

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

Remembering

Nov. 13 - 19

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Katie Kiley

Joe & Karen Sweeney

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Michael Toth (Living)

Toni France

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ John & Rosemary Walsh

Rosemary Walsh

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Tom Sloan

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ For The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Anne Gallagher
The Wroblewski Family

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ Deceased Priests of
the Purgatorial Society

9:00am (SJ)

✠ Deceased Members of
the Sybrandy Family

11:00am (SP)

✠ For The People of
St. Patrick's Parish

Our Parish COMMUNITY

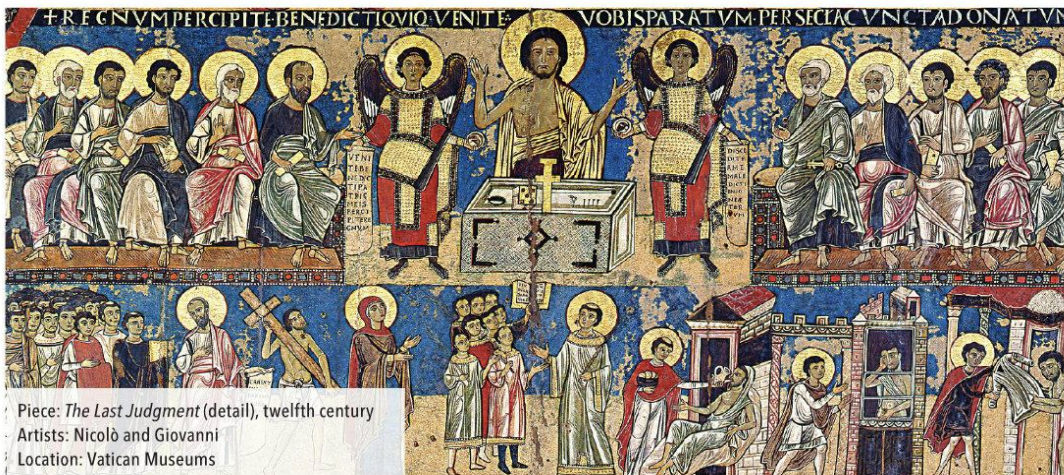
November 12, 2017

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wis 6:12-16

1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

Mt 25:1-13



Get Ready

As we near the end of the liturgical year and prepare for Advent, the readings get us ready for the Second Coming of Jesus by addressing our own final encounter with him. The Church summarizes the last realities each person must reflect on: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. In short, when we die we will face personal judgment. If our response has been to return Jesus' love, the reward will be heaven. But if we reject Jesus, the result will be hell.

This should not be a source of anxiety or fear, but rather faith, serenity, and hopeful confidence. If we are not quite ready, now is the age of mercy, and God's grace abounds for those who seek it. It is a healthy thing to be prepared and wise. All of us know our final encounter with Jesus at the end of life is coming. It would be foolish to ignore it or not maturely reflect on its implications.

Oil is the natural resource mentioned in the Gospel because without the light and warmth that an oil lamp provided, the guests could get lost in the dark or need to abandon the wait because of the cold. As we journey through this life, awaiting the marriage feast of Jesus, our hearts can get dimmed and icy if we are not lit by the oil of love and the warmth of the Spirit. We don't know the day or the hour when Jesus will come take us into the eternal banquet, but we know for sure that day is coming.

The wise guest is the person fueled by the oil of love and ready for any eventuality. As the Boy Scout motto goes—Be Prepared.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I constantly in contact with the mercy of God so I am always ready? How am I living now so that I am always prepared for the final encounter with Jesus?

[Jesus said,] "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).

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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.

PIKE CO. HANDS OF HOPE

In the past our parishes have helped to gather supplies such as toiletries and materials for the homeless and near homeless clients in Pike County. This year they are in demand for Groceries, (gift cards could be purchased at Weis, Shoprite, Walmart, Key Foods, also for immediate food emergency restaurant gift cards would be helpful. Suggestions would be Subway, Ray N Charles, Dunkin Donuts, Perkins, or other fast food chains. Disposable baby diapers in sizes newborn, 1-6 and pull-ups as well as baby wipes are in great demand. This appeal is running from November 5th through November 12th. You will find a donation box at the entrance of the Churches.

ANNUAL ANTIQUE APPRAISAL DAY & 7TH ANNUAL FALL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR PLUS GOLD BUYING EVENT

Sponsored by Court Madonna #114 CDA, is Saturday, November 18th from 9am-3pm in St. Mary's Most Sacred Heart Hall. Bake Sale-Raffles-Homemade Soups for purchase. For more information please call Patty at 914-443-8222.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is an international lay organization founded by Frank Duff in 1921. The goal is to share the glory of God through prayer and spiritual works. To bring consolation, conservation and conversion through our Blessed Mother. The Legion of Mary welcomes new members and anyone interested. Our meetings are on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Church Hall. Individuals of all parishes are welcome. For more information please contact Angie Yanick 201-873-6820 or Jeanne Ryan 570-428-2023.

LEGION OF MARY MOVIE

Please join the Legion of Mary on Sunday, November 12 at 12:30 in the Church Hall for the movie "Miracle of Fatima".

