

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

RememöerInz
May 1-7



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-23

1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ William Fontana Sr &
William Fontana Jr
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Barbara Buchanan
(Living)
Ray Weeks

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Living Members of The
Priests' Purgatorial
Society

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Janny Sybrandy
John Sybrandy

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Frances Chase
Eleanor Witkowski

5:30Ppm (SP)

✠ Emil & Arlene Moglia
(Living)

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

Hope Rekindled

Discouragement and exhaustion are familiar to many of us. When we are young, we are full of life, vigor, hopes, and dreams. But the challenges of life can lead us down rough and narrow streets with few exits. When a fresh hope—an opportunity or a new love—appears but doesn't pan out, we are even more discouraged than before.

The two disciples returning home were convinced Jesus was the Messiah, but it doesn't seem to be. Jesus isn't surprised by their dissolution. He catches up to them and takes an interest in their story. When he asks, "What things?" they unburden their hearts, and Jesus listens and cares.

With their eyes blinded, they do not recognize their companion. Their faith is dead, their hope is dimmed, their love is cold. The mystery of the cross makes no sense without an experience of the resurrection. They simply can't understand why it had to be this way.

Arriving in Emmaus, their newfound friend needs to go on. But they insist, as should we in our prayer, "Stay with us!" We need God's presence to enlighten our faith, rekindle our hope, and inflame our love. Jesus accepts; there is nothing he wants more. He has promised to be with us, and we need to be with him. Jesus offers us his presence not for a moment but for an eternity.

The tapestry of Pieter van Aelst depicts this scene at the precise moment of the disciples realizing who Jesus is. Meditate on what this moment says to you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Jesus at Emmaus*, circa 1525

Artist: Workshop of Pieter van Aelst, from a cartoon by Raphael Sanzio

Location: Gallery of Tapestries, Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Am I discouraged with God in some area of my life? Talk through these areas in prayer. It was necessary that the Messiah suffer. Do I accept suffering? Am I willing to die with Christ to live with him?

"He was...revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God" (1 Peter 1:20-21).

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

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, \$15 students, Register on line at: www.beamanconference.com call 570-207-2213

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.

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.

9-11 MUSEUM BUS TRIP

A bus trip to the 9-11 Museum in New York City is planned on Armed Forces Day (Saturday May 20, 2017) This trip is being sponsored by the Veterans Memorial Park and Education Center Society. The cost is \$94.00. For more information contact Jane Drake (491-4202) or Nancy Vocci (492-4672).

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON HUMAN RESOURCES/SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Interested in supporting and protecting our children's future? Then please consider attending the diocesan-sponsored VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children. During the three-hour training, a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. Please consider joining your community on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Saint John's Parish, East Stroudsburg, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our children. The session details are listed below and also on our website. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect all our children and to keep them safe. SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017, 9-12 NOON SAINT JOHN'S PARISH, EAST STROUDSBURG Participants may register by calling the parish office at: 570.223.9144

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)

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 6-7

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Bob Curtis

Eucharistic Minister

Chuck Pike

Larry Marcial

Altar Servers

David Marcial

Lukas Schutz

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Carol Cordova

Makayla Csencsits

Altar Servers

Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher

April Altar Server Of the Month:

Eric Cabrera -Agostini

Milford Senior Care

4/23 Eileen Dorko

4/30 Lois Lazarczyk

BROTHER JUNIPER

The Sanctuary Candle
burns In Memory of

George Tortorella

by
Chris Williams

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

Monday, May 4th at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room New Members are welcome!

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER**"BABY BOTTE FUNDRAISER"**

This year we will once again be participating in the Tri-State Pregnancy Center's baby bottle fundraiser. The fundraiser is simple and fun! Please consider picking up a baby bottle from the display next week on Mother's Day, Sunday May 14th. Fill it with loose change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday June 18th. The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located in Milford, PA and has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 20 years. Look for the baby bottle display in the front entrance to the Church next week.

BACCALAUREATE

Our Baccalaureate Mass will be held Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the 9:00am Mass. Invitations will be mailed soon along with a Biography request Form. If you are/know a graduating Senior who has not received an invitation, please contact the Parish Office 570-491-2618. Biographies should be mailed to Anna Blackman 302 Avenue G, Matamoras, PA 18336 or Christine Marcial 710 Avenue H, Matamoras, PA 18336 and must be returned before May 22, 2017.

KEVIN CUNNINGHAM - BLOOD DRIVE

Port Jervis Knights of Columbus #471 will hold a blood drive in memory of our former parishioner, Kevin Cunningham on Wednesday, May 3rd from 1-6pm at the Council Hall, 63 Seward Ave. in Port Jervis. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: Knights. Walk-Ins welcome. New donors needed.

