

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

## Rememóeríng

Jan. 28-Feb. 3

**Monday**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Ed Polanis**

*Chrissy DeNella &  
Jackie Tescione*

**Tuesday**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Lou Black**

*Katherine Worthington*

**Wednesday**

**12:00pm**

✠ **Mary Jane Woods**

*Dolores McGlew*

**Thursday**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Henry F. McCloskey**

*Doreen & Jack Reilly*

**Friday**

✠ **1st Friday**

**Communion Service  
Sacred Heart Novena**

**Saturday**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **James McAndrew**

*The Elroy McElroy Family*

**5:30pm (SP)**

✠ **Michaelina Romano**

*Kathy & Rich Evans*

**Sunday**

**8:30am (SJ)**

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

**11:00am (SP)**

✠ **Joseph Harrington**

*Eileen & Family*

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

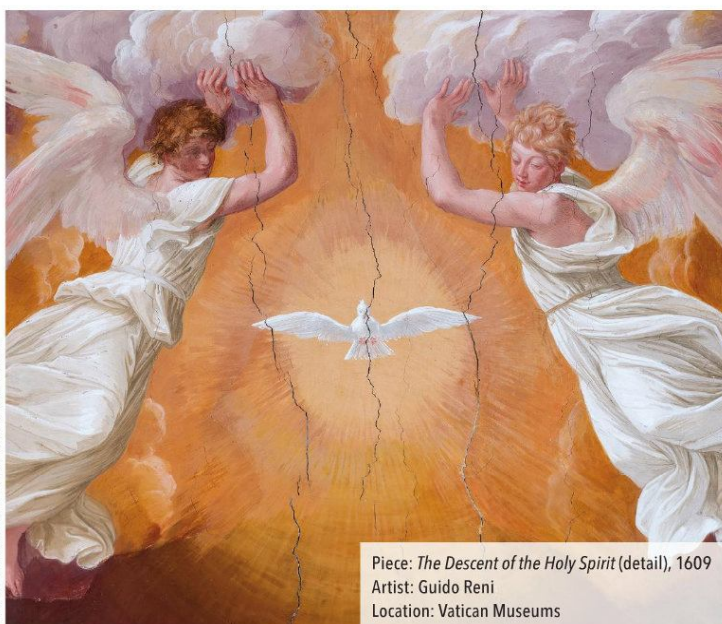
**January 27, 2019**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Piece: *The Descent of the Holy Spirit* (detail), 1609

Artist: Guido Reni

Location: Vatican Museums

that had been given to them through Moses hundreds of years before. They were now listening to it for the first time. Upon hearing all its wisdom and prescriptions, they were cut to the heart and wept. There was so much they had forgotten and were no longer practicing. As exiles in Babylon they had lost so much.

Yet the response toward this rediscovery could have been joy, because now they knew once again what made for happiness and living in the Lord. They had discovered the love that called them into existence.

We have been given the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth and reminds us of everything Jesus taught us in Scriptures and Tradition. Knowing God's

truth is the deepest source of joy. Finding him is like finding what was lost. Like the found key, God unlocks our happiness. Like a cell phone, he gives us a constant connection with him. And like a credit card—but infinitely better—God is the love that fulfills our desires. And we never have to pay him back.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Is there any aspect of God's word or truth that I have ignored or forgotten?*

*How can I rediscover and accept that truth again?*

## Rediscovering God's Love

Have you ever lost something and then, after some time passes, finally found it? Perhaps your keys, a cell phone, or worse still, a credit card. When we find utilitarian items that we've lost or misplaced, we're so relieved and happy because we need these things for daily living. But what if we lose our whole purpose for living? Then we're really in trouble.

The people to whom Nehemiah was speaking lost more than something material; they lost the key to who they were as a people. They lost the law of God

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

*Luke 4:18*

## 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. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347.

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.

### **PORT JERVIS WARMING STATION**

The Port Jervis Warming Station located at St. Peter's Church is looking for volunteers to work at night. It is a very well organized, clean, and safe environment. They have been housing approximately 15 persons at night. At present they need more volunteers. They have been in existence for about 4 years. To find out more information on volunteering call 845-629-5953.

### **COLD AND FLU SEASON**

We ask you not to shake hands with the Priest, Deacons, altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers before or after Mass. During the "Sign of Peace" just use an acknowledgement to each other, like a nod or a wave. Beginning January we will not distribute the Cup of Precious Blood until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019.  
God Bless, Father Joseph

### **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.**

### **SEVENTH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER FOR PIKE'S HOMELESS**

On Super Bowl weekend, quarts of soup made by local chefs will be offered for sale at all the Masses at St. Patrick's in Milford and St. Joseph's in Matamoras,. Proceeds go to Pike County Hands of Hope for the homeless.