NEW MASS TIMES EFFECTIVE 12/2

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 11:00am

Confessions - Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30am and Saturday's after the 5:30 pm Mass upon request.

St. Joseph's Church

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Confessions Saturday's 3:00pm and after the 8:00am Masses upon request

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)

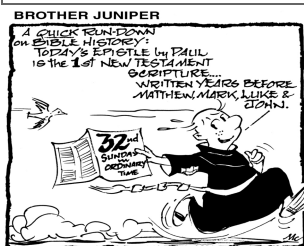
Let us pray ... that we recognize our obligation to care for our world and all people, to share our resources with others, and to see all people as equal in the eyes of the Lord. Amen.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 18-19

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Declan Carroll
Eucharistic Minister Jackie Padgett Anna Blackman
Altar Servers Daniel Corcoran Draven Nitecki
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Brenna Cavallaro
Eucharistic Minister Cristin & Paul Cavallaro
Altar Servers Ryan & Eric Schanz- bacher
October Altar Server Of the Month: David Marcial
Milford Senior Care 11/19 Jack Reilly 11/26 Carol Cordova



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Carl Rutkowski
by the
Frank & Diane Heater

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Altar & Rosary Society will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9 - 2pm in our downstairs Hall. Craft Vendors, Bake Sale, Raffles, and Flea Market. Breakfast and Lunch will be available. Come do some early Christmas Shopping. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Flea Market may bring them to the Church on Tues., Wed. or Fri., 11/14, 15, 17 from 6:30 - 7:30pm. PLEASE only clean saleable items (NO clothing, electronics, or large furniture). Bake Sale Items can be dropped off Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

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.

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 wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY - It's time to collect food for the Thanksgiving Distribution (11/15/17). The pantry is planning on 80 baskets. We at St. Joseph's are collecting boxes of cereal and we need 111 boxes. If every parish family donated one box, we'd have plenty. Gift cards are also helpful. ANYONE that needs food because the month is longer than the money, please call the food pantry (570)618-1568 -Nancy- and leave your name. She'll call you back. Food Pantry location is 321 Fifth St. Milford, PA. WE are here to help. **Our next food pantry will be Friday, November 3rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.**

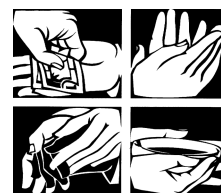
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - Your gifts support the following ministries made possible by the Catholic Social Services and Parish Social Justice Grants, Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education and Support Parish Life and Ministry Formation Catholic Media and Communication **Parish Goal: \$ 40,000. Total Pledged \$20,076.50 = 50%**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday, November 13 6:30 pm in the Rectory.

Weekly Offering
November 5, 2017
\$ 4084.35 (1st)
\$ 445.00 (2nd)

Last Year
November 6, 2016
\$ 3308.51 (1st)
\$ 619.00 (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."

THANKSGIVING DAY

Mass will be 9:00AM at St. Patrick's Church.

NEW MASS TIMES EFFECTIVE 1ST WEEKEND OF ADVENT

The new Mass times at St. Patrick's will be 5:30pm on Saturday evenings and 11:00am on Sunday morning. There will be no 7:30 Mass. This change will take effect the weekend of December 2 & 3. Confessions at St. Patrick's will be Tuesday and Wednesdays at 11:30 and following the 5:30 Mass on Saturdays.

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!!!

NO 12 NOON MASS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be 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 December 15th at 6:30. Volunteers are always welcome! Thank you.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE Next weekend PHP will be having their monthly bake sale in the Narthex after all the Masses. Please plan on purchasing something for your family and supporting PHP. If you would like to donate a baked item, please drop it off before any Mass you plan on attending that weekend.

PHP members, please remember we will be sorting the Thanksgiving food on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 in the Parish Office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE November 18-19

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers
P. Corcoran, C. Umberto,
R. Hennigan

Altar Servers Nicholas
Dinos, Jason Lecina

Sunday 7:30am

Lector David Stine

Communion Ministers
K. Loeschorn, D. & A.
Quirk

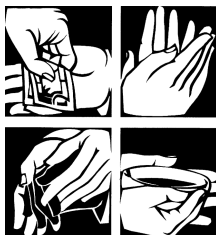
Altar Servers
Carli Lock, Riley Mapes

Sunday 11:00am

Lector
John Wroblewski

Communion Ministers
R. & V. Sequeira,
C. Sheldon

Altar Servers
Roger Neff, Nicole Traxler



Weekly Collection
November 5th, 2017
\$3,987.00
Last year
November 8, 2016
\$3,752.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
November 5, 2017
\$1118.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$20,323.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