ALTAR SCHEDULES

The Schedules for May/June 2017 are available in the Sacristy.

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, 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.

Weekly Offering

April 23, 2017

\$3727.50 (1st)

\$476.00 (2nd)

Easter, 2017

\$ 4874.50.50

Last Year

April 24, 2017

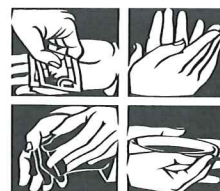
\$4113.90 (1st)

\$ 1022.00 (2nd)

Easter 2016

\$ 6345.25

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."

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

First Holy Communion class will have a practice on Thursday evening May 4th at 6:30 in the church. All must attend this practice. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday May 6th at 11:00AM. Please keep all the Communicants in your prayers.

The entire St. Patrick's community is praying for Gavin Berger, Samuel Carlozzi, and Matthew Marotta who received the Sacrament of First Penance Saturday, April 222, that the knowledge and love for the Sacrament of Penance will deepen as they receive it again and again. Congratulations!

Sunday May 7th is the last class. The May Crowning will be after the 11:00 Mass followed by an Ice-Cream Sunday.

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 May 2, 2016.

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

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

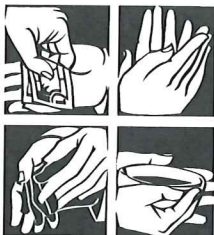
St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on May 19th at 6:00pm

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.

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Weekly Offering
April 23, 2017
 \$ 3,515.00
Last year
April 26, 2016
 \$4,718.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
April 23, 2017
 \$ 1059.00
 Year to Date July 16' - Current
 \$41,427.00
 Goal for the Year \$100,000
 Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 6-7

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector

Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca

Altar Servers Mikaela & Pamela Larry

Sunday 7:30am

Lector

Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Clorinda Alfano, Arlene & Dean Quirk

Altar Servers

Olivia Larry

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira

Altar Servers

Jacob Fortunato, Dana Stroup

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a love 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 the way to Emmaus Jesus appeared as a stranger to two of His disciples and spoke to them on the scriptures. That evening during dinner He took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. (Luke 24:30) At once they recognized Him and He disappeared from their view. Knowing in their hearts it was Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to tell the others.

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Emmaus Biscuits

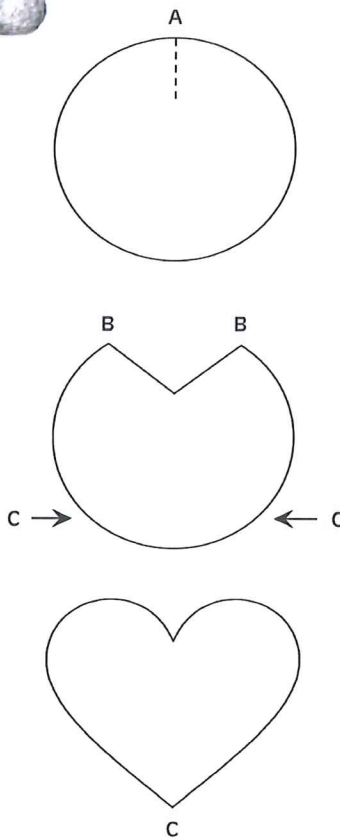
Use a roll of pop open biscuits (like Pillsbury).

Place round biscuits on a baking tray according to directions on box.

- With a plastic knife and help from an adult, put a cut into the top 1/3 of each biscuit and pull dough slightly apart to form a V.
- Press top of each side of the V to round out the top.
- Slightly pinch together lower half of biscuit and then tightly pinch bottom to form a heart (they do not have to be perfect).

Bake according to directions. Enjoy!

Have someone say the blessing
and remember Jesus' love for us
in the Breaking of the Bread.



On the Road to Emmaus

Calendar

Monday

May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

May 2
St. Athanasius,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

May 3
Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Thursday

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Friday

May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

May 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

May 7
Fourth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

Daily Prayer this Week

This can be a very good week to grow a sense of and practice with the notion being "contemplative in the midst of action." I have practically whole week of gospels about Jesus' call of himself to us as the "Bread of Life." This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we about our everyday tasks. What makes "contemplative" that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will our desires and activity interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we "work for food that perishes." This pay-off, the success of the accomplishment the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It will be important to be able to sense something that appears to be food that does last and name it such this week. The real food, the life

giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can make what we used to call a "spiritual communion" simply by opening our hearts and desiring to receive our Lord, so that he remain in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day. If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew the desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begins to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with my Lord, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face, or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.