

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

Remembering
October 23-29

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Ida Lissner**

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Nancy Willoe**

Husband, Frank

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Laura Caloger**

Peter Coyne

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Steve Drapala**

Ron & Irene Yakupcin

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Teresa Pawelski**

Jack & Doreen Reilly

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Tony & Nora Petrucelli**

Mary Greco

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✚ **Mary Emma Scully**

Joseph & Barbara Rowan

9:00am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

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



October 22, 2017

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21

Our Divine Mark

Have you ever wondered why so many ancient busts of emperors and gods still exist? In any major museum around the world, you'll see rows of these masterful sculptures. The Vatican Museums have one of the best of these collections. The photo was taken in one of the galleries.

Thousands of busts and statues of the emperors and gods were produced for civil use in ancient times. Just like the American president's portrait is in every US embassy, so Caesar's sculpted form was all over the Roman Empire. For example, a bust would be placed in the town squares of the outlying territories to indicate that a border population belonged to the Roman Empire. The sculptures of Roman gods were also set up in public places around town so that a certain religious unity was preserved. Being within the empire obliged citizens to pay tributes and taxes,

and it assured them of protection. Once the Caesars declared themselves divine, their statue also required sacrifice and worship.

The image of the Caesar marked what belonged to him: from land, to money, to people, to prayer. If you were under his image, you belonged to him.

We also carry the mark of a divine image that indicates to whom we belong. Each human being is made in the image of God, to be his reflection. We are sculpted and formed to reflect the artist who made us. God gives humans dignity because we are an eternal reflection of God's free, intelligent, artful, and beautiful nature. Our inalienable rights, rooted in our spiritual and rational nature, come from our Creator, as do our duties. No government or individual can give or take them away.

It is proper to render unto Caesar what is his, but both Caesar and his subjects must render to God what belongs to God. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Do I realize my dignity
and value doesn't come
from others' opinions
or even my opinion, but
from God's gift?*

*Do I render to God what
he deserves for all he has
given me?*



Pieces: Roman busts and statues
Artists: Various

Location: Chiaramonti Museum-Braccio Nuovo Gallery, Vatican Museums

*He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:20-21).*

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

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Walk Together in the Light of Christ

Thank you to those who have already joined us as we "***Walk Together in the Light of Christ***" by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge. Each gift matters. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge. **Next weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend.** Envelopes will be distributed at all our Masses. Everyone will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not you have made a pledge or intend to pledge. Thank you.

DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE

The 12th Annual Complimentary Dinner Theatre for the **Senior Citizens of the Delaware Valley School District** is offering a complete Meatballs & Ziti Marinara Dinner served at 5:00PM in the Dingman Delaware Middle School Cafeteria on Friday, November 10, 2017 followed at 7:00pm by the DDMS Drama Club's performance of "**Getting to Know...The King and I, Jr.**" For reservations and further information, please call 296-3143 by November 3, 2017.

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER

Veterans, Please join us for our Annual Dinner sponsored by the DV High School Junior Historians Thursday, November 10th from 5:30 - 7:00PM in the DVHS 11/12 Cafeteria. Reservations required. Please contact Carol Cordova at 570-409-2032

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 9

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems. It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right...We must be grateful for the praiseworthy efforts being made by scientists and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made problems. But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves...Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration." (Continued in part 10)

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)

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 28-29

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Jim Burnett
Eucharistic Minister Jackie Padgett Jack Reilly
Altar Servers Lucas Helms Daniel Bradley
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Anna Blackman
Eucharistic Minister Bill Reed Diane Heater
Altar Servers Eric Cabrera-Agostini Alexandra Manazza
September Altar Server Of the Month: Brenna Cavallaro
Milford Senior Care 10/22 Jack Reilly 10/29 Carol Cordova



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Joseph W. Ricciardi
by the Family

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 collection basket.

BOOKCASE

Don't forget to check out the new selection of books in the bookcase located in the vestibule of the church. All are Free but of course donations are welcome!

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!

