

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

Rememóring
March 11-17

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Ellen Hudson**
Walter & Zulma Marcial

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Joan Huddleston**
Helen Findlay

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Peter Saunders**
Pat & Ken Corcoran

THURSDAY
8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Antoinette Mennella**
Walter & Zulma Marcial

FRIDAY

✠ **Stations of the Cross**
5:30PM (SJ)
7:00PM (SP)

SATURDAY
4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Grayce Ricciardi**
Bill & Mary Gaa

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Marguerite Farrington**
Peter Coyne

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

✠ **For the People of Saint Patrick's**



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

Learning from Jesus' Temptations

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, "If you are the Son of God..." All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn't turn stones into bread. Later, he does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften

the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What makes me question God the most?
How can God's word and Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection respond to that doubt?



Piece: Temptations of Christ (detail), 1482
Artist: Sandro Botticelli
Location: Sistine Chapel

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Luke 4:13

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.

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. call 211 and be connected to your zip code resource area in Pike County or dial directly 855-567-5341.

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

Please join the 2019 Traditional Marriage Crusade in support of traditional marriage.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR NATION ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019 AT 12:00 NOON.

The local TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE ROSARY RALLY will take place at the front entrance of the Milford Court House on Broad Street. Please contact Marie Biel at 570-686-4637 for more information.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

March 31, 2019 from 1-3PM. Thank you. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143.

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.

ANNULMENT PROCESS In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570) 207-2246 to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

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.



LENTEN / EASTER SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Evenings

5:30 PM (SJ)

7:00 PM (SP)

CONFESSIONS

"The Light Is On" every Monday during Lent

5:30PM - 6:15PM (SJ)

6:45PM - 7:30PM (SP)

Regular Confessions Saturday's 3:00PM (SJ)

Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30AM (SP) and following the 5:30PM Mass Saturdays (SP)

COMBINED PENANCE SERVICE (SP)

Monday, April 15th at 7:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY

Evening of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM (SP)

GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion 2:00PM (SP)

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of the Food 12:00PM (SP)

EASTER VIGIL 8:00PM (SJ)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:30AM (SJ)

11:00AM (SP)

24HOUR LENT EUCHARIST ADORATION

March 29 following the Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Please check future bulletins for any additional services that may be added during the Lenten Season.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 16-17

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>David Marcial</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Daniel & Cole Corcoran</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
Milford Senior Care 3/10 Debbie Roa 3/17 Carol Cordova

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS

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POOR BOX

A Poor Box has been mounted on the wall in the hallway at the back entrance of the Church. This Poor Box was from the original St. Joseph's Church. There is also a free standing Poor Box as you exit the front of the church. The money collected from the Poor Boxes is used to purchase Price Chopper and Walmart gift cards to hand out to the needy in our area.

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 need or know a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appt, please call the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 22, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

5th ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON "Be A Man Catholic Men's Conference"

What is Truth? In these difficult times, the world asks what Pontius Pilate asked 2000 years ago. What is Truth? The world thinks "Man is the measure of all things". This conference will remind us that God is the measure of all things and His truth is revealed in His son Jesus Christ. The Conference will be held April 27, 2019 from 8am-3pm at Holy redeemer High School 159 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Registration is necessary and may be done on-line at www.BeAManConference.com. Questions about the registration, please call 570-207-2213.

BROTHER JUNIPER



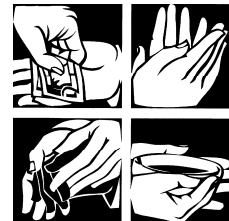
The Sanctuary Candle
burns for the
**Patrick "Mickey"
Reilly**
By
Donna & Ray Calvario

Weekly Offering

March 3, 2019
\$ 3467.00

Last Year

March 4, 2018
\$2754.00



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."

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER!

