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

Rememderinς June 12 - 18

S:00am (SJ)
Ronald Long
The Family

TUCSOAU

12:00pm (SP)

Raymond Witte

John & Diane Dennis

ULCONCSOAU
12:00pm (SP)

↑ Thomas Schear
Wife, Pauline

Thursday 8:00am (SJ) Mary Smith

Jacki Tescione & Jackie Padgett

FRIDAY

SATUROAU
4:00pm (SJ)

For the Father's of
Our Parish

5:30Ppm (SP)

† John Walsh

Rosemary Walsh

SUNDAY
7:30am (SP)

† Celebrant's Intentions

9:00am (SJ)

For the Father's of
Our Parish

11:00am (SP)

♦ For the People of St. Patrick Parish



June 11, 2017

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 In 3:16-18

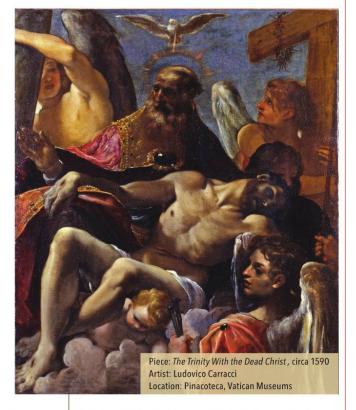
Salvation's Cost

In the painting *The Trinity With the Dead Christ*, we see a meditation on the Trinity in a hidden moment. Rather than paint the moment when Mary takes her Son into her arms, Ludovico Carracci painted the moment when the heavenly Father receives the spoils of his Son's battle for the salvation of humanity.

The dark colors communicate the pathos and drama. The Father's head turns away in grief even as he offers the Son. He reverently holds him yet almost fears to touch his pierced hands. See how much love God shows in allowing the Son to go to the cross, in sacrificing one beloved child to gain life for all his others.

Theology struggles to balance the truth of a loving, caring God the Father with the appreciation that he is unable to suffer as we do. Yet Carracci focuses on that popular intuition that the Father and the Spirit suffered the death of the Son. In this painting, we can reflect on what our salvation cost the Trinity and how much love they show in sending the Son to die. God suffers when you suffer and wishes to console and protect you, even if, as a good Father, he doesn't remove the suffering.

Faith teaches us that God willed his only begotten Son to suffer and die to save humanity. This divine decision manifests justice and mercy. It shows not only that God actually required satisfaction for our sins but also that no one but a God-man could offer a suitable sacrifice. Because he was God, Christ could offer an



infinite satisfaction for our infinite offenses. Because he was man, he could offer a man's satisfaction for humanity's sin.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Which person of the Trinity do I most easily relate to—the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit?

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

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 immediate danger of death. It is a help and comfort to the living. If a parishioner is homebound or

JunE 11, 2017—The Most Holy Trinity

DEANERY CHOIR AT THE 2017 MILFORD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Join The Deanery Choir on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00pm in St. Patrick's church, 111 East High St. Milford for a program of Praise, Pop and Patriotic music, *This is My Father's World*. The presentation is part of the Milford MusicFest, the annual festival of music that takes place in and around Milford, PA from June 23-25. No tickets or admission fee required. Come enjoy the music of The Deanery Choir...we hope to see you there!

TRI STATE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER ****DUE NEXT WEEK!!!

The fundraiser is simple and fun! Please pick up a baby bottle from the display. Fill it with change and **return it on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th.** The Center has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 20 years. Look for the baby bottle display in the Narthex next week.

CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER GROUP meets at

the Msgr. James Gacquin Religious Education Cen ter, 122 Layton-Hainesville Road (Route 645) in Sandyston across from the Sandyston Municipal building on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30. Our prayer group will be using, as a spring board for discussion on prayer, a one half hour video "Crossing the Goal" (Leading Men to the Cross). Call Deacon Wayne at 973-293-3344 for more details.

KAREN ANN QUINLAN HOSPICE "THE BEREAVEMENT SERIES"

This training is being offered to anyone who has an interest in learning how to develop, implement, and facilitate a bereavement self-help support group. Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:30—4:00 PM at Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center, 5 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 07822 Registration and materials fee is \$125.00 lunch included. Please send your name, address, telephone number and email address along with your check to Diana Sebzda at the above address.

