

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

Remembering
August 12-18

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Clare Reilly**
Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Una Coyne**
Husband, Peter

WEDNESDAY
12:00pm
Communion Service

7:00pm Vigil (SP)
✠ **Joseph Loiacono**
Father, Carmine

THURSDAY
8:00am (SJ)
✠ **Frances Murphy**
Deg & Mary Carroll

FRIDAY
NO MASS

SATURDAY
4:00pm (SJ)
✠ **For the People of St. Joseph's Parish**
5:30pm (SP)
✠ **Una Coyne**
Husband, Peter

SUNDAY
7:15am (SP)
✠ **For The People of St. Patrick's**
8:30am (SJ)
✠ **Kay Campbell**
The Cordova Family
11:00 (SP)
✠ **Jim & Cathy Collins**
Claire Collins



August 11, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12
Lk 12:32-48 or Lk or 12:35-40

Finding Our Treasure Where It Really Is—in God

Abraham is considered our father in faith because he practiced faith to an amazing degree. His faith brought him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God's fidelity.

In Carracci's painting, Abraham is looking up to God and not focused on the beloved son he is about to sacrifice. We also need to look up to God in order to value and love rightly the things here below.

Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place in the human heart—even something as dear as a God-given child. This is the absolute, total trust God asks of us. When dealing with all of the good things God gives us, including those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to trust what he asks of us. God's will doesn't always make sense right away. We're often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

The stormy heavens in the painting's background remind us how the winds of our passions and the pressure

of our secret expectations can clash with God's plans for us. A darkened front moves into our soul, making it difficult to hear his voice and see the light of his will. Here lies the heroism of faith. We walk by faith, not by sight.

For this reason, Abraham is the faithful servant found doing the Master's will. His treasure was in God.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



For Reflection

Giving thanks for all of God's gifts is one way to keep them in proper perspective. Do I thank him enough for his gifts?

Is there anything, even something good, that is more important to me than God's loving will?

*[Jesus said,] "Sell your belongings and give alms....
For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*

Luke 12:33-34

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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.

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.

On Saturday, August 4th and every first Saturday thereafter, we will have First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 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.

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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 14th 7:00pm Vigil (SP)

Thursday, August 15th 8:00am (SJ)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Three day summer retreat at San Alfonso Retreat house, Long Branch, NJ Tuesday August 13-15. Bus leaves from Dunmore. \$350 includes meals and lodging Sponsored by St. Raphael Society Prayer Group. Please call Barbara McCarthy for more information at (570) 347-8314.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

TRI STATE CHORALE! Tuesday, August 20th at 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Church.

Our Grand Lovely Dwelling Place The Tri State Chorale, under the direction of Matthew Rupcich and accompanied by Rich Gherardi, will be presenting their annual FREE summer concert at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30pm. *Our Grand Lovely Dwelling Place* celebrates the beauty around us in Northeastern PA as well as that of the Grand Canyon and the Shenandoah Valley. A string quartet, high school soloists, and images by local photographers will be featured, as well as a reception following the concert in the Church Hall. All are welcome! Donations to the Ecumenical Food Pantry or free will offering will be appreciated.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Aug. 17-18

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Bill Reed</i> <i>Tom McMullen</i>
Altar Servers <i>Daniel & Cole Corcoran</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Terry McDonough</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Carol Cordova</i> <i>Jackie Padgett</i>
Altar Server <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Milford Senior Care 8/11 Chuck Pike <i>8/18 Debbie Roa</i>

PARISH PICNIC REMINDER...there are only 2 week-ends left...this week-end and next...to sign-up for our Parish Picnic being held Sat. Aug. 24th 11am to 3pm at the VOCCI PAVILION at Airport Park. The cost is only \$3 per single and \$10 per family. Food, Fun, & Music! Reservations and payment may be made at the front entrance to the Church before and after each Mass. A big THANK YOU again to Tom McMullen and Tom Jensen for making this all possible.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday & Thursday from 9am - 3pm.

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." (Did you know that long ago, the congregation would bring the bread and wine from their own possession? Nowadays, all you have to do is walk it reverently down the aisle.) 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!

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, August 16th from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, August 18th. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 19th 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.



