

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

Rememóerínġ
September 10-16

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Mass of Thanksgiving**
Walter & Zulma Marcial

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ **Communion Service**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Communion Service**

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **NO MASS**

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Margaret & Archie Davis**
The Family

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Karen Proctor**
Trish & Matt McCormack

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

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

7:15am (SP)

Fred Goetz
Rita Camilleri

11:00am (SP)

✠
Assunta Bartolomeo
The Cirello Family

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 9, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

Piece: Sarcophagus (detail of Jesus healing the blind man), fourth century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Pius-Christian Museum, Vatican



A Church of and for the Poor

The book of James is one of the hardest hitting in the New Testament. He is a tell-it-like-it-is apostle, warning the early Church not to show partiality to the rich and powerful. This is always a danger, especially in a Church that relies on donations. While gratitude to donors is understandable and proper, it's easy for gratitude to become preference, partiality, and a different moral standard. James warns the Church against this.

Jesus warns us, too. He talks about inviting the poor to a party rather than those who can repay us. He tells us that when we give, that the left hand not know what the right is doing. He warns the rich that the path to heaven is narrow.

Jesus' call to salvation was for all, but his pastoral focus was certainly with the poor. So he dedicated much of his time reaching out to those who could give nothing in return: the blind, deaf, lame, and lepers. And his attention didn't stop at the materially poor but extended to sinners and those thought to be impure.

This love for the weak was a sign of the Messiah as proclaimed by many prophets, including Isaiah. The Anointed of God would come to vindicate the poor, orphaned, widowed, sick, and oppressed.

Jesus did exactly that, and it was this solicitude and miraculous power that began convincing Galileans, and eventually those in Jerusalem, that he was the long-awaited One. Pope Francis said he longed for a Church of the poor, for the poor. It seems Jesus did, too.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Do I have a heart for the
poor as Jesus did?
How can I express that
real preference in
practical ways?*

*My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith
in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.*

James 2:1

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

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 150TH
ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE BA-
SILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SATUR-
DAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018.**

Buses will be departing from various locations. Approximate time of arrival will be 11:00 a.m. followed by a Welcome in the Upper church and Tour of Faith. 12:30 Rosary for Word Peace at the Upper church. 1:00 to 3:00pm, free time for lunch, touring, private prayer. 2:00pm Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church 3:00pm Gather in the Upper church to prepare for Mass. 3:15pm Pontifical Mass with The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist. 4:45pm buses depart and approximate return time to point of departure is 10:30. The cost is \$55.00 person plus lunch. Need to sign up by August 31, 2018. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Church. Contact Aedeen Hansen (917) 825-3962 or Annette Petry (845) 283-7228. Bring a bag lunch.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL RETREAT

We will have the opportunity to come together with fellow parishioners and members of other parishes to reflect on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: The Joy of the Gospel. Bishop Joseph Pepe, JCD, Bishop Emeritus of Las Vegas, Nevada will help us understand this wonderful document and how to make it part of our lives. Bishop Pepe will be with us on the weekend of August 25 & 26, speaking at the masses.

The Retreat will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (August 27, 28, 29) at 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the evening and Bishop Pepe will preach the homilies. Please set this time aside to grow closer to the Lord. All are welcome!

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding 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, which include Confirmation and Eucharist. 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. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

St. Patrick's Church Office—conference Room, 111 E. High St., Milford, PA 18337. A 10 Week Session will begin September 6, 2018. Cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. Registration begins at 5:30pm on September 6, 2018. First class follows after registration. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy at Rysigner@aol.com or phone (917) 640-9587.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

**CALLING ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
STUDENTS FROM ST. JOSEPH'S
AND
ST. PATRICK'S**



WELCOME BACK!

***Classes for St. Joseph's will begin
this Sunday, September 9th
immediately following the 8:30
Mass and concluding at 10:30.***

***St. Patrick's Religious Education
will begin next Sunday, September
16, at 9:30 and conclude at 10:45.
We wish that they will continue to
grow in their knowledge and love
of God who was revealed in Jesus
Christ his son.***

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 15-16

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Bob Curtis</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Jackie Padgett</i> <i>Joe Price</i>
Altar Servers <i>Daniel Bradley</i> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul & Cristin Cavallaro</i>
Altar Server <i>Ryan & Eric</i> <i>Schanzenbacher</i>
Milford Senior Care 9/09 Chuck Pike <i>9/16 Debbie Roa</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Rusty Haas
by
Catherine Westfall

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS TODAY

Sunday, September 9th. If you have not registered your child for CCD you will have the opportunity to register this morning after Mass.

BOOKCASE

Check out the bookcase in the front entrance of the church. We have added new books, some for young children. There are more CDs, which are great to pop in your car and listen to and learn more about our faith! They are free but a small donation is appreciated.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of every Month at 11:00am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome. The next scheduled Mass is Thursday, September 13th.

ST. JOSEPH'S JUNIOR CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Our Jr choir will be forming soon! The Jr. Choir sings at the 8:30 Mass on Sundays. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to join. Please call Mrs. Bradley at 845-754-3620.

