

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

Rememóeríng  
March 26 - April 1

**MONDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Eileen Kelly**

*Jane Drake & Family*

**TUESDAY**

**12:00pm**

✠ **Una Coyne**

*Husband, Peter*

**WEDNESDAY**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Dolores Kremer**

*Ray & Carol Proulx*

**holy THURSDAY**

**7:30pm (SJ)**

✠ **Jack Drake**

*The Family*

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**2:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **Stations of the Cross**

**6:30pm (SP)**

**EASTER VIGIL**

**8:00pm (SP)**

**Celebrant's Intentions**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**8:30am (SJ)**

✠ **For The People Of  
St. Joseph's Parish**

**11:00am (SP)**

✠ **For the People of St.  
Patrick's**



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

**March 25, 2018**

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (B)*

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

### Acceptance of the Passion

There is a sharp contrast between Jesus' and Peter's acceptance of Christ's passion. Both are afraid, but while Jesus faces and embraces, Peter hides and denies.

We understand Peter's gloomy darkness, and identify with the confusion and weakness leading to his failure. Like us, he tries to follow Jesus, but at a safe distance. He wants to be close, but not too close. He wants to feel he hasn't abandoned him, to be there—but remains on the fringe.

But following Jesus always leads to moments of truth. Jesus and life have a way of bringing us full circle to face our true selves. Are we in or out? How deep is our love? This time, Peter's love for Jesus fails. But like us, Jesus looks at him with understanding and gives him a chance to be honest, repent, and follow him once again.

Jesus' acceptance of his passion is our example. First, he suffers freely. He's not being forced into a fate he cannot escape. As a result, he is calm, self-possessed, in control of his heart, and patient. Second, he suffers peacefully without resentment. He isn't constantly recriminating against Judas, Peter, or John during his trial or flagellation. He doesn't seek blame or payback.

Not only is he not bitter or resentful, but he is full of compassion and focused on others: on the elderly women, his Mother, John the Apostle, forgiving his tormenters, and leading the good thief to heaven. Let's enter this holiest week following our Redeemer and imitating his example.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Denial of St. Peter*, circa 1620  
Artist: Pensionante del Saraceni  
Location: National Gallery, London

#### *For Reflection*

*Do I value the infinite mercy  
of Jesus, who forgives me  
whenever I turn to him  
sincerely?*

*What do I need to accept  
or embrace in order to love  
with greater peace?*

*Rather, he emptied himself..becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.*

*Philippians 2:7-8*

#### **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

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Monday's 6:30—7:00PM at St. Joseph's**

**There will be NO 8:00AM Mass on Thursday's  
at St. Joseph's during Lent**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAY EVENING 6:30PM at St. Patrick's**

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**7:30PM at St. Joseph's**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**2:00PM at St. Joseph's**

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**BLESSING OF FOOD**

**12:00 Noon at St. Patrick's**

**EASTER VIGIL**

**8:00PM at St. Patrick's**

**No afternoon Confessions  
NO 4:00pm or 5:30pm Masses**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**8:30am at St. Joseph's**

**11:00am at St. Patrick's**

## **GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD**

The **Deanery Choir** presents a Good Friday program of lessons and carols. Friday, March 30th at 7:00PM St. John Neumann Church, Rte. 739, Lords Valley, PA. All welcome. No Admission Charge.

## **ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION**

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 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling the Parish Office and leaving your name and phone number no later than March 18th.

## **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 ANNIVERSARY PRAYER**

*Holy Spirit, at work in our lives*

*and in the lives of our ancestors,*

*You created the Church at Pentecost*

*and made it a sacrament of Jesus for the world.*

*We thank you for creating*

*the Diocese of Scranton 150 years ago*

*and rooting it in faith, hope and love.*

*We marvel at the journey you have traveled*

*with our bishops, laity, religious and priests.*

*Continue to strengthen us as one family.*

*Give us the clarity to focus on the things*

*that last:*

*-faith in you and the Gospel*

*-hope in the Resurrection*

*-and the love of our God.*

*Amen*

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 29- April 1

### Thursday 7:30pm

#### Lector

Larry Marcial

#### Eucharistic Minister

Paul & Cristin Cavallaro

#### Altar Servers

David Marcial, Lukas Schutz, Brenna Cavallaro

### Friday 2:00pm

#### Lector

Bob Curtis

#### Eucharistic Minister

N/A

#### Altar Servers

Lucas Helms

### Sunday 8:30am

#### Lector

Jackie Tescione

#### Eucharistic Minister

Carol Cordova, Joe Price, Paul & Cristin Cavallaro

#### Altar Server

Joe Loughney, Mark Cavallaro, Brenna Cavallaro, Lukas Schutz

#### Milford Senior Care

3/25 Lois Lazarczyk  
4/1 Chuck Pike

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory of  
**Deceased Members of  
the Patrisso Family**  
by  
The Family*

## LENTEN "SOUP-TO-GO"

Thank you to all who supported our "Soup-To-Go" Fundraiser!!

