

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

Remembering

April 17 - 23

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Communion Service**

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Communion Service**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Communion Service**

2:30pm

✠ **Communion Service at Belle Reve**

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Communion Service**

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Kathryn Martin**
Jack & Doreen Reilly

5:30PM(sp)

✠ **Frank DeMeo**
Mother, Ciro

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

9:00am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

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



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 16, 2017

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

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

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

History's Greatest Event

Today we celebrate the most important mystery of our faith, the greatest event in the Bible and all of history. Nothing before the events of Easter morning contains their full meaning, and nothing after makes sense without them.

Jesus' conquering of death validated all of his preaching, teaching, and miracles. Now his doctrine of love, forgiveness, faith, and baptism is confirmed,

as is God's definitive revelation for man's salvation. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus wasn't simply a good man, a wise teacher, or a revolutionary. He was all those things and more—he was the Son of God.

Without Jesus' rising from the dead, you cannot explain his appearing to the women, apostles, disciples, and crowds before his ascension. You cannot explain the transformation of the timid and baffled apostles into powerful preachers or the conversion of St. Paul from a murdering Pharisee

to a persecuted Christian. Without the truth of the resurrection, you cannot explain the courage of any of the martyrs. Indeed, the Romans and Jews took these martyrs seriously. And if either group could have produced a body of evidence or a convincing explanation to debunk the story, they would have.

So today, set aside your Lenten focus on the mocked, beaten, and buried Jesus. Celebrate the resurrection. Christ the Lord—and Christianity—is a reality and a force. Rejoice! Reflect on the truth and power of this day, and allow God's Son to open the tombs of your heart and life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



For Reflection

The resurrection changes everything. How does it change my life? If you recorded your whole day, would there be enough evidence that you believe in the resurrection?

"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible... to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10:40-41).

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

THIRD ANNUAL MEN'S CATHOLIC

CONFERENCE - "Be A Man: Mary's Call to BAT-TLE" will be held on May 6, 2017 at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 North Main St, Wilkes-Barre, Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day! Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:00am, with main Conference and Mass from 8:00am to 2:45pm. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Cost: \$35, \$30 early bird, \$15 students, Priests / Deacons free. Register on line at: www.beamanconference.com call 570-207-2213

DELAWARE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CITIZEN'S DINNER

Friday, May 5th from 5:00-6:45pm in the 11/12 Cafeteria Menu includes Hors' Devours, Eggplant Parm, Bowtie Pasta, Broccoli, Caesar Salad, Coffee, Tea and Cake. After dinner enjoy DVHS Jazz Night!! R.S.V.P. to Carol Cordova 570-409-2032 by April 21st! NO WALK-INS, RESERVATIONS ONLY, LIMITED SEATING, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

An emergency phone number has been established for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

FATHER AL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

fatheral@ptd.net

ST. PATRICK'S LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary from St. Patrick's Church will be hosting a movie on Sunday, April 30th immediately following the 11:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. The movie "Risen" will be shown. Admission is free and the length is 1 hour and 47 minutes and is rated PG-13. Please join us as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection this coming Easter Season.

JOB FAIR

Working Pike Job Fair

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017

Location: Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing, Matamoras Time: 10AM - 2 PM

Free Entrance, Help with Resume's, 50 employer vendors will be there

K OF C COUNCILS #471 & 13935

CHARITY GOLF OUTING Wednesday, May 24th at High Point Golf Club. Registration 10-11:00AM, Shotgun Start: 12:00 noon. Lunch on Course—Dinner @ Erie trackside after Golf. Scramble Format, assorted golf prizes and contests. \$100.00 per golfer—please pay by May 10, 2017. Contact Benny Marasa at 570 296-5564, Tom Hogan at 570 296-7210 or Walter Marcial at 570 491-4332.

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)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 22-23

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Lisa Addio

Eucharistic Minister

William Fells

Anna Blackman

Altar Servers

Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Tom McMullen

Eucharistic Minister

Jack Reilly

Carol Cordova

Altar Servers

Daniel Corcoran

Robert McMullen

April Altar Server Of the Month:**Eric Cabrera -Agostini****Milford Senior Care****4/16 Carol Cordova**

4/23 Eileen Dorko

BROTHER JUNIPERThe Sanctuary Candle
burns In Memory of**Millicent & Jack Tescione**by
The Family**"SOUP-TO-GO"**

Thank you to all who supported our Soup-to-Go fundraiser through out the Lentin Season!!! Many thanks to all the volunteers and especially to the Chef, Tom McMullen.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION**NO COFFEE & CONVERSATION THIS MONDAY**

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, May 21st. 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, May 5th from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Happy Easter!

