

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

Rememóeríng
July 30-Aug.5

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Andrew Witkowski**
The Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ **Denise Look**
Eric & Eileen Helin

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Dolores Rowan**
Claire Collins

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Maria I. Sudano**
Deacon Tom Spataro

FRIDAY

**First Friday Communion
Service**
12:00pm (SP)

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Jack Shannon**
Maureen & Jim Farr

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **The Moglia Family**
Emil & Arlene Moglia

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **The People of
St. Joseph's Parish**

7:15am (SP)

**For The People of
St. Patrick's**

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Robert Kyle**
The Family



July 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15

Gifts to Be Shared

The multiplication of the loaves and fish is a scene commonly sculpted on the tombs of Christians in Rome. These early Christians, an ocean away, not only heard the story but believed it and sealed their lives with it. What powerful message of life and death did they find?

Aside from being a symbol of the Eucharist, the center of early Christian worship then as today, this miracle is a call to generosity. By giving your life to Jesus, he can multiply it and raise it up to new life.

Jesus sees the hunger of the crowd and wants to satisfy them. He asks what provisions they have, and all they can muster is two fish and five loaves. Andrew questions what good that

is for so many. Implicit is that it may be better to save what little there is for themselves.

Jesus sees things differently. He gives thanks for the little they have and has the apostles give it away. He knows the Father will multiply this generosity. Rather than look at what they have as a scarcity of goods, he sees them as gifts to share.

This is the radical change of heart that Jesus asks of us. Everything we have is a gift to be shared. When we live in love, and not in selfish fear of how to satisfy ourselves, then God multiplies what little we have and provides everything we need.

When the Gospel declares the apostles had collected twelve baskets

of leftovers, the text shouts that God is a God of abundance, not of scarcity.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Am I generous with my
time, treasure, and talent?
Do I multiply what I have
by giving it to God and
others, allowing him to
return it to me twelvefold?*



Piece: Sarcophagus, Pius-Christian collection, Third century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Vatican Museums

*Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them
to those who were reclining.*

John 6:11

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

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Coming to St. Patrick's Church Hall on Thursday, August 9, 2018. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-888-653-6450 to schedule your appointment and receive a special \$10.00 discount. You may also register on line at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

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 four-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, July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th and August 13th 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. Men are also encouraged to attend as a men's group will take place at the same time and place. All are welcome!

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Scranton Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 36th annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of August 3-August 5. This year's theme is: "He restores my soul!" The Conference will feature inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each afternoon. A well-stocked book/gift store will be available. Separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$50 up to and including July 23 and \$65 after July 23. Single-day registration is also available on-site. Commuting and brown-bagging is encouraged, while dormitory housing and cafeteria meals are available at a moderate cost. For Registration Forms, please see the Bulletin Board on our website www.ccrscranton.org or email ccrconference@comcast.net. You may also write to: CCR Conference, PO Box 3306, Scranton PA 18505, or call the CCR Office at 570-344-2214. ALL ARE WELCOME!

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON HUMAN RESOURCES/SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children.

During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively.

Please consider joining your community on to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Milford (Dingmans Ferry)
Session will take place in the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center(101 St. Vincent Drive)

To register contact Joe Sudano at: stvreled@ptd.net

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018, 1 P.M.

818 Main Street, Saint Luke Parish, Stroudsburg

To register, please contact the parish at 570.421.9097

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 4-5

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Stanley Lazarczyk
Eucharistic Minister Diane Heater Chuck Pike
Altar Servers Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Janet Bright
Eucharistic Minister Makayla Csencsits Jack Reilly
Altar Server Mark Cavallaro Robert McMullen
Milford Senior Care 7/29 Lois Lazarczyk 8/5 Chuck Pike

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Pat Addio
by
The Family

IN MEMORIUM

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

COFFEE SOCIAL THIS WEEKEND!!

A variety of foods will be available including sugar-free! All are welcome! Anyone

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, August 17, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. 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

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Mass is celebrated the second Thursday of each month. The next scheduled Mass will be Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 11:00am. Any family or friends of Milford Senior Care Residents are most welcome!

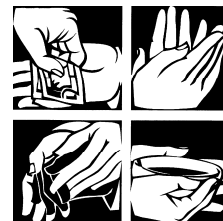
Weekly Offering

July 21, 2018
\$ 3625.00

Last Year

July 23, 2017
\$ 4888.15

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 EDUCATION REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!

