  
**Year to Date July '17 - Current**  
**\$19,205.00**  
**Goal for the Year \$100,000**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE November 11/12

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)	
<b>Lector</b>	John Boyle
<b>Communion Ministers</b> J. Finnerty, D. Hersca, C. Sheldon	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Carli Lock, Nicole Traxler
Sunday 7:30am	
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Hogan
<b>Communion Ministers</b> C. Alfano, K. Loeschorn, A. Petry	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bella Seidel, Dana Stroup
Sunday 11:00am	
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Casmus
<b>Communion Ministers</b> C. Umberto, R. Hennigan, R. Weeks	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alyssa Donatone, Riley Mapes

*The Sanctuary Candle  
 burns in memory of  
**Joseph Harrington**  
 requested by  
 His Wife, Eileen*

**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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 23:1-12

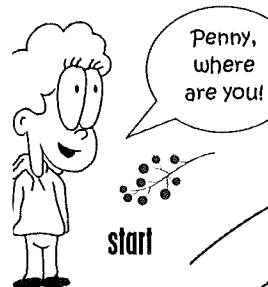
Jesus told the people to listen to the good things the Pharisees say, but do not follow their example. They do not practice what they preach. The greatest on earth are those who serve others.

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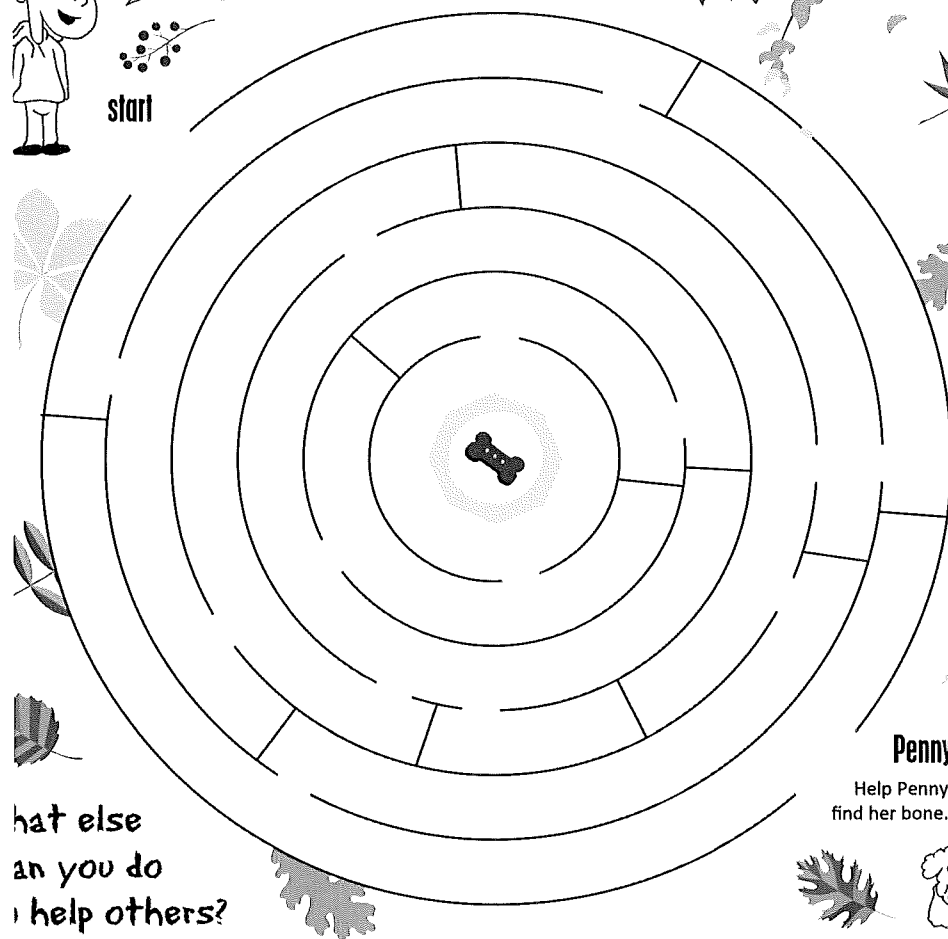
Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

Mt 23:12

Help Honey find  
Penny who is lost.



start



Penny!

Help Penny  
find her bone.



What else  
can you do  
to help others?

like him in seeking out the lost, to growing in compassion. We can reflect all week on that call, in concrete terms in relation to the people in our lives and throughout the week.

Of course, we can prepare for Sunday by reflection on how we are prepared with oil in our lamps - and what that might mean for our "readiness" for the calls we are receiving from the Lord.

Each night, let's look back over the day briefly, and give thanks for a God who listens to our desires.

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Monday  
November 6  
Weekday

Rom 11:29-36  
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday  
November 7  
Weekday

Rom 12:5-16b  
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday  
November 8  
Weekday  
Rom 13:8-10  
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday  
November 9  
Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

Friday  
November 10  
St. Leo the Great,  
Pope and  
Doctor of the Church  
Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday  
November 11  
St. Martin of Tours,  
Bishop  
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday  
November 12  
Thirty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 6:12-18  
or 4:13-14  
Mt 25:1-13

Daily Prayer  
This week guide  
deep into our faith in  
eternal life

As we go about our busy lives this week, we can continue to pray, focusing our attention on an ongoing conversation with our Lord throughout the day. Our desires for union with our Lord, to know God's love for us, to become more aware of our failings, to become more generous with family and friends, to be more patient and forgiving, to love as we have been loved - can be expressed in these simple expressions. These expressed desires will naturally interact with the real events of our lives.

The gospels this week will draw us into desire to be more merciful, to not let money or power dominate our behavior.

We won't be "unprepared" if we keep making openings for the Lord to enter the ordinary moments of our day. repeated moments. We can simply open our hearts and ask God for the desire to have our lives focus on God's desires for us, rather than what our culture wants us to focus on so that we can stay successful.

Jesus welcomes us even as sinners - he eats with us. He is one who invites us to share in his life.