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

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Gospel Today

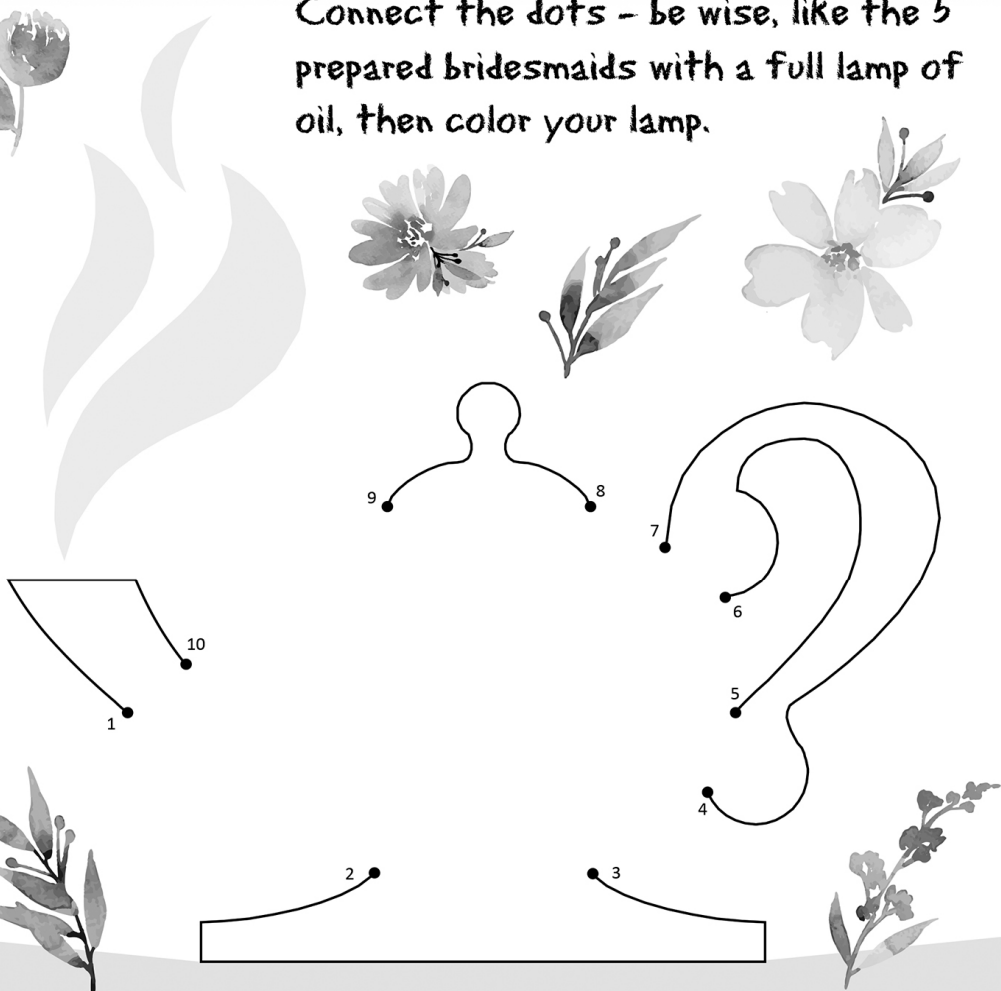
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 25:1-13

Of the 10 bridesmaids in the parable, 5 brought enough oil for their lamps for a long wait. The other 5 were not prepared and when their oil ran out, they missed the bridegroom when they went back for more oil. Always be prepared, like the 5 sensible bridesmaids. We never know the day or hour when Christ will return.

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There are 10 dots to follow, like the 10 bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom.

Connect the dots - be wise, like the 5 prepared bridesmaids with a full lamp of oil, then color your lamp.



Always be prepared for Christ's return!

up this coming Sunday. That Word will further inform and shape how we will be in an ongoing dialogue with our Lord this week.

The rest is about developing the habit of focusing more intentionally on our relationship with our Lord, anticipating the events of our day, preparing for them, and letting our Lord be there in it with us. This is what it is to keep enough oil in our lamps. This is what it is to know that the presence of God is in our midst. This is what it takes to be good stewards of all that our Lord has entrusted to us.

So, we ask for what we need and desire, each morning, as soon as we can. We return to that desire, in brief moments, throughout the day. At the end of our day, we give thanks for this gifted relationship that sustained us and allowed us to be his disciples this day.

Calendar

Monday

November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,

Virgin

Wis 1:1-7

Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

November 14

Weekday

Wis 2:23-3:9

Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

November 15

Weekday

Wis 6:1-11

Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

November 16

Weekday

Wis 7:22b-8:1

Lk 17:20-25

Friday

November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary,

Religious

Wis 13:1-9

Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

November 18

Weekday

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

November 19

Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13,
19-20, 30-31

1 Thes 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30 or

25:14-15, 19-21

Daily Prayer

In this process of becoming "Contemplatives in Action" by finding intimacy with God in the background of our everyday busy lives, we are seeing more and more clearly that Prayer is not really "saying prayers" but is a relationship that needs to be nourished in an ongoing way. No matter how hectic our week is, it is easy to think about our daily relationship with Our Father, with Jesus, in the Holy Spirit.

As we look ahead to the landscape of our week - with a few big things coming up, a host of ordinary responsibilities, and perhaps several bruised or difficult relationships that trouble us - we can begin to locate and formulate into words, the desires in our hearts for our Lord's help along the way. Perhaps we will have time to review a Daily Reflection each day or just the readings of the day. We may only have time to have a general sense of the Word of God addressed to us - from last Sunday and what is coming

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