

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

Rememóeríng  
August 14-20



August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

MONDAY

7:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Theresa Pawelski**  
*The Bensley Family*

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Joseph Loiacono**  
*Father, Carmine*

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Joseph Harrington**  
*The Family*

2:00pm Belle Reve

*Doris McAuliffe*

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Diane Davis**  
*The Family*

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Pat Addio**  
*The Family*

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Stephen Dutkus**  
*Charles & Mae Catalano*

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✚ **Robert Cornelius**  
*Wife, Catherine*

9:00am (SJ)

✚ **For The People of St. Joseph's Parish**

11:00am (SP)

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

## Walk in Faith

Lanfranco's *Christ Saves Peter From Sinking in the Water* is placed in a rather hidden place in the Vatican—on purpose. When a newly elected pope walks out of the Sistine Chapel, he processes across the Sala Regia (royal hall) and into the Loggia della Benedizione (blessing hall) to step out onto the façade of St. Peter's and greet the world for the first time. Along the way he passes this painting of Peter sinking in the water. It speaks to that sinking feeling he probably experiences at that time!

This Gospel passage holds a great lesson for us all, even the pope. When Jesus comes walking on the water, he scares the disciples; they think he is a ghost. Sometimes Jesus scares us by what he asks, by how he wants to bless and shape us if we say "yes." Jesus tells us not to be afraid, but Peter says, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." That the ghostly figure responds doesn't prove it is Jesus; it just proves whoever it is has heard Peter and answered.

To really know if it is Jesus, Peter has to get out of the boat. He has to walk in faith and take a risk. Only once he steps out on the water, can he do the impossible? Even then, his faith falters and he notices the waves. Such is our experience. Even when we trust, step out, and Jesus does great things, we are still weak! But no need

Piece: *Christ Saves Peter From Sinking in the Water*, 1626-28

Artist: Giovanni Lanfranco

Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums



### For Reflection

When have you felt Jesus' presence most strongly in your life?

Did it coincide with a difficult task or time of trouble?

Which winds distract you from Jesus?

to worry: Jesus loves our effort and will always reach out and grab us. In the end, that is what we want, isn't it? To touch Jesus, to know it is him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*"At once [Jesus] spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter said to him in reply, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water'" (Matthew 14:27-28).*

## 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

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

A Vigil Mass will be at St. Joseph's in Matamoras on Monday evening, August 14th at 7:00PM and Tuesday August 15th at 12:00 Noon at St. Patrick's in Milford. This is a holy day of obligation and all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass.

## 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.

## PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

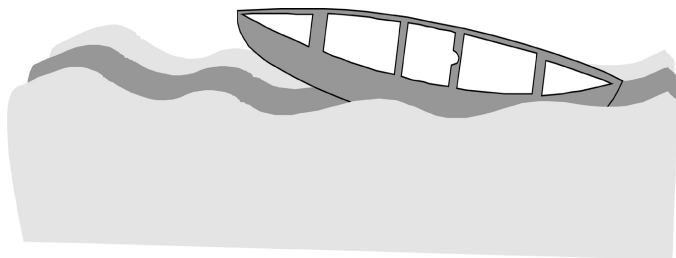
Collection baskets are at the entrances of both Churches. Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

On May 13, 1917 our Blessed Mother first appeared to three young children in Fatima, Portugal asking them to pray the Rosary and telling them how important it was to listen to her. This year being the 100th Anniversary of Our blessed Mother's apparition, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dingmans Ferry, has begun a Children's Rosary Prayer Group. We meet once a month on the second Saturday at 11AM for about one hour at St. Vincent's in our Chapel. All are invited and most welcome. Any questions or interest please call Marie Biel at 570-686-4637 or hoza-na3@ptd.net

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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



*How little faith we have!*

## 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](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html))

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 19-20

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Larry Marcial</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Cristin &amp; Paul Cavallaro</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>David Marcial</i> <i>Lukas Schutz</i>
<b>Sunday 9:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Jackie Tescione</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Joe Price</i> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Ella Carroll</i> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
<b>JULY Altar Server Of the Month:</b> <i>Ella Carroll</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>8/13 Eileen Dorko</b> <b>8/20 Lois Lazarczyk</b>

## SAVE THE DATE!!

### ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2017.

**Our Annual Tricky Tray will be in the DVHS Gym.  
Doors open at 11:30 and calling to start at 2:00  
\*\*\*Donations needed!\*\*\***

### TRICKY TRAY

A Tricky Tray organizational meeting will be held Monday, Aug 14th at 6:00 pm in the church basement. We will be making up the ticket bundles, working on advertising, and tray ideas. Always looking for new ideas! All are welcome.