Come One, Come All! You are cordially invited to celebrate the holiday with our annual St. Patrick's Day Church Dinner. Tickets went on sale February 3rd and can be bought after both Masses. Ticket includes entry, corned beef and cabbage dinner, dessert, home made soda bread, light refreshments, music and authentic Irish Dancers! Please feel free to BYOB. If you have any questions about tickets or volunteering, please contact Bernadette O'Donnell at 914 850-0408 or at bernie2002@yahoo.com. "Go Raibth Maith Agat"

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Derek Matthew Selneck** who was baptized last weekend. God Bless You Derek.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry, Friday evening, March 29th at 6:00PM.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon, March 20th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

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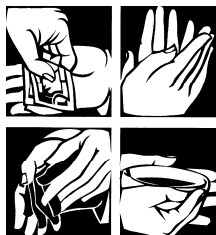
WORD OF LIFE BULLETIN QUOTES

"Maya discovered she was pregnant six months into her freshman year of college. When her son was born, she placed him with a very kind adoptive family; she just knew they were the right choice.' Now, years later, Maya emphasizes the importance of offering ongoing support to expectant mothers considering adoption." Learn how at www.usccb.org/women-considering-adoption USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption"

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 16/17

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector <i>David Stine</i>
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers <i>Jason Lecina, Sophia Mullen</i>
Sunday 11:00am
Lector <i>Ray Proulx</i>
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers <i>Nicholas Dinos, Riley Mapes</i>



Weekly Collection
March 3, 2019
\$2,894.00

This time last year
\$2,388.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
March 3, 2019
\$ 1,041.00

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$20,810.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
A Special Intention*

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

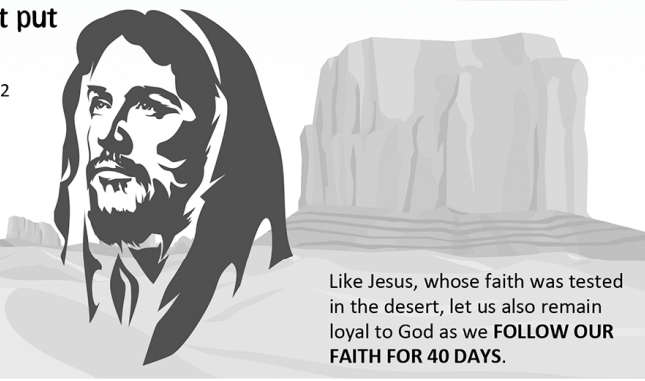
Gospel Today First Sunday of Lent | Luke 4:1-13

While Jesus was in the desert for forty days, He resisted temptation and was guarded by angels. Jesus kept His faith - His loyalty and allegiance to only God.

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Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

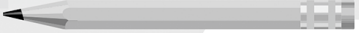
LUKE 4:12



Like Jesus, whose faith was tested in the desert, let us also remain loyal to God as we **FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.**

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Following	F	O	L	L	O	W	I	N	G	O	E	S	U	R
Baptism	A	F	A	I	T	H	U	N	G	R	Y	A	F	E
Jordan	S	P	I	R	I	T	D	Y	T	R	O	F	I	S
Spirit	T	W	O	R	S	H	I	P	E	O	D	A	L	I
Filled	E	O	B	A	P	T	I	S	M	E	C	E	L	S
Jesus	D	D	F	R	D	A	Y	S	P	D	G	G	E	T
Hungry	E	E	L	J	E	S	U	S	T	N	G	U	D	E
Fasted	N	M	O	E	S	A	I	E	A	I	U	A	A	D
Desert	O	A	R	D	E	O	D	R	T	D	S	R	L	D
Forty	T	N	D	V	R	N	E	K	I	N	G	D	O	M
Days	S	D	R	R	T	W	W	G	O	S	E	E	N	U
Angels	F	E	O	C	O	M	M	A	N	D	I	D	E	K
Guarded	S	D	A	P	P	J	H	D	E	R	E	F	F	O
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Worship														
Faith														
Serve														
Lord														
Alone														

Calendar

Daily Prayer

- Monday**
MARCH 11
Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday**
MARCH 12
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday**
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday**
MARCH 14
Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Mt 7:7-12
- Friday**
MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday**
MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday**
MARCH 17
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
Phil 3:17-4:1
or Phil 3:20-4:1
Lk 9:28b-36

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the "background" about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

One resource that may be helpful is the Praying Lent website with reflections on how we can set a different tone for our Lent by making choices about how we want our Lent to be and what we want God to do in us this Lent.