**Saturday, February 2nd: 4:00pm Mass at St. Joseph's and 5:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's**

**Sunday, February 3rd: 8:30 Mass at St. Joseph's 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick's**

Thank you for helping us help our neighbor.

**DEEPEN YOUR FAITH...**The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Scranton invites all men who are 18 or older to participate in an upcoming Cursillo weekend. The next weekend, which is held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit, begins on Thursday evening, March 28 and ends on Sunday afternoon, March 31, 2019. a Cursillo weekend is similar to a retreat, with time devoted to listening to talks on Christian spirituality, plus lots of discussion, and daily Mass. It's a very special weekend aimed at deepening your relationship with Jesus and helping you to be a more active disciple of His. For information, contact Ray Proulx at 296-7645 or his e-mail, Proulx@ptd.net. Or check it out at [Http://scrantoncursillo.homestead.com/](http://scrantoncursillo.homestead.com/)

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS**

His Excellency, the Most reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEXT FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER IS January 27, 2019 from 1-3PM. Thank you. If you plan to attend, please call Al Helms at 845-699-4143.**



# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 2-3

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Tom McMullen
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> Eric Cabrera-Agostini Robert McMullen
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Diana Sierra
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Server</b> Brenna Cavallaro
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>1/27 Lois Lazarczyk</b> 2/3 Chuck Pike

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory of  
**Gina Spataro**  
By  
Jackie Tescione

## IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers **Debbie Cook** who passed away last week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace Amen.

**TRICKY TRAY RESCHEDULED** - Court Madonna No. #114's Annual Tricky Tray will be on Sunday, February 17th. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2PM. Tickets are 25 for \$1! No admission Fee! For more info Contact: Barbara Drew 845-856-2624 All proceeds to benefit Community Charities.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are at 75% of our goal of \$40,000.00. It's not too late to pledge! Your Annual Appeal gift supports Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in School and Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education and Support, Parish Life and Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media and Communication.

## MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph will celebrate Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of each month at 11:00am. The next Scheduled Mass is Thursday, February 14th. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

**TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER** - Tri-State Pregnancy Center offers a FREE Motherhood Bible study, every Monday from 10-11am at the pregnancy center on 105 Wheatfield Dr in Milford. Children are welcome! Coffee, light refreshments and good fellowship! No need to sign up, just come! Questions-call Natasha Smolinski at 570-491-5151 office, 570-618-2756 cell.

**COFFEE SOCIAL** - Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, February 17th. All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

**ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY** - Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 15, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

**ADULT CHOIR** - If you are feeling called to serve the parish and enjoy singing, PLEASE CALL Mare Bradley, at 845-754-3620. **Adult Choir practice will be on Wednesday's from 5 - 6 pm in the Church.**

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you all for your generosity during the Christmas Season!

2019	Last year
\$8389.60	\$8407.50

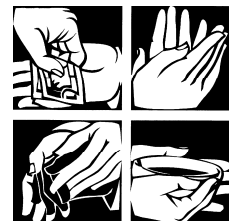
### Weekly Offering

**January 20, 2019**  
\$2545.00 (snow Storm)

### Last Year

**January 21, 2018**  
\$3405.50

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."**



## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY I

It's easy to remember: **Soup for the Superbowl!** Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the Saint Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church! Take a can of soup, any kind, wrap a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it to Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2019, and deposit it in the special boxes near the doors. All soup and dollars will be used for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Help feed the Hungry...we average 35-40 families each week seeking assistance...bless you for caring and sharing!

## PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Wednesdays at 2:40pm. During Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The Holy Father, St. John Paul II imparted a special Apostolic Blessing "to all the faithful, who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for the sick and those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour." The Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

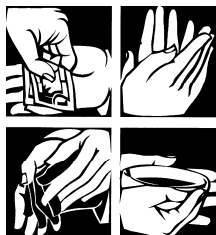
Father Joseph will commission these ministries at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, January 27, 2019. Please plan on attending. **Also**, Altar Servers, please check the sacristy after serving your Mass. There are still some Christmas envelopes for you to have.

## PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOME VISITATION

The Legion of Mary has a beautiful replica of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima which travels around the world promoting the message of peace and love. Part of the work of the Legion of Mary is home visitation with our statue of Mary. The purpose of this program is to aid families in responding to Mary's requests during her apparitions at Fatima to: return to God, make reparation for sins, and to pray the Rosary daily for peace. Only a few moments of welcoming prayer upon arrival and farewell prayer upon the statue's leaving is required. You will be inspired. Please contact Catherine Umberto (570) 491-5820 or Jeanne Ryan (570) 428-2023 if interested.

## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Have you been following us on social media? Daily tweets and posts. Follow us on Twitter @stpatmilfordpa and on Facebook at Saint Patrick's Milford, PA. We now have over 1,000 followers in our combined social media accounts. Thank you to all who have been sharing our posts and tweets and interacting with us in this way.