It's time to register for Religious Education. Form with payment due by August 1, 2018 for us to order the proper number of books. If you are new to the parish and need to register your child, we will also need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. For more information please contact JoMarie Totten at the office, 570 296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. Forms are available on bulletin board in Narthex or in Parish Office.

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—tchogan@ptd.net or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday, **August 24th** at 6:30. As a reminder, school is out for the summer. Children who receive free breakfasts and lunches at school depending on the family food budget for their meals. The carefree days of summer can be difficult for many families. Visiting the Food Pantry may be their only resource. Please help us fill the Pantry shelves by providing some of the basic items. Most needed items are: canned fruit, tomato products, pasta, rich, cereal, tea, coffee, pudding and gelatin mixes, juice, dry milk, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, canned tuna, and canned vegetables. A bin for donations is located in the narthex as you enter the church for Mass. May God bless you for caring and Sharing!

MASS AT BELLE REVE

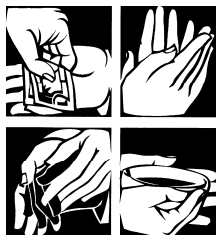
The next scheduled Mass for the Residents of Belle Reve is Wednesday August 15, 2018, at 2:30pm

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

Plans are in process for the annual parish picnic is scheduled for September 9th on the church grounds. Please check bulletin more details. We are still looking for many volunteers, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number.

FLEA MARKET UPDATE

People Helping would like to thank all the parishioners who donated items for our Flea Market. Because of your generous donations, we were able to raise \$2900.00. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped all week sorting and pricing the various items. It was a group effort and we are always looking for more volunteers. **Our Holiday Kickoff meeting date will be sometime in October. Please check future bulletins and announcements.**



Weekly Collection
July 22, 2018
\$ 2,848.00
This time last year
\$2,084.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$ 841.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$42,946.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 4-5

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty,
Annette Petry

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Riley Mapes

Sunday 7:15am

Lector Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca, Karen Loeschorn

Altar Servers

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira,
Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers

Caterina Catiozone,
Roger Neff

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
**James & Lisa Donahue
& Family***

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:1-15

As Jesus and His disciples came out of the boat, the crowd gathering was large and hungry. Passover was near and Jesus asked if there was food enough for everyone. Andrew told Jesus of a boy with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Jesus took the food, gave thanks and fed the crowd. When all 5 thousand had eaten there were 12 full baskets collected, so none would go to waste.

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Jesus then took the loaves,
and when He had given thanks,
He distributed them.

JOHN 6:11



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Multiplication	W	F	R	O	T	R	R	E	V	O	S	S	A	P
Miracle	E	O	S	R	O	A	N	D	E	D	F	E	D	T
Boat	L	U	S	R	E	V	O	T	F	E	L	L	I	H
Crossed	P	N	D	C	I	P	D	B	I	R	N	P	D	O
Sea	O	D	E	R	B	L	E	S	S	E	D	I	E	U
Crowd	E	O	N	C	R	O	W	D	H	H	D	C	S	S
Followed	P	H	I	E	M	T	O	U	E	T	R	S	S	A
Disciples	M	U	L	T	I	P	L	I	C	A	T	I	O	N
Passover	E	N	C	E	R	F	L	O	E	G	S	D	R	D
Near	N	G	E	R	A	N	O	N	A	I	A	O	C	S
People	W	R	R	S	C	D	F	O	E	V	L	E	W	T
Hungry	T	Y	O	F	L	E	A	N	D	R	E	W	S	L
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Men														
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Jesus														
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Food														
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Twelve														
Baskets														
Leftovers														
Gathered														

Calendar

Monday

July 30

Weekday

Jer 13:1-11

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,

Priest

Jer 14:7-22

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,

Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

August 2

Weekday

Jer 18:1-6

Mt 13:47-53

Friday

August 3

Weekday

Jer 26:1-9

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 4

St. John Vianney,

Priest

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 5

Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

Daily Prayer

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. The growth of God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient.

And, God alone will judge. So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no "extra" time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved. One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, "Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today." Or, "Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today." While in the shower or going to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying "thank you" every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.