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, September 21, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

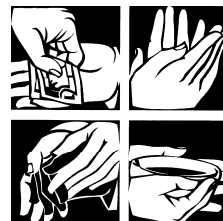
Weekly Offering

September 2, 2018
\$ TBA

Last Year

September 3, 2017
\$4015.45

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."

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **John Astrab** and **Timothy Coffey** who recently passed away. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC *NEXT WEEK!!! LAST CHANCE!*

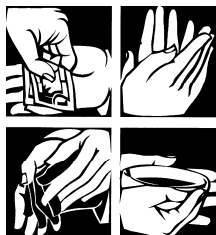
Record attendance is expected this year as we welcome our new Pastor, Father Joseph. Chairing the picnic this year are Pat and Jack Boyle and Patrick and Cheryl McCarthy. Parish volunteers are needed. Please express your interest in contributing your talents as a volunteer by emailing: pgm1@ptd.net, Jack-b18337@gmail.com. **See you September 9th! And...**

Everyone likes to be a Winner!

Please consider creating a "Tricky Tray" basket for our parish picnic. The suggested value of each "basket" is \$25.00. Please sign up on the Tricky Tray Sheet in the Narthex or contact Carol or Ray Proulx at 570-296-7645 or proulx@ptd.net.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's serves Friday September 28, 2018 at 6:30pm.



Weekly Collection
September 2, 2018
\$ 3,470.00

This time last year
\$4,754.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
September 2, 2018
\$ 1,309.00

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$5,197.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Janet Finnerty,
Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers Caterina
Catizone, Abigail Vogel

Sunday 7:15am

Lector David Stine

Communion Ministers

Annette Petry,
Karen Loeschorn

Altar Servers

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Ray Weeks, Donna Hersca

Altar Servers

Carli Lock, Riley Mapes

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Robert Kyle
requested by
His 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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus says His apostles might not have clean hands, but their hearts are pure and they follow God's Commandments. This is what matters most to God.

Be Pure of Heart

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Following	S	L	J	U	F	U	N	W	A	S	H	E	D
Elders	E	F	E	I	M	P	O	R	T	A	N	T	E
Tradition	L	O	S	H	G	N	I	E	B	R	S	S	D
Carefully	P	L	U	N	A	E	T	A	C	D	E	E	N
Clean	I	L	S	A	A	N	I	L	L	E	L	E	O
Hands	C	O	M	M	A	N	D	M	E	N	T	S	P
Purifying	S	W	R	U	S	P	A	S	A	O	S	I	S
Themselves	I	I	L	H	P	U	R	E	N	I	O	R	E
Apostles	D	N	H	E	A	R	T	S	E	T	P	A	R
Pharisees	O	G	O	D	E	L	D	E	R	S	A	H	L
Questioned	B	T	H	E	M	S	E	L	V	E	S	P	A
Disciples	E	S	G	N	I	Y	F	I	R	U	P	S	W
Being	Y	L	L	U	F	E	R	A	C	Q	L	A	S
Unwashed													
Jesus													
Responded													
God													
Commandments													
Obeys													
Human													
Laws													
Pure													
Hearts													
Important													

Calendar

Monday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1-11

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 13

St. John Chrysostom,

Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 14

Exaltation of the

Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Saturday

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 10:14-22

Jn 19:25-27

or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday

September 16

Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

Daily Prayer

This week's daily communion with our Lord can be about the mysteries of self-sacrifice and healing. In the back of our minds each day, we can have a desire to take time out of our busy days just as Jesus did, for prayer and speaking to his Father. We can be aware of the judgmental religious leaders of Jesus' time, who ignored the beam of wood in their own eyes to point out the splinter in someone else's eye. We can also ask for the vision to see how we might be blind to our own snap judgments of others.

If we begin each morning by praying a desire, the rest will follow for the day. "Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day. Help me today to bring to you the parts of myself that need your healing. Be with me as I face the poverty, hunger or tears of this day." We can go into this prayer, in more depth or detail while we are in the shower or getting dressed. If we let these desires make their way into the background of our day, we can focus our consciousness no matter what we are doing.

Even in activities that require "our full consciousness" and attention, it is possible to shape that consciousness in the context of our desires. For example, I

might be in an important meeting, that doesn't allow me to day dream. But, I can walk into that meeting room saying in my heart, "Okay, Lord, be with me here. While I'm so tempted to be seen as a 'success' here, heal all of that focus on myself and free me to do my best and to be attentive to the needs of others. Let me focus on you and your desires for the greater good here."

Especially when we are facing something that is quite difficult, requiring real self-sacrifice and genuine love, we can let our background conversation with the Lord release us from our "typical" response or behavior. "Lord, I'm so full of fear sometimes. I see you boldly heal the man with the withered hand in front of the steely gaze of your critics. You healed because you knew it was the right and compassionate thing to do. Help me to be more courageous in choosing the right thing in my life today.

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