

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

Remembering
March 4-10



March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **William Hadlick**

Noel Balch & Family

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

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

Ash Wednesday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Sister Barbara D'Auria**

Robin Kenney & Family

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Catherine Umberto
(living)**

Deacon Tom

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **James McAndrew**

Edson & Ann Masker

Friday

✠ **No Mass**

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Deceased Members of
the Bradley & Meredith
Families**

The Family

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Una Coyne**

Ray & Carol Proulx

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **Jack Drake**

The Family

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Gina Spataro**

Carol & Ray Proulx



Piece: Silence

Artist: Paris Nogari (1536-1601)

Location: Vatican Museums

Silence Regenerates Our Inner Sanctuary

Silence. This fresco where the Swiss Guards stand outside the pope's residence reminds us of an important virtue that is often absent in modern times: the capacity to be silent. "Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

The figure in the fresco holds a finger over his mouth, indicating that silence starts with us. Speak less! Then we should muffle the background noise, represented by the stork with a stone in its bill to stifle its squawk.

How often do we have times of silence in our lives—and not just moments when there doesn't happen to be a radio or TV on? I mean purposeful, intentional periods of quiet to be alone with God and ourselves.

Regular times of quiet offer many benefits. They help us reflect, order our thoughts, and contemplate what's happening inside our hearts and minds. Silence is regenerative and gives us new energy, clarity, and serenity. If we add to this quietude an internal dialogue with ourselves and our Lord, it can take our inner sanctuary to a new level. One will not only find strength but also purpose and focus. Silence is the natural habitat of a flourishing soul, yet we often lock out our inner self in the mayhem of the external world, never allowing it to take in what gives it life—silence.

How about taking an hour without phones, radios, TVs, and computers to dedicate yourself to some meditative work or recreation? Or better yet, take a moment and go to a local perpetual adoration chapel to quietly sit with our Lord.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Is there a daily moment when I can enjoy some silence?

What will I find in those moments? In my frenetic activity, am I running from something that I should otherwise confront?

*When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do people's faults when they speak....
The test of a person is in conversation.*

Sirach 27:4-5

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.

PORT JERVIS WARMING STATION

The Port Jervis Warming Station located at St. Peter's Church is looking for volunteers to work at night. It is a very well organized, clean, and safe environment. They have been housing approximately 15 persons at night. At present they need more volunteers. To find out more information on volunteering call 845-629-5953.

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

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, March 10th 3:00PM at St. Thomas Church Montague NJ. 973-948-2296 for more information.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00AM Mass and Distribution of Ashes (SJ)
12:00PM Mass and Distribution of Ashes (SP)
Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes
5:30PM (SJ) 7:00PM (SP)

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)

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

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Bob Curtis</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>Ella Carroll, Lukas Schutz, Cole Corcoran</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher</i>
Milford Senior Care 3/3 Chuck Pike <i>3/10 Debbie Roa</i>

IN MEMORIUM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Jackie Tescione** a parishioner who passed away last week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace Amen.

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

There will be an Altar & Rosary meeting Monday, March 4th at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. New Members Welcome!!!

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.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care one Thursday of every Month at 11:00 am. The next scheduled Mass will be Thursday, March 7, 2019. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

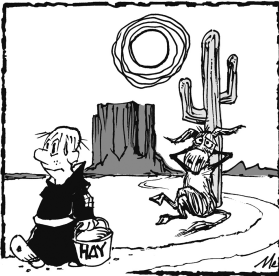
ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS

Want to do something different to enrich your spiritual life this Lent? Join Deacon Thomas Spataro during the Lenten Season on Tuesdays, March 26, April 2 and April 9 at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, as he continues his weekly enlightening discussions based on Bishop Robert Barron's series "The Mass". All are welcome! For more information call St. Patrick's Parish Office at 570 296-7451

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns for the

Drew Crine

By

The Family

Weekly Offering

February 24, 2019

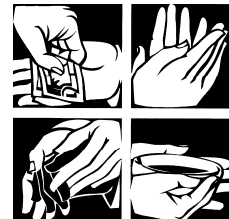
\$3142.50

Last Year

February 25, 2018

\$3102.94

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 **Clark Patrick Gower** and **V. James Annunziato, IV** who were baptized here at St. Patrick's Church. God Bless You.

FOOD PANTRY

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

MASS AT BELLE REVE

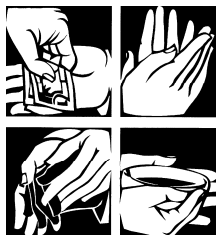
Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon, March 20th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

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K OF C SOUPER BOWL GREAT SUCCESS!

A special thank you to everyone who made our 7th annual "SOUPer Bowl" a great success. Thank you to Apple Valley, Balch's, Best Western, Brother Bruno's, Chris and Gina's Café, Hotel Fauchere, John's of Arthur Avenue, Jorgenson's at the Dimmick Milford Diner, Perkins, Prime Time Meats, Ray & Charles Diner., Spoonful Soup & Eats, The Grill, Stewie's Restaurant, Two Rivers Grille and Waterwheel Café. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to "Hands of Hope" for the homeless in Pike County. We are especially grateful to Chefs Al Helms and Matt Osterberg. Finally our heartfelt thanks go to the many community members who purchased the soups. You have all helped us to help or neighbors who are experiencing difficult times.



Weekly Collection
February 24, 2019
\$2,026

This time last year
\$2,030.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 24, 2019
\$ 636.00

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$19,769.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 9/10

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Joe Dooley

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Lelaina & Julianna Hopper

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Joe Casmus

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Bennett Nielsen and
Vincent Saski

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Louis Black
requested by
Friends*

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.

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Gospel Today

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:39-45

A good tree produces good fruit, just as a good person, whose heart is full of love, is good and kind to others.

"Each tree is recognized
by its own fruit."

Luke 6:44

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



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Calendar

Monday

MARCH 4

Weekday

Sir 17:20-24

Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

MARCH 5

Weekday

Sir 35:1-12

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

MARCH 7

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

MARCH 8

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

MARCH 9

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

MARCH 10

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

Daily Prayer

We may feel like we never have enough; enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems to be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, meetings and obligations - keeping our hearts distracted away from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love. In these few days before Lent begins, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and more importantly, we can ask what the Lord wants for us this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real - not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I be with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open

hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day. For these first four days of Lent, it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it. The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a gift to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day.

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