

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

Rememóerínġ  
September 3-9

## *Owl Parish* COMMUNITY

September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**MONDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✚ **Frank Morgiewicz**  
*Richard & Ann Dilger*

**TUESDAY**

**12:00pm**

✚ **William Devereaux**  
*Veterans Memorial Park*

**WEDNESDAY**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✚ **Christina Hoey Clark**  
*Ken & Pat Corcoran*

**THURSDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✚ **Thomas Dedeo**  
*The Family*

**FRIDAY**

**1st Friday Communion  
Service  
Sacred Heart Novena**

**SATURDAY**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✚ **Stanley Witkowski**  
*Eleanor Witkowski*

**5:30pm (SP)**

✚ **Bert Fleming**  
*Patrick & Cheryl McCarthy*

**SUNDAY**

**8:30am (SJ)**

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

**7:15am (SP)**

**Mary Duffy**  
*Joseph & Barbara Rowan*

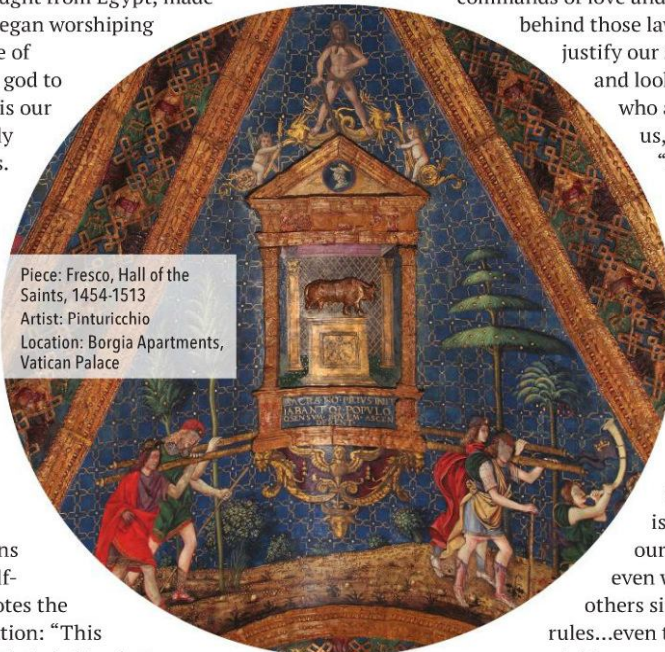
**11:00am (SP)**

✚ **Robert Kyle**  
*The Family*

## Human Rules and God's Rule

Today's painting is of the golden calf, produced by the Israelites when Moses disappeared up the mountain to receive God's law. Since Moses delayed, they melted gold brought from Egypt, made their own god, and began worshipping it. This is the essence of idolatry: We create a god to worship, but since it is our creation, we are really worshipping ourselves.

Jesus accused the Pharisees of falling into a similar trap. They slavishly revered human traditions that didn't reflect the heart of God. They hid behind laws created in the name of religion to serve themselves and their desire for power. Jesus overturns the tables of their self-justifications. He quotes the prophet as an accusation: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6).



Before pointing an accusatory finger, realize that the same can happen to us. We can cling to human traditions and laws while disregarding God's basic commands of love and mercy. We can hide behind those laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others who are not as pious as us, as noted by James: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22). Pope Francis makes a special effort to remind the Church, especially the clergy, of this truth: "Dangerous as it was then for the Pharisees, so too is it for us to consider ourselves acceptable or, even worse, better than others simply for observing the rules...even though we do not love our neighbor, we are hard of heart, we are arrogant and proud."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I look down on others who are not as generous and faithful as I?  
Is there a subtle division in my heart between those who deserve my love and those who do not?*

*[Jesus said,] "You disregard God's commandment  
but cling to human tradition."*

*Mark 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

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018.**

Buses will be departing from various locations. Approximate time of arrival will be 11:00 a.m. followed by a Welcome in the Upper church and Tour of Faith. 12:30 Rosary for Word Peace at the Upper church. 1:00 to 3:00pm, free time for lunch, touring, private prayer. 2:00pm Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church 3:00pm Gather in the Upper church to prepare for Mass. 3:15pm Pontifical Mass with The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist. 4:45pm buses depart and approximate return time to point of departure is 10:30. The cost is \$55.00 person plus lunch. Need to sign up by August 31, 2018. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Church. Contact Aedeen Hansen (917) 825-3962 or Annette Petry (845) 283-7228. Bring a bag lunch.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL RETREAT**

We will have the opportunity to come together with fellow parishioners and members of other parishes to reflect on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: The Joy of the Gospel. Bishop Joseph Pepe, JCD, Bishop Emeritus of Las Vegas, Nevada will help us understand this wonderful document and how to make it part of our lives. Bishop Pepe will be with us on the weekend of August 25 & 26, speaking at the masses.

The Retreat will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (August 27, 28, 29) at 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the evening and Bishop Pepe will preach the homilies. Please set this time aside to grow closer to the Lord. All are welcome!

**NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS**

A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, such as Penance, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. We meet on Sunday afternoons for one hour. Please call the office at 570-297-7451 if you are interested. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

**LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

St. Patrick's Church Office—conference Room, 111 E. High St., Milford, PA 18337. A 10 Week Session will begin September 6, 2018. Cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. Registration begins at 5:30pm on September 6, 2018. First class follows after registration. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy at [Rysigner@aol.com](mailto:Rysigner@aol.com) or phone (917) 640-9587.

**NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**

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

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 8-9

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Tom McMullen</i> <i>Chuck Pike</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Draven Nitecki</i> <i>Robert McMullen</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Jackie Tescione</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Neal &amp; Michele Bensley</i>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>Daniel Corcoran</i> <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>9/02 Carol Cordova</b> <b>9/9 Chuck Pike</b>

### BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory of  
**John & Olympia  
Vigletta**

by  
The Family

## BOOKCASE

Check out the bookcase in the front entrance of the church. We have added new books, some for young children. There are more CDs, which are great to pop in your car and listen to and learn more about our faith! They are free but a small donation is appreciated.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

Have you registered your child for CCD Class?? Blank Registration forms are on the black tables located at the front and back entrances to the Church.

## MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of every Month at 11:00am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome. The next scheduled Mass is Thursday, September 13th.

## ST. JOSEPH'S JUNIOR CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Our Jr choir will be forming soon! The Jr. Choir sings at the 8:30 Mass on Sundays. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to join. Please call Mrs. Bradley at 845-754-3620.

## 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.

## ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 21, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

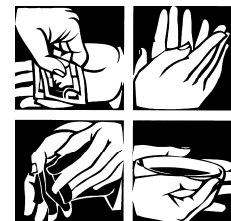
Weekly Offering

**August 26, 2018**  
\$3661.30

Last Year

**August 27, 2017**  
\$3946.00

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."**



## MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass next Saturday, September 8th at 11:00 here at St. Patrick's for James Kearns who recently passed away.

## ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—[tchogan@ptd.net](mailto:tchogan@ptd.net) or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC *NEXT WEEK!!! LAST CHANCE!*

Record attendance is expected this year as we welcome our new Pastor, Father Joseph. Chairing the picnic this year are Pat and Jack Boyle and Patrick and Cheryl McCarthy. Parish volunteers are needed. Please express your interest in contributing your talents as a volunteer by emailing: [pgm1@ptd.net](mailto:pgm1@ptd.net) or [jboyle18337@gmail.com](mailto:jboyle18337@gmail.com). **See you September 9th! And...**

### *Everyone likes to be a Winner!*

Please consider creating a "Tricky Tray" basket for our parish picnic. The suggested value of each "basket" is \$25.00. Please sign up on the Tricky Tray Sheet in the Narthex or contact Carol or Ray Proulx at 570-296-7645 or [proulx@ptd.net](mailto:proulx@ptd.net).

## BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Connor Rory Keener** who was baptized last week here at St. Patrick's. God Bless you Connor.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's serves Friday September 28, 2018 at 6:30pm.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 8-9

### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** Jack Boyle

### Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Annette Petry

### Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Jason Lecina

### Sunday 7:15am

**Lector** David Stine

### Communion Ministers

Arlene & Dean Quirk

### Altar Servers

### Sunday 11:00am

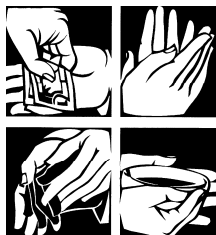
**Lector** Diane Dennis

### Communion Ministers

Ray Weeks, Catherine Umberto

### Altar Servers

Carli Lock, Nicole Traxler



### Weekly Collection

August 26, 2018

\$ 3,319.00

*This time last year \$*

*This time last year*

\$2,543.00

### Weekly Mortgage Offertory

\$ 764.00

Year to Date July '18- Current

\$3,888.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*The Sanctuary Candle*

*burns in memory of*

**Robert Kyle**

*requested by*

*His 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.***



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more focused on ourselves than on the love we are being offered. This week is a week healing Jesus wants to give us. It is a prayer we can carry throughout our days. Each can ask the Lord to open our hearts in gratitude for what we will be offered this day. ourselves being healed and touched by Jesus. For just a moment, we might see Jesus filled with such love, reaching out to give our ears and tongue a healing touch; to lift us drive the unclean spirits from us. Throughout the day we can remember that gentle him to continue drive out of those unclean spirits we may be carrying today. What Who am I being invited to listen to and speak on behalf of today? Who will come across Jesus' healing through my own care and kind words?

Dearest Jesus, be with me in this day. I can feel how much I long for a deeper connection with you, and yet I am ashamed of my weaknesses. Touch my heart so that I might be open to your healing

Let me be open to all of those you put in my life today and let me be aware of their needs and care for them before I worry about my own. Give me an awareness of the love that is already there for me and a generosity of heart that allows me to share it with others.

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

## Daily

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## Calendar

### Monday

September 3  
St. Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor  
of the Church  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday

September 4  
Weekday  
1 Cor 2:10b-16  
Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

September 5  
Weekday  
1 Cor 3:1-9  
Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

September 6  
Weekday  
1 Cor 3:18-23  
Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

September 7  
Weekday  
1 Cor 4:1-5  
Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday

September 8  
Nativity of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Mi 5:1-4a or  
Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
or Mt 1:18-23

### Sunday

September 9  
Twenty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 35:4-7a  
Jas 2:1-5  
Mk 7:31-37

## Prayer

the many healing stories  
week's gospels is the story  
of Peter. It is powerful for  
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even though we have done  
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in a balanced humility that  
sinful is not a bad thing -  
get stuck there, and are  
to turn away from Jesus  
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to rejoice in that love and  
morning as we awake, we  
We might pause to imagine  
in front of us, his eyes  
from an invalid's bed or to  
touch from Jesus and ask  
is Jesus calling me to?  
my path today that needs

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love.