## 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!

## ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry would like to start a new team to help with daytime distribution. We need help Fridays 12 - 2pm. Please call or just show up. Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

Our next food pantry will be Friday, May 4, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

## 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.

**The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference  
of the Diocese of Scranton**  
**Saturday, June 23, 2018 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Byron Complex, The University of Scranton**

#### Featuring:

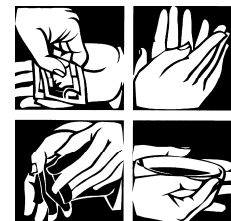
Judy Landrieu Klein: Faith Through It All  
Father Richard McAlear: Ministry of Hope and Healing  
Music by "His Own"  
Mass Celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera  
Megan Murphy: Host

For information or to register:  
[dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference](http://dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference)

Weekly Offering  
**March 18, 2018**  
\$ TBA

Last Year  
**March 19, 2017**  
\$ 3796.25

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."**



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER!!

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make this years' dinner a huge success. A special thank you to Gene Burns and Bill Mentz who worked preparing the meal! Thank you everyone!!!

## ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S AND

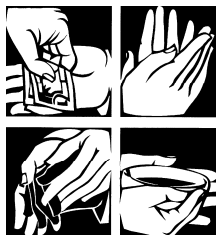
## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISHES!!

It's Vacation Bible School Time. It will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Milford. The date is July 9-13th from 9am—12:00pm. Monday-Friday. Due to the Diocese Safe Environment protocols we now have to have everyone from the age of 14 and up complete the necessary clearances in order to volunteer. This process can take up to 6 weeks to complete. If you are interested or even think that you might be interested please contact Jo-Marie Totten 570 296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening at 6:00 on April 6th. If you would like to volunteer for this outreach program, please call the parish office 296-7451 to leave your name and number and someone will be in touch with you.

**LEGION OF MARY TO PRAY FOR YOU** As one of the works of The Legion of Mary, we would like to pray for peoples' intentions. These prayers would be in conjunction with our rosary at our weekly meetings, the Leion of Mary rosary before Mass and our own personal rosaries to strengthen the cause for the Beatification of the Servants of God Frank Duff and Alphonsus Lambe and Venerable Edel Quinn. After Easter, there will be small prayer boxed available in the vestibule by the statue of St. Patrick and in the narthex for anyone to drop their intentions into. These intentions will be gathered and prayed for weekly. If you or anyone experience any blessings as a result of these prayers, the Legion would be interested in knowing. Please write the blessin in a note and put them in the prayer box. Thank. The Legion of Mary says the rosary at 11:20 before the Tuesday and Wednesday Mass. We would love to have you join us.



**Weekly Collection**  
 March 4-\$2,356.00  
 March 11-\$ 2,388.00  
 March 18, 2018  
 \$2,853.00  
 \$3,222.00

**Weekly Mortgage Offertory**  
 March 4-\$728.00 March 11 \$592.00  
 March 18, 2018  
 \$ 793.00  
 Year to Date July '17 - Current  
 \$32,854.00  
 Goal for the Year \$100,000

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
 March 31-Apr. 1

### Saturday 8:00pm (SP)

#### Lector

Ray Proulx

#### Communion Ministers

Rosemary Walsh, Donna Hersca, Catherine Umberto

#### Altar Servers

Riley Mapes, Dana Stroup

### Sunday 11:00am

#### Lector

Jack Boyle

#### Communion Ministers

Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira, Colleen Sheldon

#### Altar Servers

Roger Neff, Sean rinkel



The Sanctuary Candle  
 burns in memory of  
**Angela Gleason**  
 requested by  
 The Legion of Mary

**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.**

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## Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Mark 14:1–15:47

In Jesus' last days, He was scented with perfume, blessed the bread of the First Eucharist, was arrested and denied, suffered and died.

Cycle B

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### - INGREDIENTS -

#### EASTER BREAD (6 single servings)

1 cup milk (scalded)  
1/3 cup butter  
(melted in milk)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water  
1 package yeast  
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit  
about 15 minutes, add  
to flour - mix well  
3 3/4 cups flour

large bowl

### - DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (add more flour if needed). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil & place in oiled bowl. Cover and put in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Punch dough and cut into 6 equal parts (do not flour surface). Roll each piece into a strip about 15-18" long, place raw, colored egg\* in center, bring ends together and twist. Place on flat baking tray. Brush with egg white and dust with colored sprinkles or sugar. Cover and let rise, bake at 350° 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

\*Colored eggs - use food coloring dye to color 6 raw in-the-shell eggs. 1 cup warm water, 1 tbsp. white vinegar, 5-6 drops food color. Egg will cook while bread bakes.



### GETTING READY FOR EASTER...

It is a tradition to wear something **NEW** next week for Easter. New shoelaces, hairclips, socks, tie, a new "Easter bonnet" or new clothes reminds us of our new lives in Christ, through the resurrection.

The egg in our Easter bread is also a symbol of our new life!

## Calendar

### Monday

March 26

Holy Weekday

Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

March 27

Holy Weekday

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

March 28

Holy Weekday

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday

March 29

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

### Friday

March 30

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

### Saturday

March 31

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,

10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mk 16:1-7

### Sunday

April 1

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

## Daily Prayer

*This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.*

*The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]*

*This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel*

*what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally." Then, throughout the day, in many background, in-between moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.*

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

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