

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

Rememóerínġ
May 22-28

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Communion Service**

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Connie DeFrancesco**
Irene & Frank DeVito

WEDNESDAY

ASCENSION VIGIL

7:00PM (SP)

✠ **Eddie Williams**
His Parents

THURSDAY

ASCENSION

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Margaret Fontana**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30Ppm (SP)

✠ **Steven Dutkus**

Charles & Mae Catalano

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Joseph Bones**

Eileen Harrington

9:00am (SJ)

✠ **Deceased Members of
The Drake & Lapriore
Families**
The Family

11:00am (SP)

✠ **For the People of
St. Patrick Parish**



**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

Shepherd, Advocate, Savior

Jesus promised he wouldn't leave us orphans. As a good shepherd, he was concerned that he would eventually have to leave his sheep. How would he care for them while he was away preparing a place for them? He promises to pray to the Father for an advocate who would be with us always. We are entrusted to an advocate who cares for us until Christ returns.

That advocate is Jesus' very Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The apostles understood this. That's why their first order of business after baptizing a new believer was to place hands on him or her and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down and confirm the new believer with his gifts. They knew this was essential since it was Jesus' way of staying close to his believers.

This Spirit, which we received at baptism and whose gifts we more actively embraced at confirmation,

is a friendship we absolutely need to cultivate. Its inspirations are constantly present, and listening to them is key to maturing as disciples. Who wouldn't want to have direct access to the heart and power of Jesus? Who wouldn't want to have the zeal of the first apostles? Who wouldn't want to have the same spiritual gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and awe?

We can. We do. We have the Holy Spirit! If you don't notice his action in your soul the way you'd like to, simply ask the Spirit to help you hear and respond better. Then just stand back and watch him work.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What helps increase my awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in me? Which one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit do I most need?



Piece: *Disputation of the Holy Sacrament*
(*La Disputa*), 1508-1511
Artist: Raphael Sanzio
Location: Raphael Rooms, Vatican Museums

*"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth...[Y]ou know it, because it remains with you"
(John 14:16-17).*

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

**ASCENSION THURSDAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, May 24th 7:00pm Vigil Mass
at St. Patrick's (no 12 noon Mass)**

**Thursday, May 25th 8:00am Mass
at St. Joseph's**

**DEANERY CHOIR AT THE 2017
MILFORD MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Join The Deanery Choir on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00pm in St. Patrick's church, 111 East High St. Milford for a program of Praise, Pop and Patriotic music, ***This is My Father's World***. The presentation is part of the Milford MusicFest, the annual festival of music that takes place in and around Milford, PA from June 23-25. No tickets or admission fee required. Come enjoy the music of The Deanery Choir...we hope to see you there!

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A one time National Collection will be taken up this weekend to support the completion of the Mosaic adorning the central Trinity Dome of the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The Basilica of the National Shrine is dedicated to Our Lady as Patroness of the Church in the United States. Special Baskets are by the doors exiting the Church at both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Churches. Thank you for your generosity!

**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 pick up a baby bottle from the display. Fill it with change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th. The Center has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 20 years. Look for the baby bottle display in the Narthex next week.

CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER GROUP meets at the Msgr. James Gacquin Religious Education Center, 122 Layton-Hainesville Road (Route 645) in Sandyston across from the Sandyston Municipal building on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30. Our prayer group will be using, as a spring board for discussion on prayer, a one half hour video "Crossing the Goal" (Leading Men to the Cross). Call Deacon Wayne at 973-293-3344 for more details.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 7

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic...It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited...There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.

Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms...However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption. There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, (reducing use of) fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. Worldwide there is minimal access to clean and renewable energy...Some countries have made considerable progress, although it is far from constituting a significant proportion. Investments have also been made in means of production and transportation which consume less energy and require fewer raw materials, as well as in methods of construction and renovating buildings which improve their energy efficiency. But these good practices are still far from widespread." (Continued in part 8)

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)

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 27-28

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Jim Burnett

Eucharistic Minister

Diane Heater

William Fells

Altar Servers

Danial Corcoran

Draven Nitecki

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Makayla Csencsits

Eucharistic Minister

Diana Sierra

Anna Blackman

Altar ServersRyan & Eric Schanzen-
bacher**April** Altar Server Of the
Month:**Eric Cabrera -Agostini****Milford Senior Care****5/21 Eileen Dorko****5/28 Lois Lazarczyk**

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of

Angela Ricciardi

by
Ann Crine

COFFEE SOCIAL THIS SUNDAY

Immediately following the 9:00am Mass in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar and Rosary will be having their Year End Pot Luck Supper on Monday June 5th at 6 PM in the Multipurpose Room of the church. Everyone is asked to bring a dish, or dessert to share with the group, Please contact Louise Piccirillo at 491-2521 to get suggestions as to what is needed.

**TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER
"BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER"**

Please consider picking up a baby bottle from the display. Fill it with loose change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday June 18th. The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located in Milford, PA and has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 20 years. Look for the baby bottle display in the front entrance to the Church next week.

