

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

Rememóeríng

April 23-29

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Easter Mass
Remembrances

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ Helene Ventrudo
Patty Santini

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Vito Loiacono
Father, Carmine

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Helen Latini
The Balch Family

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Steve Conroy
Mr & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Steven Dutkus
Kara Dutkus

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

✠ For The People of
St. Patrick's



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

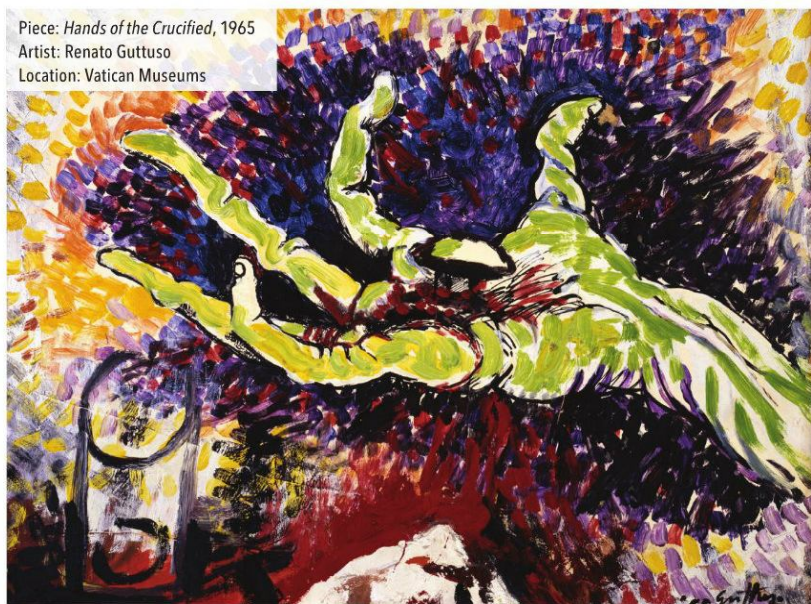
Jn 10:11-18

A Love-Filled Sacrifice

At the center of this painting, Renato Guttuso (1912-1987) places the piercing reality of pain represented by the hand of Jesus. The dark reds, blacks, and blues give way to the brightness of the oranges, yellows, and whites. This choice of palate is purposeful. Death is depicted with the same palate as a sunset, when darkness closes in on the light. But then night gives way to the colors of the sunrise when new life springs forth. The brutal darkness that leads to his death is replaced by the light-giving act of the love of God.

The Good Shepherd also shows the beauty of this love-filled sacrifice. This is why the Father loves Jesus; because he lays down his life for us. He has the power to do so and does it freely. This is because the Shepherd's mission and vocation is centered on the good of the sheep. They are the center of his daily cares and concerns. Jesus tells us that you and I are the utter focus of his heart and life. You are worth it. It is a beautiful thing to be loved by someone. Imagine if this someone is God himself.

Piece: Hands of the Crucified, 1965
Artist: Renato Guttuso
Location: Vatican Museums



As modern as this painting looks, the artist honors a traditional symbol. Byzantine art often depicted the blood from Jesus' side falling into a chalice to connect the passion of Jesus with the eucharistic sacrifice. Notice that the artist does the same by showing the blood falling into a simple chalice with a host at its center.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Jesus, how well do I imitate your love by sacrificing for others?

Do I seek salvation, peace, and healing from Jesus?

*[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11*

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

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?

St. Vincent de Paul Church's Grief Ministry is a faith based support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. A six-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help. All meetings will be held in the Sun Room of the St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Monday April 16th, 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th and 21st from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information please contact stvgriefgroup@att.net or call the parish office at 570-686-4545. Please join us for various faith based presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere.

WORD DAY OF PRAYER

All are welcome to attend the World Day of Prayer for Vocations Diocesan Celebration on Sunday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 702 West Fourth Street, Williamsport. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Diocese and Vocation Directors of Religious Communities will display materials at a light reception following the Liturgy. For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call (570) 207-1452.

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.

WORKING JOB FAIR

Third Annual Working Pike Job Fair - Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The Pike County Workforce Development Agency, in concert with The Catholic Social Concerns Committee of Pike County, is again hosting the Working Pike Job Fair. The Fair will be at the Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing in Matamoras, on Tues April 17th from 10 am to 3 pm. If you are an employer, please consider registering for this event as it's a great way to make contact with many potential new employees. If you're a person seeking a job, whether for the first time or for a change in career, or just looking for local job opportunities, you should definitely plan to attend! There will be employers from PA, NY, & NJ from all industries, including Health Care, Finance, Government, Real Estate, Logistics, Transportation, Management, Manufacturing, and other sectors. Admission is FREE for job-seekers. Anyone interested -- employers or job-seekers, should please call 570-296-2909 for more information.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 28-29

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Carol Cordova, Joe Price Stanley Lazarczyk, Jackie Padgett</i>
Altar Servers <i>Daniel Corcoran Ella Carroll</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Makayla Csencsits, Jackie Padgett, Neal & Michele Bensley</i>
Altar Server <i>David Marcial Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
Milford Senior Care <i>4/22 Lois Lazarczyk 4/29 Chuck Pike</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
George Tortorella
by
Chris Williams

CCD SHOWCASE

will be held Sunday, April 29, 2018 downstairs in the Church Hall. Come join the CCD Students as they celebrate the CCD year!!

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER

at the Delaware Valley High School 11/12 Cafeteria, Friday, May 4, 2018
5:00 - 6:45pm with Jazz Night immediately following dinner.

RSVP to Carol Cordova at 570-409-2032 by April 27th.

**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 on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th. 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.

