

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

Remembering
Feb. 13-19



February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

☙ **Communion Service**

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

☙ **Communion Service**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm

☙ **Communion Service**

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

☙ **Irene Pallo Musyt
MR. & MRS. Bill Gaa**

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

☙ **First Friday
Communion Service**

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

☙ **Pat Heyburn
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess**

5:30pm (SP)

☙ **Irene Vito**

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

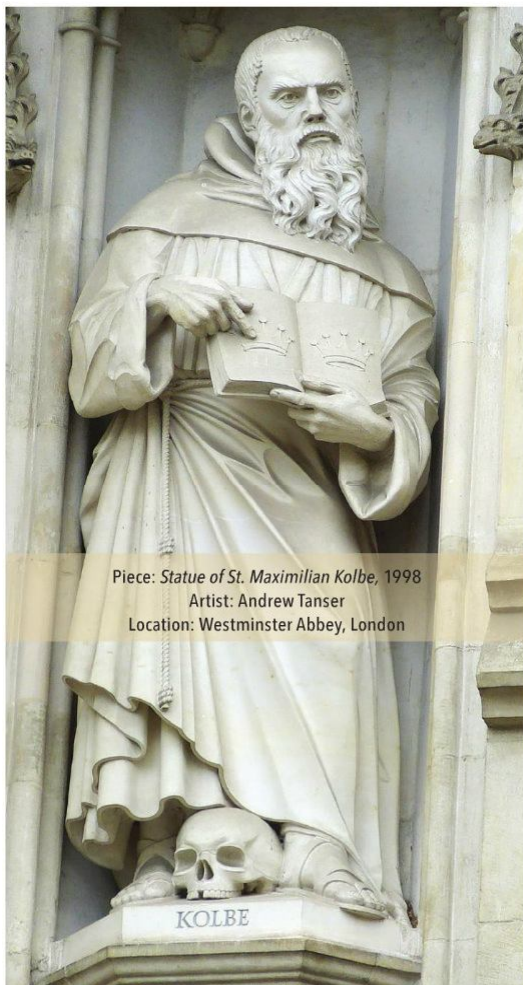
☙ **Mamie O'Donnell
Brian & Bernadette
O'Donnell**

9:00am (SJ)

☙ **Dominick, Edward, &
Dennis Patrisso
The Family**

11:00am (SP)

☙ **For the People of
St. Joseph and
St. Patrick Parishes**



Piece: Statue of St. Maximilian Kolbe, 1998
Artist: Andrew Tanser
Location: Westminster Abbey, London

St. Maximilian's Choices

Saint Maximilian Kolbe died in 1945 taking the place of another prisoner in Auschwitz, but his martyrdom started many years before. As a young boy, he was quite a handful—so much so that at one point his mother cried out, “What will become of you?” Shaken by his mother’s grief, Maximilian went to the town church to ask our Lady what would become of him. He wrote that the Virgin Mother appeared to him holding two crowns: one white and one red. The white crown meant he would remain pure, and the red meant he would be a martyr. Our Lady asked Maximilian which one he would like. He chose them both.

We are offered choices as well. Sirach says that whatever we choose will be given to us, but what Jesus offers is challenging. Jesus offers each of us a new heart, a new spirit, a new love, and a new trust. Jesus defines what it means to be his follower, and it is a challenging task. This standard is not lowered for Christians, nor is it defined by what is legal in a country or popular in a social group. In fact, we are not only asked to live this life but we are called to teach it to others.

The rewards, however, are equal to the challenge. What Christ promises to those who love and teach his gospel is a glory and reward greater than any we have ever seen, heard, or imagined. Maximilian Kolbe knew this, and he fought earnestly for the truth in Nazi Germany, even though it led to his arrest and death.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*What choices did Jesus place before me this week?
How have I been an example of Christ to others this week?*

“Set before you are fire and water; to whatever you choose, stretch out your hand. Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them” (Sirach 15:16–17).

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. 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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 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 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30 Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests should be received no later than March 13. Please call the Parish Office to reserve.