BACCALAUREATE

Our Baccalaureate Mass will be held Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the 9:00am Mass. Invitations have been mailed along with a Biography request Form. If you are/know a graduating Senior who has not received an invitation, please contact the Parish Office 570-491-2618. Biographies should be mailed to Anna Blackman 302 Avenue G, Matamoras, PA 18336 or Christine Marcial 710 Avenue H, Matamoras, PA 18336 and must be returned before May 22, 2017.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

NO Coffee and Conversation this Monday 5/22.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, June 16, 2017 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. LITTLE LAMBS

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center at 44 Ball St. in Port Jervis is having an Open House on Sunday, May 21 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.. Little Lambs is inviting the community to visit the classrooms, meet some of the staff, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education. Little Lambs has begun accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year. For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to visit the Open House or contact director Eileen Carmody at 845-858-4208 or littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com

Weekly Offering**May 14, 2017**

\$ 3130.76 (1st)

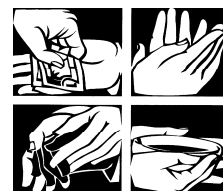
\$ 874.30 (2nd)

Last Year**May 15, 2016**

\$ 3999.50 (1st)

\$ 518.00 (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 FORMATION NEWS

Religious Formation registration is underway for the 2017-18 school year. Please stop by the office for an application or contact Jo-Marie Totten 570-296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. We are also in need of a few teachers for next year. If you enjoy working with children and would like to share your faith and the love of Jesus with them please contact Jo-Marie Totten at the numbers provided.

Also...It's that time of year again when we begin to plan Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is **Mighty Fortress**. The camp will be held June 10—14 from 9-12 @ St. Patrick's Parish Hall The children will learn that God is their refuge and their strength, through music, crafts, bible stories, special snacks, and lots of fun games. If you would like to sign your child up registration is going on now. For signing up or volunteering, please contact Jo-Marie at the parish office.

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

A special thank you to Elaine Stine and the group of boys and girls who helped out with the May poles during the crowning of the Blessed Mother, Mary.

ORDINATION OF RYAN PATRICK GLENN

On Saturday, May 27th Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will confer the Order of Deacon to Ryan Patrick Glenn at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, East Stroudsburg. Please remember Ryan in your prayers.

ROSARY AT BELLE REVE

The rosary is recited every other Tuesday, 2PM at Belle Reve Senior Care Home in Milford, parishioners from St. Patrick's join residents of Belle Reve for a half hour of prayer and fellowship. Why don't you join us in this worthwhile ministry? The next time they will meet will be May 30, 2016.

For more information, Call Eileen Harrington (570) 296-6137 or Pat Corcoran at (570) 409-9089.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

So far our Twitter account has 260 followers and growing. We are not only reaching out to our parish and town but are in touch with people and parishes from all over! We are starting a new Facebook page too and hope that you will follow us there as well. News, updates, announcements and in general spiritual tweets will be posted. Follow us on Twitter@stpatmilfordpa and on facebook...look for our new page coming soon! It will be another way we can interact, communicate and share our faith with others.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 27-28

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector

Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Donna Hersca, Rosemary Walsh

Altar Servers

Riley Mapes, Nicole Traxler

Sunday 7:30am

Lector

David Stine

Communion Ministers

Clorinda Alfano, Dean & Arlene Quirk

Altar Servers

Olivia & Pamela Larry

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

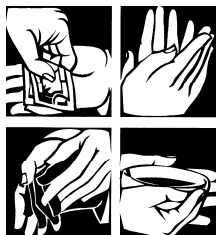
Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Angela Gleason, Ray Weeks

Altar Servers

Roger Neff, Dana Stroup



Weekly Collection

May 14, 2017

\$ 2,972.00

Last year

April 26, 2016

\$4,649.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

May 21, 2017

\$ 1,377.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current

\$45,112.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle

burns in memory of

Kevin Reilly

requested by

Helga, Marion &

Michelle Becking

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.

SWEET as HONEY COLOR PAGE

We can't see the wind - only what it moves, and we can't see the Holy Spirit - only what it moves, in people! Is the Holy Spirit moving in you? How?



Calendar

Monday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

Friday

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

May 28
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord
SEVENTH SUNDAY
READINGS:
Acts 1:12-14,
1 Pt 4:13-16
Jn 17:1-11a
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
READINGS:
Acts 1:1-11,
Eph 1:17-23,
Mt 28:16-20

Daily Prayer this Week

We sometimes keep the idea of the Trinity firmly in our heads, rather than move it to our hearts. Our logical, practical minds cannot make sense out of three persons in one God.

But clearly this week Jesus wants us to have some sense of what the Trinity is - a continuation of the seamless love and identity between him and the Father. It is the Spirit of that love between them that lives on in us today, guiding us and helping us to follow the message of Jesus' life. It is that Spirit of Jesus that is with us in each of the difficult and joyous moments of our days.

Jesus invites us to discover the power of the Spirit in our lives through an awareness of "the Advocate" supporting us each day. Jesus encourages us in the same kind of intimate relationship he has with the Father. The startling idea of this close, personal conversation one might

have with a parent models for us how we can speak to him.

If we feel tongue-tied or don't know where to begin, that is exactly the place to start. Each morning as we awaken, we can speak from our hearts.

Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day, head to a meeting, stand in the kitchen or fold laundry. It is not complicated to have a closer relationship with God but it takes focus. And always, we can end our day with a simple prayer of thanks for the many blessings of the day.