APPARITION HILL

The Movie—showing on Sunday, June 25th at 2:00 in the Historic Milford Theater, 114 E. Catherine St. Cost of the ticket is \$10.00. Please see the insert in the bulletin. Tickets online at apparitionhill.org or call Patrick McCarthy at 570 204-3906 or Mary Anne Condit at 973-219-3352.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

<u>The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for</u> 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.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 17 - 18

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Jim Burnett

Eucharistic Minister

William Fells

Anna Blackman

Altar Servers

Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher

Sunday 9:00am

Lector

Makayla Csencsits

Eucharistic Minister

Jack Reillu Carol Cordova

Altar Servers

Daniel Corcoran Mikaela Parker

MAY Altar Server Of the Month:

Eric Schanzenbacher

Milford Senior Care 6/11 Carol Cordova

6/1 Eileen Dorko



The Sanctuary Candle burns In Memory of

The Stead & Smith **Families**

> bу The Family

SAVE THE DATE!!!! ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH PICNIC

St. Joseph's Annual Church Picnic will be held Sunday, July 16th from 1 – 4 PM at Matamoras Airport Park RAIN or SHINE!! Please join us for plenty of food, music, fellowship, and fun! There will be many games for the children including face painting and a Bouncy House! Main course foods and drinks will be provided, but we ask each family bring something to be shared such as a salad, a side dish, or a dessert. Cost \$3.00 per person, children 12 and under are free. Pay at sign-up. Volunteers are at both entrances of the Church to assist you in signing up. If you have any questions, please call Tom Jensen at 570-234-8571.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER "BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER"

Please consider picking up a baby bottle from the display. Fill it with loose change and return it on Father's Day, next 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.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, June 25th immediately following the 9:00am Mass. This is a VERY SPECIAL coffee social. In an effort to bring more of our parishioners together to encourage unity and participation in our 4 Ministries of Word, Worship, Service, and Community, that Sunday we will be giving away 3 special prizes. Please open your hearts and minds and plan on joining your Parish Council in making St. Joseph's better and stronger. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

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!

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, June 16, 2017 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering June 4, 2017 \$ 3610.50(1st) \$272.00 (2nd)

Last Year June 5, 2016 \$3575.30 (1st) \$423.80 (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."

The Catholic Community of St. Patrick

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS

Patrick McCarthy who has served our parish and has done a wonderful job in keeping our parish in excellent order and made sure that everything was always ready for whatever was needed has accepted a full time position elsewhere. We thank him for his many years of service and wish him well on his new endeavor. Thank you and Gold Bless you Patrick.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY All are invited to join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 11:00 Mass on June 18th. The period of Adoration will end at 1PM with Benediction. Try to take this tims opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament, giving thanks for the great gift of the Eucharist.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Religious Formation registration is underway for the 2017-18 school year. Please stop by the office for an application or contact Jo-Marie Totten 570-296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. We are also in need of a few teachers for next year. If you enjoy working with children and would like to share your faith and the love of Jesus with them please contact Jo-Marie Totten at the numbers provided.

Also...It's that time of year again when we begin to plan Vacation Bible School . This year's theme is **Mighty Fortress.** The camp will be held July 10—14 from 9-12 @ St. Patrick's Parish Hall The children will learn that God is their refuge and their strength, through music, crafts, bible stories, special snacks, and lots of fun games. If you would like to sign your child up registration is going on now. For signing up or volunteering, please contact Jo-Marie at the parish office.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

So far our Twitter account has 260 followers and growing. We are not only reaching out to our parish and town but are in touch with people and parishes from all over! We have started a new Facebook page too and hope that you will follow us there as well. News, updates, announcements and in general spiritual tweets will be posted. Follow us on Twitter@stpatsmilfordpa and on facebook at Saint Patrick's Church Milford PA. It will be another way we can interact, communicate and share our faith with others.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE

Next weekend, Father's Day weekend, PHP will have their bake sale after all of the Masses. Please show your support and bake one of your favorite desserts, cookies, cakes, breads whatever your specialty is and bring it with you prior to the Mass you will be attending. Don' forget to purchase something for yourself! The proceeds of these sales goes toward our Thanksgiving Baskets and the Angel Tree program. Thank you in advance.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
June 17-18