COFFEE SOCIAL - Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, November 26th. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY - Our next food pantry will be Friday, November 3rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

ST. MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS

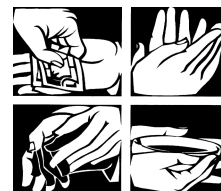
St. Mary's Little Lambs is holding its fifth annual St. Nicholas Faire on Sunday, December 3rd, 2017. The faire will be held from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall at St. Mary's Church, 48 Ball Street in Port Jervis. Vendors who are interested in participating in the faire should call Eileen Carmody at 845 858-4208. We are especially looking for craft vendors, independent consultants, and those selling religious and Christmas items.

DEANERY CHOIR AT ST. PATRICK'S

Join the Deanery Choir on Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 PM in St. Patrick's Church, 111 West High Street, for a program of Spiritual Music, Living in Gratitude! No tickets or admission fee required, but donations by cash or check will be accepted for Catholic Charities USA Hurricane Relief. 100% of your donations will go directly to disaster victims; please make checks out to Catholic Charities USA. Come enjoy the music of The Deanery Choir...we hope to see you there! Follow us on Facebook: Deanery Choir.

Weekly Offering
October 15, 2017
\$ 3149.75 (1st)
\$ 585.00 (2nd)

Last Year
October 16, 2016
\$ 3535.50 (1st)
\$ 598.80 (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."

GROWING IN CHRIST Congratulations to **Michael Anthony Purdon** and **Juliana Colette Krabill Aiello** who were sealed with the Gift of The Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation on October 11, 2017.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Juliana Lentoni** who was baptized here at St. Patrick's last Saturday.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Karen Proctor** who recently past away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

NEW TIME FOR THE KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

Starting November, 1st, members will meet Wednesdays from 2-4. Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We are currently working on baby blankets for Lehigh Valley NICU. Come and join us! Can't knit or crochet?, We can help!!!

TEPEYAC FIESTA FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The

Cursillo Woman's group is making plans for our annual Fiesta of Our Lady's feast day on December 12th. We hope to have music, (Spanish style), prayers in Spanish/English, a beautiful Mass celebration, and a reception following the 6:30pm evening Mass. Volunteers are need! We will need greeters, donations of finger foods, helpers to serve food and coffee. Muchas Gracias! **Our planning committee will meet again on Wednesday, October 25th at 10:30am in the Parish Center. All are welcome to join us. For additional information, please call Pat Corcoran at 570-409-9089.**

NO 12 NOON MASS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH. Because of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 6:30 PM, there will be no Mass at 12 Noon.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on November 10 at 6:30. Volunteers are always welcome! Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE October 28-29

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector Jack Boyle

Communion Ministers

J. Finnerty, D. Hersca,
C. Umberto

Altar Servers

Nicholas
Dinos, Nicole Traxler

Sunday 7:30am

Lector Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

C. Alfano, D. Loeschorn,
R. Hennigan

Altar Servers

Sean Rinkel, Dana Stroup

Sunday 11:00am

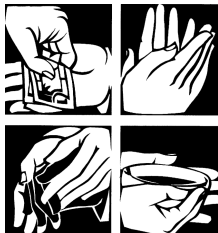
Lector Joe
Casmus

Communion Ministers

A./ & D. Quirk, R. Weeks

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Riley Mapes



Weekly Collection

October 15, 2017

\$3,077.00

Last year

October 18, 2016

\$3,285.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

October 15, 2017

\$1,005.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current

\$17,652.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

The candle burns
in memory of

Steven Dutkus

requested by Stanley
and Arlene Dutkus

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.

The **Pharisees** had a **plan** to **entrap** Jesus in **speech**. They said, "**Teacher**, we know you will tell the **truth**. Is it **lawful** to pay the **census** tax to Caesar or not?"



