

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

Remembering

Sept. 9-15

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Brother Joseph Donovan**
Dorean & Jack Reilly

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Gina Spataro**
Bill & Aedeen Hansen

Wednesday

12:00pm

✠ **Lou Black**
Terri Pyrzynski

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Charles Miller**
Jean, Jean, Ernie, Annette,
& Tria

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Charles Miller**

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **John McCarthy**
Aedeen & Bill Hansen

Sunday

7:15am (SP)

✠ **Joseph White**
Patrick & Cheryl McCarthy

8:30am (SJ)

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

11:00 (SP)

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



September 8, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 9:13-18b

Phmn 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

A Love of First Preference

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking of his first preference for love. In saying *hating* in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: "In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should...love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them" (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean that we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first, and that first "other" is God himself.

The painting from the Vatican Hall of Saints shows St. Anthony, head of a large monastery, meeting in the desert with St. Paul, a poor hermit who lived off the land. Both represented two ways of totally responding to God's call—one as a religious monk living in a thriving community and another as a hermit, living separated from the world as testimony to what really matters.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits,



Piece: *Encounter Between St. Anthony, Abbot, and St. Paul the Hermit, 1492-94*
Artist: Bernardino Pinturicchio
Location: Vatican Museums, Borgia Apartments

or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Is there something the Holy Spirit is asking of me so my following of Jesus becomes more sincere and committed?

How do I support religious vocations?

[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27

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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. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

Are held the 4th Sunday of every month from 1-3 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you. **Please make a note that September 29th and is the 5th Sunday of the month. The Knights will be having their dinner on the 5th Sunday of September. The time will be the same, 1:00-3:00pm.**

FIRST FRIDAY

There is a Communion Service with the Sacred Heart Novena at St. Patrick's on the First Friday of every month at 12:00 Noon. Please plan to join us.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

The first Saturday of every month Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be held at Saint Patrick's. We will begin at 11:30am, praying the Rosary, followed by a Communion Service and concluding with a Novena in honor to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The novena honors Mary by honoring Mary's gift of the Miraculous Medal to Christians. She gave us the gift when she appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in France in 1830. In one apparition, Mary showed her a vision, and she gave the young nun a mission to have that vision made into a medal. Mary told her that people who wear it will receive great favors, and she told her that they should wear the medals around their necks. The medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but the name was changed because of the number of miracles, healings and conversions reported by people who wore it faithfully. Please plan on joining us.

PCDC TRICKY TRAY

The Pike County Developmental Center will be holding a Tricky Tray on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Delaware Valley High School Cafeteria, Routes 6 & 209, Milford. Doors open at 4:00pm and calling starts at 6:00pm. Trays-Grand Prizes-50-50 Raffle. Refreshments available, NO ENTRY FEE.

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. PATRICK'S

There will be a training session here at St. Patrick's on Tuesday evening September 10th at 6:00pm. Anyone who plans to volunteer with the children must have this requirement. Please call the Parish Office of St. Patrick's if you have any questions and/or to sign up.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS In September, a new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in find out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non-baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, such as Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. We meet on Sunday afternoons for one hour. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL KICK OFF WEEKEND.

Today we join parishes throughout the Diocese in launching the 2019 diocesan Annual Appeal "Serving in Faith with Hope and Gratitude." Through your continued charity and generosity, I am confident that we will achieve this goal. Thank you for your support. This month, all parishioners will receive a gift request letter from Bishop Bambera. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift this year. We will also be doing an "In Pew Weekend Collection" Please check future bulletins for dates of this.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 14-15

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Joe Price</i> <i>Jack Reilly</i>
Altar Servers <i>Ella Carroll</i> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Tom McMullen</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Neal & Michele Bensley</i>
Altar Server <i>Robert McMullen</i> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i>
Milford Senior Care <i>9/8 Chuck Pike</i> <i>9/15 Jack Reilly</i>



The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of

Marissa Blair

By

Elizabeth Blair

JR CHOIR & ADULT CHOIR

Calling NEW and returning choir members for St. Joseph's Jr. Choir and St. Joseph's Adult Choir. Each choir sings for 2 Sunday Masses every month and rehearses on Wednesdays. The Adult Choir rehearses from 5:10pm-6:10pm and the Jr. choir (Grades 3-12) rehearses from 6:25pm -7:25pm (starting Sept. 11th). See Mare Bradley after Mass or call her at 845-754-3620. Try it, you'll like it! It is a wonderful experience and we have a lot of fun together.

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

Monday, September 9th 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. We're looking for new members! All women of the Parish are welcome!

ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Altar Servers. If anyone 3rd Grade and above is interested in becoming an Altar Server please call the Parish Office or speak with Father Joseph, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Mike after Mass.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 20th from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn (or more than one!) assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." You are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Just let an Usher know before Mass that you'd like to present the gifts, or if an usher approaches you to ask, please consider saying yes. Active participation will enrich our liturgy!