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In Memory of
Eleanor & Primo Carpana
By
The Family

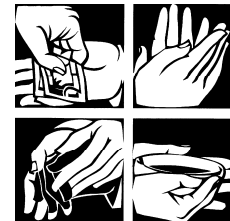
Weekly Offering

August 4, 2019
\$ 4006.04

Last Year

August 5, 2018
\$3556.50

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 IT'S TIME

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to these children"-Matthew 19:14

Register your children for religious Education. Registration due August 1st! Please take a registration form off the bulletin board in the Narthex. Any questions please contact Jo-Marie Totten at patsdre@ptd.net.

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars. The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 8th from 12:00-5:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person, \$25.00 a family. Tickets can be purchased after the Masses starting July 20th through Sept. 1 in the Narthex. Sign up sheets for volunteers to set up and clean up and to help sell tickets are on the table in the Narthex. Music by DJ Productions, BBQ, desserts, games, tricky-tray and 50/50. Come one! Come all! A fabulous way of meeting your church family. Donations for Tricky Tray would be appreciated. Any questions, please contact Bernadette 570-296-5307 or by emailbernieod2002@yahoo.com

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph on Wednesday August 21st at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

FOOD PANTRY

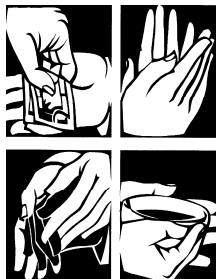
St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, August 23rd at 6:00pm.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Caroline Gasper** and **Ava DeMeo** who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick's Church. God Bless you Caroline and Ava.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE August 17-18

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Joe Casmus
Communion Ministers Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca
Altar Servers Caterina Catizone, Carli Lock
Sunday 7:15am
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Diane Dennis
Communion Ministers Ray Weeks, Annette Petry
Altar Servers Jason Lecina, Sophia Mullen



Weekly Collection

July 28, 2019

\$2,053.00

This time last year \$2,809.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

July 28, 2019

\$511.00

Year to Date July'19- Current
\$2,623.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000
Total collected for the year 2018 \$39,986.00

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of

Joseph Loiacno

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His Father, Carmine

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 12:32-48

As good and faithful servants we are expected to always be prepared for a visit from God. Are you ready?

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Be loving and respectful
Be helpful, trustworthy and prayerful
Be kind, generous and forgiving
Be ready, faithful and have hope!

Write the alphabet letters NOT found in the lamp below.



Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

...light your lamp and be like the

who awaits their master's return...
ready to open immediately when he
comes and knocks.

Luke 12:35-36

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 12

Weekday

Dt 10:12-22

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

AUGUST 13

Weekday

Dt 31:1-8

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

AUGUST 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr

Dt 34:1-12

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

AUGUST 15

Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

Friday

AUGUST 16

Weekday

Jos 24:1-13

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Jos 24:14-29

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

AUGUST 18

Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

Daily Prayer

It is marvelous how each week's readings offer us new ways to open our hearts to God's grace. Sometimes, as with Monday's psalm we feel the real presence of God as we "Glorify the Lord." Like Israel, it is good for us to look back from time to time and gratefully remember all God has done for us and to renew our "Amen" to the new covenant God makes with us in Jesus.

Throughout this week, each of us can find the connection between some part of the readings and a desire, a need, a longing in our unique situation. If we begin each day - at the side of our beds, in the shower, while getting dressed, over a cup of coffee - simply talking with our Lord about our upcoming day, we will have a wonderfully reflective week. It doesn't have to be long. It just needs to be focused and focusing. That is, we need to keep un-

covering something inside of us that we

can talk with our Lord about, at various "in between" times during the day. Like a song that keeps playing in the back of our head all day, a desire we express in the morning will focus our day and our relationship with Jesus throughout the day. At night we can pause to give thanks for times of connection with Jesus during the day, and the gifts God gives us.

This week, it might be Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and resurrection that unsettles us, as we realize he's calling us to follow him. It might be the battle for being the greatest that the disciples are caught up in, and that I might myself be caught up in, as I compete with and judge others. So, Jesus' words about our emulating the little, humble child can open our hearts. His call to embrace the child, the defenseless one, might allow us to pray this week about an openness to a particularly defenseless person or to hearing the cry of the poor in our city or in the world. And, who can't be opened up by the parable of the servant who doesn't forgive as he's been forgiven? Each day we might name people we struggle to forgive. We could make a focused effort to thank God for the mercy, compassion and unconditional love we've experienced, as ask for the grace to share that with others. For some of us, it will be important to spend a day or more asking for the grace to be faithful in our marriage - in all the ways that will call us to die to ourselves and think of the needs of our spouse before my own.