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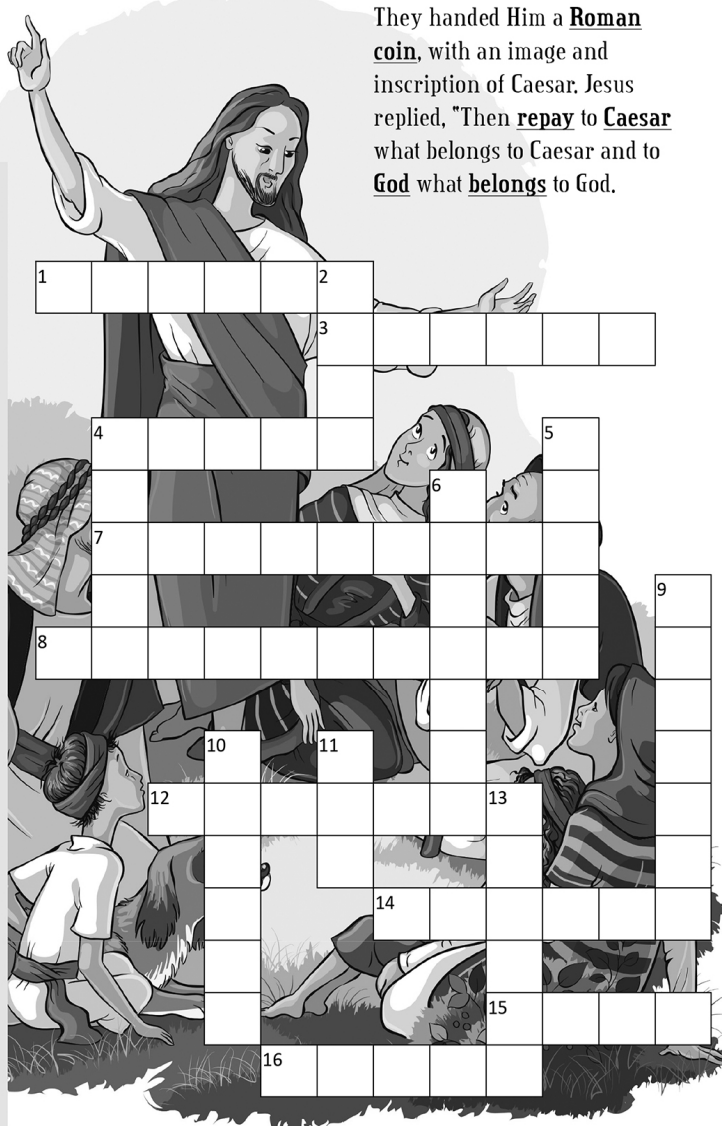
Jesus said, "Why are you **testing** me, you **hypocrites**? Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

ACROSS

- 1 To catch in; as if in a trap
- 3 Allowed by law
- 4 _____ Catholic Church
- 7 Ancient Jews who strictly observed Mosaic law
- 8 Person pretending to be what they are not
- 12 To be the property of
- 14 Title of Roman emperors after Augustus
- 15 Round, flat, metal money
- 16 Real fact, honest

DOWN

- 2 A detailed scheme (to achieve an objective)
- 4 To pay back
- 5 _____ Christ
- 6 Evaluate
- 9 Person who teaches
- 10 Periodic population count
- 11 Supreme Being, Creator of universe (Our Father)
- 13 Act of speaking; public address



They handed Him a **Roman coin**, with an image and inscription of Caesar. Jesus replied, "Then **repay** to **Caesar** what belongs to Caesar and to **God** what **belongs** to God."

All answers are underlined and in bold on this page.

Monday
October 23
Weekday
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday
October 24
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday
October 25
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
October 26
Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

Friday
October 27
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

Sunday
October 29
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20-26
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40

This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer. There's freedom "from" and freedom "for."

We can ask to be released from what has a hold on us. If we ask, we can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. We can pray to be free for whatever God desires of us. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others and to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

The Word helps us each week. Sometimes, one phrase or one story will carry us for several days. Other weeks, we will have to look back at the readings to hear a reminder, an encouragement, a call. I might stay with the words, "give to God what is God's." On a given day it might be a great grace to realize all is gift, including the members of my family, the gifts I've been given to do my work, the graces

offered me this very day. If I hear the words of Jesus, "life does not consist in possessions," we might ask him to show me how this is meant for me this week. Perhaps I will imagine myself as that tree that isn't bearing much fruit. Instead of cutting me down, our Lord is patient and willing to nourish me and cultivate me, so that I can bear fruit.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.