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR WINTER

STORMS-(Daily Mass only)

We would like to apologize for any confusion with our daily Mass Schedules. It appears the best solution is for St. Joseph's to follow the School District School Closing Schedule for Daily Mass only. If there is a 2 hour delay St. Joseph's will not have Mass. This does not include Holydays. St. Patrick's will have Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesday regardless of 2 hour delays or closings. To find out if there is a delay or closing call 570-296-1800 or www.dvdsd.org

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

An emergency phone number has been established for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's parishes should you be in need of a priest for life threatening emergencies, Anointing of the sick or death. The number is (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Only messages with the emergencies mentioned above will be returned. This number is available to you on both Parishes answering machines.

FATHER AL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

Father's new e-mail address is

fatheral@ptd.net

UPCOMING MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday February 11th—No Confessions at St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's—Masses are regular time at both parishes

Sunday—February 12th—Masses are regular times at both parishes

Monday—February 13th—Communion Service at St. Joseph's 8:00am

Tuesday—February 14th—No Confessions at St. Patrick's—Communion Service at 12:00 Noon

Wednesday—February 15—Communion Service at St. Patrick's 12:00 Noon. Adoration 12:20-3:00PM. No Confessions.

Thursday—February 16th—Back to our regular schedule—Mass at St. Joseph's 8:00am, Adoration 8:30-10:00am

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 1, 2017

MASS 8:00AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

AND 12:00 NOON AT ST. –PATRICK'S

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WITH LITURGY OF THE WORD
7:00PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. PATRICK'S**

THERE WILL BE FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT

8:00AM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

AND

12:00 NOON AT ST. PATRICK'S

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE FRIDAY EVENINGS

AT 6:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

AND

7:00PM AT ST. PATRICK'S

THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE WILL BE IN FUTURE BULLETINS

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 18-19

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Lisa Addio</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Neal Bensley</i> <i>Bill Reed</i>
Altar Servers <i>Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher</i>
Sunday 9:00am
Lector <i>Matt Cavallaro</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Jack Reilly</i> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Altar Servers <i>Mikaela Parker</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
January Altar Server Of the Month: Mark Cavallaro
Milford Senior Care 2/12 Jack Reilly 2/19 Carol Cordova



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Thanksgiving
by
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

"SOUP-TO-GO" BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Again our "Soup To Go" fundraiser will be held during Lent. Soup will be available for sale beginning the week of Ash Wednesday, March 1st. A different soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms have been placed at all entrances to the church. All orders must be in by the Monday, preceding the sale for that week. The Soup will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up. The "Soup of the Week" for Ash Wednesday, will be: **New England Clam Chowder**. Pick will be in the church basement between 4 -6pm on Ash Wednesday. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER CIRCLE

If you have a prayer request please call any of the following Prayer Circle Captains, Karen Sweeney 570-491-2228, Ann Dilger 845-856-6064, Carol Cordova 570-491-9074.

ST. JOSEPH'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 13th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PRESENTS

Nationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best selling author, Matthew Kelly, to our area on Friday, April 7th from 6:30-10:30 in Monroe, NY. Matthew will be sharing his inspirational message of how to live everyday a life with purpose and passion. Throughout his presentation he will discuss how to apply the genius of Catholicism enabling you to have a more vibrant and meaningful life. For more info about this phenomenal event visit www.dynamiccatholic.com/events and select Passion and Purpose. Matthew will inspire you to live the life you were created to live. We have people who are willing to carpool. If you are interested call: Carol Cordova 570-491-9074.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Your Annual Appeal gift supports Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in School & Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education & Support, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media and Communication. Thank you! St. Joseph's Parish Goal **\$40,000**, Amount Pledged as of 1/23 27,583.00 - **71%**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

There will be No Coffee and Conversation the next two Monday's. Coffee and Conversation will resume on Monday, February 27th.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be **next Sunday, February 19th**. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

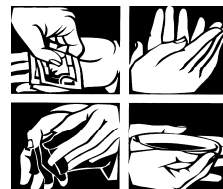
FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 24th from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering
February 5, 2017
\$ 3827.50 (1st)
\$ 324.00 (2nd)

Last Year
February 7, 2016
\$ 4092.60 (1st)
\$ 467.00 (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."

