

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

Remembering  
May 15-21

**MONDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Mother's Day  
Intentions**

**TUESDAY**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Mary Woods**  
Son, Jim Mellon

**WEDNESDAY**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Anna Loiacono**  
Son, Carmine

**THURSDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Communion Service**

**FRIDAY**

**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **Dick Gross**  
The Starzan Family

**5:30Ppm (SP)**

✠ **John Churchill**  
Dennis & Barbara Mant

**SUNDAY**

**7:30am (SP)**

✠ **Deacon Tom Spataro**  
Emil & Arlene Moglia

**9:00am (SJ)**

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

**11:00am (SP)**

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



**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

**May 14, 2017**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)*

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

The Roman amphitheater of Amiternum was the main amphitheater of the ancient Sabine city of Amiternum, whose archaeological remains are located near the village of San Vittorino in the Aquila.



## Rely on the Cornerstone

One of the greatest accomplishments of Roman construction was the arch. It enabled them to span larger distances and make bigger buildings without sacrificing strength. Just think of the Roman aqueducts, basilicas, and coliseums standing today.

The key to the Roman arch is that each stone is well cut. Additionally, the cornerstone takes all the stress and stabilizes the whole. Saint Peter uses these construction images as a metaphor for the Church. We are all living stones, built into a spiritual house founded on the cornerstone, Jesus Christ. Like the deacons in the early Church, we each have a role to play.

What is asked of a stone in a building structure? Every stone needs to be strong. It needs to be formed and shaped. Accepting and seeking formation in faith is key to finding our place in life and in God's house.

A stone needs to be connected to the stones alongside it. Finally, the stone needs to accept where the master builder places it. If a stone could move itself from one place to another, there would be chaos.

Our active participation in God's plan and the Church is important. We must build on the one sure foundation and follow the plan of the master builder and those who represent him. Jesus has prepared a place for each of us in the Church and in heaven. Jesus is the way. Follow him and he will lead you to your place.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Have I sought out a place to serve and build up the Church in my local area? What spiritual means do I use to discern Jesus' plan for me?*

*"Come to him, a living stone...and, like living stones,  
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house"  
(1 Peter 2:4-5).*

### 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**

**PIKE COUNTY DEANERY MISSION  
MAY 15TH, 16TH AND 17TH.**

At St. Patrick's at 7:00pm each evening conducted by **Father Daniel Lanaham, OFM**. The theme this year is "Living Our Faith With Joy. Each night will conclude with a light reception. All are welcome!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

A one time National Collection will be taken up next 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 will be placed by the doors exiting the Church at both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Churches. Thank you for your generosity!

**9-11 MUSEUM BUS TRIP**

A bus trip to the 9-11 Museum in New York City is planned on Armed Forces Day (Saturday May 20, 2017) This trip is being sponsored by the Veterans Memorial Park and Education Center Society. The cost is \$94.00. For more information contact Jane Drake (491-4202) or Nancy Vocci (492-4672).

**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 Mother's Day weekend, May 14th. 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](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 20-21

**Saturday 4:00pm****Lector**

Anna Blackman

**Eucharistic Minister**Jackie Padgett  
Jack Reilly**Altar Servers**Eric Cabrera-Agostini  
Daniel Bradley**Sunday 9:00am****Lector**

Diana Sierra

**Eucharistic Minister**Joe Price  
Chuck Pike**Altar Servers**Joseph Loughney  
Mikaela Parker**April** Altar Server Of the  
Month:**Eric Cabrera -Agostini****Milford Senior Care**  
**5/14 Carol Cordova**

5/21 Eileen Dorko

**BROTHER JUNIPER**The Sanctuary Candle  
burns In Memory of**Kevin Cunningham**by  
The Scott & Leicht Families**COFFEE SOCIAL NEXT SUNDAY**

Our next Coffee Social will be next Sunday, May 21st. Immediately following the 9:00am Mass in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome!

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

This year we will once again be participating in the Tri-State Pregnancy Center's baby bottle fundraiser. The fundraiser is simple and fun! Please consider picking up a baby bottle from the display this weekend. 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**

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, June 16, 2017 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Your Annual Appeal gift supports Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in School & Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education & Support, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media and Communication. Thank you!  
St. Joseph's Parish Goal **\$40,000**, Amount Pledged as of 4/17 28,978.00 - **72%**

*Happy Mother's Day***Weekly Offering****May 6, 2017**

\$ 3133.75 (1st)

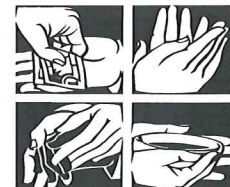
\$ 356.00(2nd)

**Last Year****May 8, 2016**

\$ 3553.50 (1st)

\$ 475.00 (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."**



## BAPTISMS AT ST. PATRICK'S

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Georgia Rayne Ganska**, daughter of Dominique and George Ganski and **Eleanor Lynne Kreischer**, daughter of Keith and Janelle Kreischer who were baptized at St. Patrick's Church last Saturday.