### 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 personally have needs or know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call to lift spirits or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the weekly collection basket.

### COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, August 20, 2017. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

### COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every Monday in the Rectory after the 8:00am Mass. Come join Father Vito and discuss current events, Church happenings, or anything on your mind. All are invited!

### FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, August 25, 2017 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

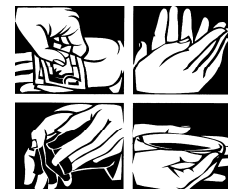
The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
For the Intentions of  
**John & Janny  
Sybrandy**

by  
The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering  
**August 13, 2017**  
\$ 3175.25 (1st)  
\$ 432.00 (2nd)

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year  
**August 13, 2016**  
\$ 4075.60 (1st)  
\$ 499.00 (2nd)



**"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 PARISH PICNIC SIGN UP NOW!!

**Sign ups for the Parish Picnic are going on now before and after all the Masses. Also... DONATED ITEMS FOR THE PICNIC**

We are looking for children's bubbles and wands, Cases of bottled water, soda (diet and regular) cases of Iced Tea, condiments, such as Mayonaise, Ketchup, Mustard, relish, napkins, paper plates (dinner and dessert, plastic cups, plastic cutlery, salt and pepper, salad dressing, paper towels, and please remember it is BYOB. There will be a basket in the Narthex for your donations. Please check future bulletins for more information.

## 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 570 296-7451.

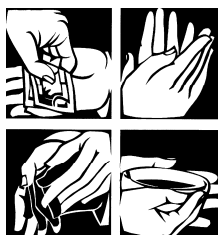
## NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

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](http://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).

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 19/20

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)	
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Hogan
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Janet Finnerty, Rosemary Walsh	
<b>Altar Servers</b> Dana Stroup, Nicole Traxler	
Sunday 7:30am	
<b>Lector</b>	John Wroblewski
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Clorinda Alfano, Karen Loeschorn, Jeanne Ryan	
<b>Altar Servers</b> Nicholas Dinos, Carli Lock	
Sunday 11:00am	
<b>Lector</b>	Ray Proulx
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Sara Cottone, Irene DeVito, Ray Weeks	
<b>Altar Servers</b> Jason Lecina, Sean Rinkel	



### Weekly Collection

August 6, 2017

\$3,281.00

*Last year*

August 9, 2016

\$4,500.00

### Weekly Mortgage Offertory

August 6, 2017

\$ 954.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current

\$7,083.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### The Sanctuary Candle

burns for

**Joseph Loiacono**

requested by

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.**

# KID'S KORNER

## Gospel Today

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 14:22-33

The boat carrying the disciples was a few miles out to sea when Jesus, walking on the water, came toward them. Seeing they were frightened Jesus said, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." *Matthew 14:27* When Peter showed faith and walked toward Jesus on the water, his faith faltered and he began to sink, crying out to Jesus to save him.

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Jesus saw how hard it was for His disciples to keep their faith even though they witnessed first hand His miracles. Jesus knows it is also hard for us to not lose faith. If you begin to doubt, repeat the words of Jesus... "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" *Matthew 14:31* Have you ever heard anyone say this before?

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z)

Hint: This sentence has a double of one letter

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

As Peter was beginning to sink, he cried out,

" \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ !"

*Matthew 14:30*

## Calendar

### Monday

August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr

Dt 10:12-22

Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday

August 15

Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

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

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

### Wednesday

August 16

Weekday

Dt 34:1-12

Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday

August 17

Weekday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

Mt 18:21-19:1

### Friday

August 18

Weekday

Jos 24:1-13

Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday

August 19

Weekday

Jos 24:14-29

Mt 19:13-15

### Sunday

August 20

Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

## 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 uncovering 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 all 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.

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

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