RELIGIOUS ED

Some of their weekly lessons contain games. Games that have religious content. If anyone has any extra "dice" around in your homes, please drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Anyone wishing to start a committee to organize the annual St. Patrick's Dinner, please call the parish office to make arrangements to set up meetings to plan for our annual event.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Beginning March 15th Mass will be the 3rd Wednesday of every Month. Please note there is no Mass at Belle Reve in February.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. PATRICK'S

All are invited and encouraged to spend some quiet time with the Lord away from the noise and pressures of our hectic world. Participants are asked to sign up for one hour or half hour time periods. Sign-up sheets are near the entrance of the church. Adoration will follow the 12:00 Noon Mass on Wednesdays until 3:00PM

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The original Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was sculpted by Jose Lledim in 1946 following indications given to him by sister Lucia. It was solemnly crowned on May 13, 1947 in Portugal and from that day has traveled around the world promoting the message of peace and love. The legion of Mary here at St. Patrick has a replica of this statue and parishioners may have the Pilgrim Virgin "visit" their home. Anyone interested may contact Catherin Umberto 570 491-5820.

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

New members are needed and always welcome. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance) of the Church Hall. We are currently working on blankets for veterans, prosthetics for cancer survivors, baby items for the Tri-State Pregnancy Center, chemo caps and more. For more information please contact Pat Santini at (570) 296-9469.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 18-19

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

John Wroblewski

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Donna Hersca, Rosemary Walsh

Altar Servers

Lauren & Nicole Weinrich

Sunday 7:30am

Lector

David Stine

Communion Ministers

Arlene & Dean Quirk

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Adam Sandomato

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

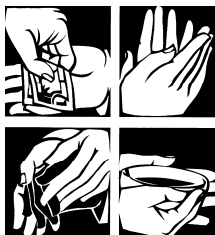
Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Ray Proulx, Jeanne Ryan, Ray Weeks

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Carli Lock



Weekly Offering
February 6 2017
\$2,964.00
Last year

January 26, 2016
\$5,283.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 6, 2017
\$

Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$35,961.04

Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
James & Lisa
Donahue & 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.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, following the Beatitudes, Jesus reminds us of the ten commandments. Love God and all He created.

Cycle A



Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

MATTHEW 5:19



The Ten Commandments are written on these sweet candy hearts just in time for Valentine's Day! Color the hearts, then cut them out - keep them for yourself or share them with the people you love.

Calendar

Monday

February 6
St. Paul Miki and
Companions,
Martyrs
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

February 7
Weekday
Gn 1:20-2:4a
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

February 8
Weekday
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

February 9
Weekday
Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

Friday

February 10
St. Scholastica,
Virgin
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

February 11
Weekday
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

February 12
Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37

Daily Prayer this Week

We can feel the tension in this week's readings. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples - and us - about the rebellious style of the Pharisees, about hypocrisy. And, he is trying to heal the blindness of his disciples - and our blindness - about what his mission is all about. He has come to free us from sin and the captivity we have to all kinds of self-centered patterns.

So when we stay reflective this week, we can become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we can ask, "Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered this week. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life.

Stretch my heart to love more today." It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It doesn't have to be serious evil we are choosing. It

might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness.

"Lord, as I put on this sweater, I'm aware how I just spoke to Helen. I'm sorry. That was all about my fear, wasn't it? I cut her off because I was just afraid of what she was asking of me. I became more aware of the cost to me than anything else. Please help me to continue to see how I respond to people. Please calm my fears." We can get in the habit of doing this kind of prayer every day, right where we are, in very brief moments. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives is the goal of this kind of prayer.

All of this is reinforced by our prayer of gratitude each night. If we can feel the need for this kind of communion with our Lord each day, and thank God for it each night, there is no question that we will be developing a new pattern in our life. We tend to continue to do what we enjoy. And gratitude feeds even more openness and generosity.

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