Weekly Collection  
January 20, 2019  
\$ TBA  
This time last year  
\$ \$2,664.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

January 20, 2019  
\$ TBA

Year to Date July '18- Current  
\$15,606.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000  
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 2-3

**Saturday 5:30pm**

**Lector** Ray Proulx

**Communion Ministers**

Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca

**Altar Servers**

Abigail & Anna Vogel

**Sunday 11:00am**

**Lector** Diane Dennis

**Communion Ministers**

Catherine Umberto, Midge Curreri

**Altar Servers**

Jason Lecina, Sophia Mullen

The Sanctuary Candle  
burns for  
**Una Coyne**  
requested by  
The 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.**

After being **anointed** by the power of The Holy **Spirit** at His Baptism, Jesus went to His hometown of Nazareth and read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Then Jesus told the people in the synagogue that by His reading, the scripture is fulfilled—made real.

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### Monday

JANUARY 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
Heb 9:15, 24–28  
Mk 3:22–30

### Tuesday

JANUARY 29  
Weekday  
Heb 10:1–10  
Mk 3:31–35

### Wednesday

JANUARY 30  
Weekday  
Heb 10:11–18  
Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 31  
St. John Bosco,  
Priest  
Heb 10:19–25  
Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

FEBRUARY 1  
Weekday  
Heb 10:32–39  
Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 2  
Presentation  
of the Lord  
Mal 3:1–4  
Heb 2:14–18  
Lk 2:22–40 or  
Lk 2:22–32

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 3  
Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Jer 1:4–5, 17–19  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13 or  
1 Cor 13:4–13  
Lk 4:21–30

This week is set at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the pictures we get of how challenged and pushed he is prepare us to hear the simple parables he tells us. All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are on the right road and following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust our real mission and that our Lord will be with us through it all.

Each morning this week, we can take a moment, to ask for what we desire. The entire day will be different just by spending 20 seconds sitting at the edge of the bed saying, "Lord, I want to keep my eyes open today. Whatever comes at me today, I want to stay in touch with you. Thank you." Another morning I may be aware of a big decision I have to execute that day or a conflict I am planning to face, and I might pray, "Okay, Lord, this is the day. This is how I live out my relationship with you. Be with me and give me what I need. Keep reminding me I can't

**"Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."**

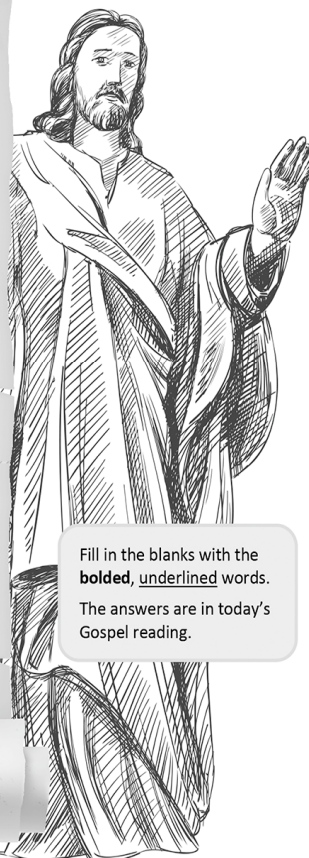
LUKE 4:21

Jesus had many followers and believers. Among them were the **poor**, **captives**, **blind** and **oppressed**.

## Prophet Isaiah

The words of the prophet Isaiah were talking about the works of...

a) Luke b) Jesus c) Isaiah



Fill in the blanks with the **bolded**, underlined> words. The answers are in today's Gospel reading.

"The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is upon me,  
because He has \_\_\_\_\_ me to  
bring glad tidings to the \_\_\_\_\_. He has sent me  
to proclaim liberty to \_\_\_\_\_  
and recovery of sight to the \_\_\_\_\_, and  
let the \_\_\_\_\_ go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Luke 4:18-19

do it without you."

Each day will offer a different brief moment of connection with our Lord, but each will ground the day. Then it is so very easy, while in the shower or walking down a hall, for just brief moments here and there in the background of our day, to stay in touch with our Lord. These guides can help keep us focused on the nourishing Word which interacts with our daily life. Every day can seem like a living Parable of the Sower. There is seed being scattered all around us and we can see and experience our degrees of receptivity. And while we are doing the best we can, all day, every day, in a variety of things, we can be consoled by the Lord's smile reminding us that the Kingdom is like a mustard seed. The real graces come from very small seeds, the smallest of efforts that make a big difference. Most of all, when things get rough, during any day, we can pause and take a breath and ask him to calm the wind and sea in our hearts.

Every night we can thank him for his presence and ground our growing relationship with him.