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Colleen Sheldon

Altar Servers

Lauren & Nicole Weinrich

Sunday 7:30am

Lector Joe Casmus

Communion Ministers

Arlene & Dean Quirk

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Abigail Vogel

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Angela Gleason, R. & V. Sequiera

Altar Servers

Carli Lock & Sean Rinkel



Weekly Collection

June 4, 2017
\$ 3,500.00

Last year

June 5, 2016
\$4,,608.00

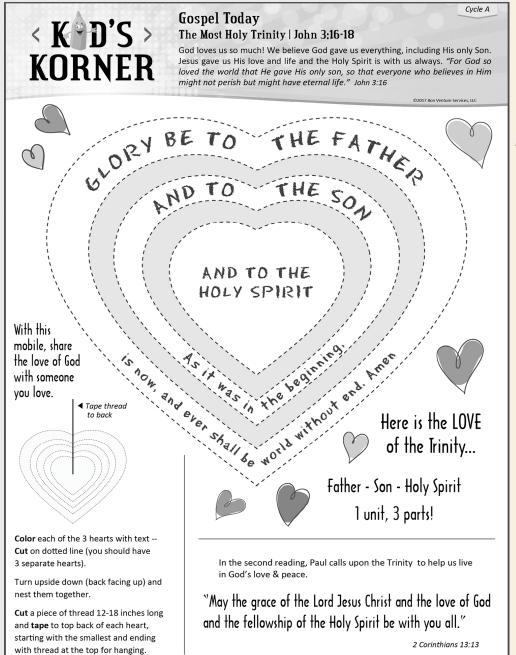
Weekly Mortgage Offertory
June 4, 2017
\$ 1,267.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$47,627.00

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 296-7451

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.



Calendar

Monday

June 12 Weekday 2 Cor 1:1–7 Mt 5:1–12

Tuesday

June 13
St. Anthony of Padua,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
2 Cor 1:18–22
Mt 5:13–16

Wednesday

June 14 Weekday 2 Cor 3:4–11 Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

June 15 Weekday 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3–6 Mt 5:20–26

Friday

June 16 Weekday 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 5:27–32

Saturday

June 17 Weekday 2 Cor 5:14–21 Mt 5:33–37

Sunday

June 18
The Most Holy
Body and Blood
of Christ
Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a
1 Cor 10:16–17

In 6:51-58

Daily Prayer this Week

This week of prayer can be very blessed. Just as Jesus looked out on that crowd of followers and saw the spiritually poor, who were mourning and stripped of all success, looking for justice, yet themselves merciful and seeking to make peace with others, Jesus looks upon us this week. His words to us remain the same, "Rejoice and be glad." All week, we can ask for the grace to understand and embrace the blessedness of poverty, of our grief, of our seeking for justice, of how difficult it is to be merciful and be a peacemaker. We are blessed in this place, because Jesus promises we will be comforted, we will be shown mercy, we will be God's children, because the Kingdom of Heaven is ours. So, the first movement for the week is to let Jesus change our perspective on things. We can practice all week seeing things from Jesus' point of view. When we get so angry

with someone, we might be tempted to scream at them or worse, instead we can let Jesus speak to our hearts and help us with the grace to forgive that person and actually love, as Jesus loves. If our eye causes us to sin, we can hear Jesus reminding us that we'd be better without that precious gift of our sight, that suffering the deadly effects of what is happening to us, through our fantasies. This type of daily prayer, that finds intimacy with God throughout our very busy days can only work if we keep focusing on what we are desiring each day. And that can only work if we begin each day, naming our desires. Keep the desires simple: for example, "Lord, today, please help me see the grace you are offering me in the poverty I feel in this situation." It can take only seconds to say that in the morning when I get up, or while I'm showering or getting dressed. But, by saying out "out loud," in our head, we give shape to a background place of conversation with the Lord all day. With some focused moments throughout the day, our desires will interact with the events our day.

"It is here, Lord, that you are asking me to surrender my anger. Mercy is so hard, but it is the way to life you are offering me. I know you desire mercy more than sacrifice. I so much want to know the blessedness of being a loving person. I feel more peaceful just knowing you are with me as I try to respond to this person with more compassion and forgiveness." Each evening, our daily prayer comes to closure. We briefly look back through our day and remember those moments of "connection" and thank the Lord for the graces given. It takes practice, but the rewards are what we truly desire.

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