TRI-STATE PREGNANCE CENTER

On behalf of the Tri-State Pregnancy Center Board of Directors and Staff, we thank you for your continued support of the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. St. Joseph's Parish's generously donated \$2750.74! Thank you so much!!

COURT MADONNA #114

will be hosting an Antique Appraisal Day and Craft Fair Saturday, September 21st from 9—3pm at St. Mary's Church Hall Ball Street, Port Jervis. Cost is \$4.00 per item with a limit of 6 items per person. There will also be craft vendors, a Bake Sale. Soups, and drinks for sale. For more information contact Lisa McDonough at 570-582-7844

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Join Father Joseph on Thursday, September 12th at 11:00am as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Milford Senior Care.

Weekly Offering

September 1, 2019

TBA

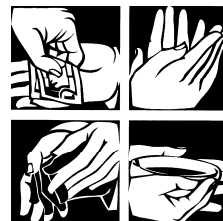
Bulletin deadline before
collection counted

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

September 2, 2018

\$ 3356.00



"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."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IT'S TIME

It's time! September 15th at 9:30 Did you remember to sign your children up for Religious Ed.

Please contact Jo-Marie Totten at patsdre@ptd.net.

PARISH PICNIC—TODAY!!! FOLLOWING THE 11:00AM MASS

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP

We would like to thank everyone for your generous donations of yarn and supplies. Currently we are not accepting any donations at this time. If you would like to find out more about our group, please call the Parish Office. We meet Wednesdays in the Church Hall from 2-4. Beginners, experts and those who would like to learn are welcome to join!

A NOTE FROM ST. PATRICK'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Thinking of getting more involved in your parish? Do you like to sing? Would you like to learn to play a bell? Please consider joining St. Patrick's Music Ministry! We will begin our choir year in September and are currently looking to include new members, maybe even YOU! Please speak to Rich, our Director of Music, any of our Music Ministers...OR come to open rehearsals during September beginning Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30PM for our Choir or Monday, September 9 at 7:30 for Bell Choir.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Jean Leisenheimer** who recently passed away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Mackenzie Rose DeMaio** and **Calyn Justine Lentoni** were recently baptized here at St. Patrick's. God Bless you Mackenzie and Calyn.

MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY

If anyone would like to add the name of a loved one, family member or friend to a list to be prayed for, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Intentions will be placed in the bulletin once a month.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph on Wednesday, September 18th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.



Weekly Collection

August 25, \$2,542.00 September 1, \$2,719.00



This time last year \$2,889.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

August 25, 2019

\$10,556.00

September 1, 2019 \$984.00

Year to Date July'19- Current

\$11,540.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 14-15

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Joe Casmus

Communion Ministers

Annette Petry,
Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers

Carli Lock, Brooke Nielsen

Sunday 7:15am

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Ray Weeks, Midge Curreri

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Sophia Mullen

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of*

Helen Harris

*requested by
her daughter
Susan Harris*

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.

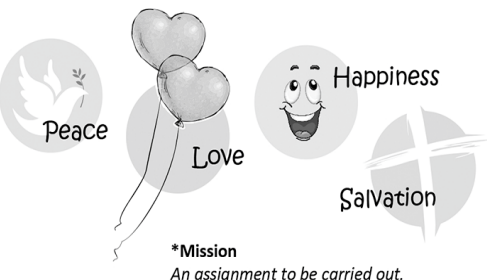
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Gospel Today

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 14:25-33

As disciples of Christ our mission* is total dedication to God. Nothing should be a distraction—not family, possessions or hardships. Then, be prepared for peace, love, happiness and salvation, the rewards of discipleship.

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Whoever does not carry his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple.

—LUKE 14:27

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Jesus	A	D	D	R	E	S	S	E	D	C	R	O	S	S	Y
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Great	C	H	T	W	D	I	O	V	A	R	T	C	O	L	S
Crowds	E	E	H	A	P	P	I	N	E	S	S	A	I	V	S
Traveling	P	M	O	R	C	J	E	W	R	A	U	R	T	A	N
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Saying	N	R	E	Q	U	I	R	E	S	N	O	W	R	O	S
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Avoid	S	P	E	A	C	E	U	Q	F	A	M	I	L	Y	O
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God															

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

Col 3:12–17

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation
of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7–11, 13–14

1 Tm 1:12–17

Lk 15:1–32

Daily Prayer

When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, as Paul calls the Colossians to do, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us his love. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. We can beg for the grace to forgive others. This journey each day might take us into specific patterns, habits, ruts we're in. We may even want to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, in preparation for celebrating the upcoming Sunday's readings.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. Whose faults do I pay most attention to? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold forgiveness? If we begin each day, asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions, throughout our day, our days this week will show us deeper places where

the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy.

From the beginning of the week, we might ask Mary to gently guide us to trust her Son's love and to be more tender in loving those people her Son invites us to forgive and be a source of healing.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus' followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect, but because he saw in us something that he could heal and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples.

*Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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