**IN MEMORIAM** Please remember in your prayers of the soul of Teresa Costantino, (mother to Maryanne Gilpin) who recently passed away.

## 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 16, 2016.

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

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Mass at Belle Reve will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 17th at 2:30pm.

## ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on May 19th at 6:00pm

## SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

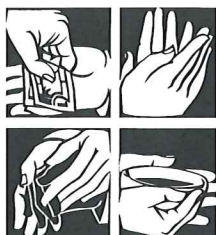
New members are needed and always welcome. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance) of the Church Hall. We are currently working on blankets for veterans, prosthetics for cancer survivors, baby items for the Tri-State Pregnancy Center, chemo caps and more. For more information please contact Pat Santini at (570) 296-9469.

## 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.



## Happy Mother's Day



**Weekly Collection**  
May 7, 2017  
\$ 4,152.00  
*Last year*  
April 26, 2016  
\$4,971.00

**Weekly Mortgage Offertory**  
May 7, 2017  
\$ 1,145.00  
**Year to Date July 16' - Current**  
\$43,735.00  
Goal for the Year \$100,000  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
**Sally Paiva,**  
requested by  
Husband, John*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 20-21

<b>Saturday 5:30pm (SP)</b>
<b>Lector</b> Ray Proulx
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Linda Coffey, Donna Hersca, Rosemary Walsh
<b>Altar Servers</b> Lauren & Nicole Weinrich
<b>Sunday 7:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Cheryl McCarthy
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Clorinda Alfano, Karen Loeschorn, Colleen Sheldon
<b>Altar Servers</b> Sean Rinkel, Nicholas Dinos
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Diane Dennis
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Jeanne Ryne, Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira
<b>Altar Servers</b> Carli Lock, Abigail Vogel

**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 Fifth Sunday of Easter | John 14:1-12

At the Last Supper, Jesus tells us there is room for us in His Father's house (Heaven) and the way there is through Jesus.

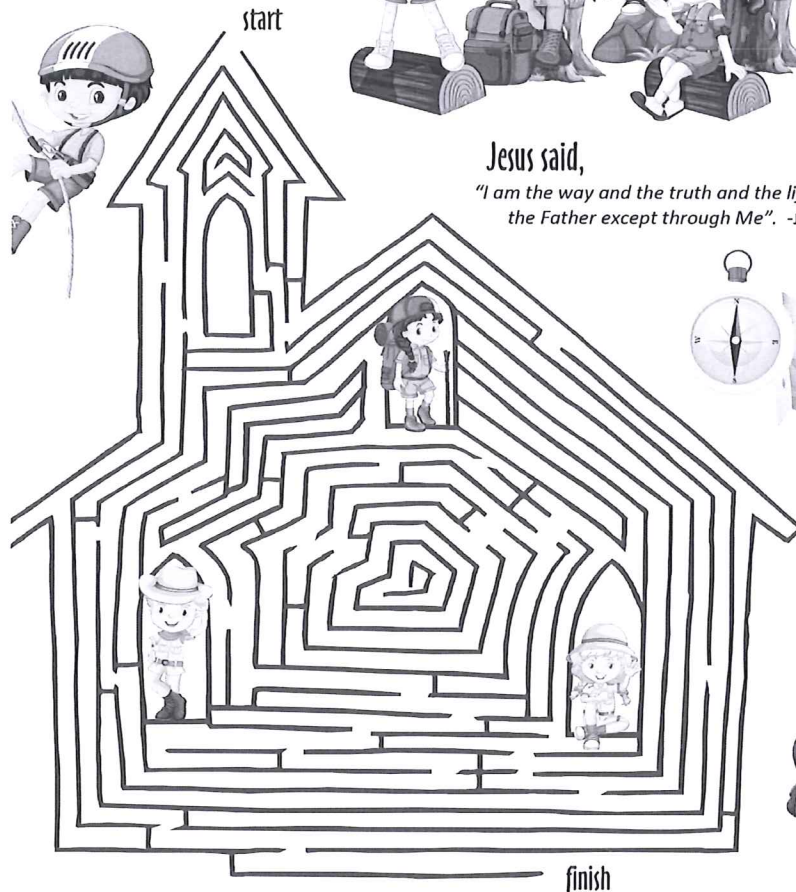
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The church helps  
us find our way  
to heaven.



Jesus said,

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me". -John 14:6



The Church is our  
Father's house on  
earth. In the gospel  
our Father's house  
is Heaven.



## Calendar

### Monday

May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

### Tuesday

May 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday

May 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday

May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

### Friday

May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday

May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

### Sunday

May 21

Sixth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

## Daily Prayer this Week

can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover the attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter assistance in ourselves and others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower while getting dressed, simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it takes a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry imaginary conversations with others or "replay" previous conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepened desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- in any way I would say them.

to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to do for you today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today.

I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - enough right now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there.

"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow.

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