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

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

Our next food pantry will be Friday, May 4, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

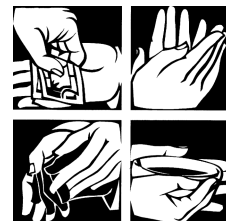
Our Parish Service Ministry is reaching out to all parishioners who may be in need of our help. If you need or know a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appt, please call the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

Weekly Offering
April 15, 2018
\$3703.00

Last Year
April 16, 2017
\$2342.70

Thank you for your generosity!

Easter 2017 \$ 6074.50
Easter 2018 \$ 4750.00



"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."

NEWS FROM THE RELIGION FORMATION DESK St. Pat-

rick's as some extraordinary youths who have received the Bishops Youth Award for their acts of charity and cheerful sacrifice. These youth live out Christ's instruction that. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". The young ladies and gentlemen are Madelyn Lawlor, Dana Stroup and Sean Rinkel. A celebratory Mass was held at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton with Bishop Bambera officiating. Congratulations and God Bless all of you. We are truly blessed to have you as part of St. Patrick's parish.

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.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, May 11th at 6:30pm.

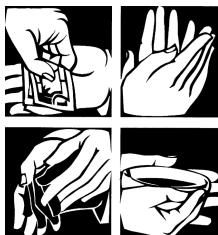
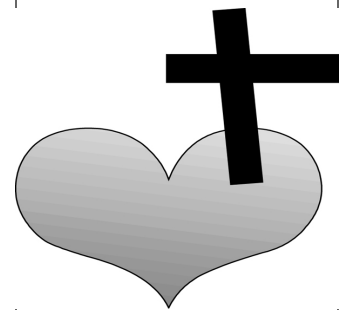
MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 2:30pm.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 28-29

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)
Lector
Communion Ministers
<i>Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty, Annette Petry</i>
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector
Communion Ministers
<i>Donna Hersca, Colleen Sheldon, Catherine Umberto</i>
Altar Servers



Weekly Collection
April 15, 2018
\$ 3,390.00
This time last year
\$3,220.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$815.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$35,784.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle will
burn in memory of
Harry Geiger
requested by
The Legion of Mary*

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.

Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10: 11-18

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will give up His life for us, His flock.

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THE LOST SHEEP

These sheep are lost, but when they hear the voice of Jesus, they find their way.

I HEAR THE GOOD NEWS



I believe

I HEAR THE GOSPEL

I believe

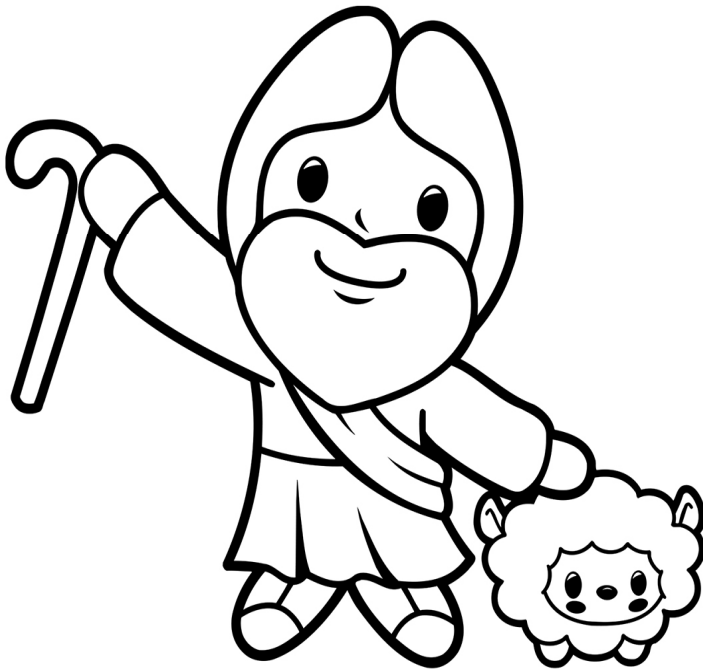


I HEAR THE WORD OF GOD



I believe

- color and cut the lost sheep and add them to the flock of believers below -



Calendar

Monday

April 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

April 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

April 25

St. Mark,

Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Mk 16:15-20

Thursday

April 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

April 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

April 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52

Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

April 29

Fifth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

Daily Prayer

Easter is a seven week season of joy and grace. Starting with the Triduum in Holy Week and ending with Pentecost Sunday, this 50 day season has been called "the radiant center of the liturgical year." We keep celebrating so that we might continue to enter into the meaning of the resurrection and to deepen the way it touches our daily lives. After Easter Week's resurrection stories, the first reading for the rest of this long and glorious season is from the Acts of the Apostles. Every day we see how Jesus' followers reacted to his death, the challenges to their witness and the unexpected courage that comes to them. John's Gospel is used for the entire Easter Season, the one time of year we can enter into his poetic and layered stories on a daily basis. Easter only begins with Easter Sunday. These daily prayers and meditations come together to remind us that Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have, before any struggle, any possible fear of death. In these 50 days, we are Easter People!

Fourth Week of Easter

We celebrate this week of the Easter season by entering more deeply into the stories of the early followers of Jesus. All week in Acts, we will read of an increasing boldness by the disciples, and the beginning of Paul's ministry to the Gentiles.

John's gospels continue to draw us into the image of Jesus as our shepherd, loving us with an individual tenderness. Jesus continues to tell us that he and the Father are one. Like his followers, we sometimes simply can't see it.

This is a week to pray with joy for the love God showers on us and for the presence of Jesus' warm caring for us in our everyday lives. We are not perfect. We are not sin-free.

But we are loved by our Risen God - and that is what we celebrate in this season.

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