Christ
is
Risen!

Weekly Offering

April 9, 2017

\$ 3654.00 (1st)

\$ 445.00 (2nd)

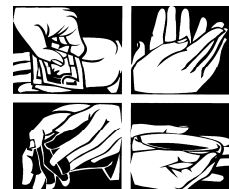
Last Year

April 10, 2016

\$ 4006.36 (1st)

\$ 484.00 (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."

RELIGIOUS ED. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS Next Saturday, April 22, 2017 there is a retreat scheduled in the Church Hall from 3:00 to 5:30. All students are asked to attend the 5:30 Mass following the retreat.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Mass at Belle Reve will be the 3rd Wednesday of every Month at 2:30pm

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 April 18th

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

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

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

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH...

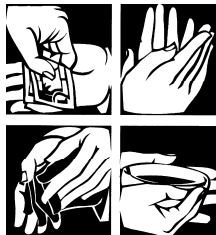
The next Cursillo weekend for women will be held October 5-8, 2017. A Cursillo weekend is similar to a retreat, with time devoted to listening to talks on Christian spirituality, plus lots of discussion, and daily Mass. It's a very special weekend aimed at deepening your relationship with Jesus and helping you to be a more active disciple of His. For further information, contact Ray or Carol Proulx at 296-7645 or by e-mail at Proulx@ptd.net. Or check out their website at <http://scrantoncursillo.homestead.com/>

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.

HAVE YOU JOINED TWITTER YET?

There has been an overwhelming response and we are getting present and past parishioners, local people and many from all over. Information will be posted about our parish, events, special announcements and in general, spiritual tweets that will connect you with our parish and our Catholic faith. Please follow us on Twitter@stpatsmilfordpa



Weekly Offering
April 9, 2017
\$ 3220.00
Last year
April 12, 2016
\$5,697.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
April 9, 2017
\$1,207.00
Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$39,463.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE April 22-23

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Sara Cottone,
Rosemary Walsh

Altar Servers Jason Lecina,
Adam Sandonato

Sunday 7:30am

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Clorinda Alfano, Arlene &
Dean Quirk

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Sean Rinkel

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Angela Gleason, Jeanne
Ryan

Altar Servers

Lauren & Nicole Weinrich

You may have the
Sanctuary Candle
burn in memory of a
loved one. Please call
the Office

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.

On Easter morning Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. She hurried to get Peter and John. Peter entered first, and when John entered he "saw and believed."

Jesus has risen! He is alive!

Believe... Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choose a date and an Alpha and Omega... color the flame and choose a cross to color. Cut and glue all to the candle.

The Paschal or Easter Candle



Each year at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, a new fire is built and blessed. From this fire, a new Paschal Candle is lit for the first time and will be used for one year. Candle designs vary, but they are always white, the largest in the worship space and contain certain symbols - a cross, the Alpha and Omega and the date. Let's design our own candle by choosing, coloring and gluing on the designs you like. *Do you see the Paschal Candle in your church?*

- (1) **THE CROSS** - Always the central symbol
- (2) **THE ALPHA AND OMEGA** - Tells us God is the beginning and the end
- (3) **THE CURRENT YEAR** - Says God is with us here and now
- (4) **THE FLAME** - Reminds us Jesus is the Light of the World
- (5) Use **RED** to make 5 points on the cross to represent the 5 wounds of Jesus

**HAPPY &
BLESSED
EASTER
TO ALL!**



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Pick one design from each group

*A new candle,
a new LIFE*

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REJOICE, CHRIST IS ALIVE

Calendar

Monday

April 17
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

April 18
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

April 19
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

April 20
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday

April 21
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

April 22
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

April 23
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42-47
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

Daily Prayer this Week

We now begin a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord for the next seven weeks - when we mark the Ascension forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us.

Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewed these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.