

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

Rememóeríng
Jan. 6-12

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Dominick Marcano

Bill & Mary Gaa

Tuesday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Paddy Ryan

Peter Coyne

Wednesday

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Dale Greeves

Ray & Carol Proulx

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Robert Strain

The Tip Staff Friends

Friday

NO Mass

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Msgr. Paul Knauer

Philip Brennan

5:30pm (SP)

✠ James O'Donnell

Jim & Wendy Luhrs

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

✠ For the People of St.

Josephs Parish

11:00 (SP)

✠ For the People of

St. Patrick's

Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.

MATTHEW 2:12

A Christ for Every Nation

"Go back where you came from!" What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The "signs of the times" that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, "they departed for their country" (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God's Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What's the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God's special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question.

The prophet claims that "nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says "the stewardship of God's grace... was given to me for your benefit" (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God's love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How respectful are you of the religious quests of others?
- ★ In what ways might your life shine the light of God's love on others?

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.

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 hospitalized, please contact your Parish Office.

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BON SECOURS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

in many areas of the hospital. If you would like to join a special group of people, with a special gift to give please contact Amy Moore, Volunteer Manager at 845-858-7162 or email Amy_moore@bshsi.org

WARMING STATION NEEDS YOUR

HELP! The Tri-State Warming Station in Port Jervis, is open for its fourth season serving the homeless in our midst. Every night until Spring, the warming station will provide shelter for those without it, along with hot meals and hot showers. The need is real-we welcome as many as 20 guests each night- and it takes a lot of volunteer energy to make this work. Some of your fellow parishioners are already helping out, and you can too. Volunteers to cook and deliver dinner or to stay overnight to help watch over the guests are especially needed. Financial support is welcome, too. To get involved, or for more information, contact Kevin (from St. Joseph's) at kevinwalter@earthlink.net or (570) 296-6902.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

This number is for a death or Anointing of the Sick only for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Parishes (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Any messages or questions left at this number pertaining to regular Office business will not be answered.

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 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).

K OF C FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

There will be no Dinner in the month of December...Dinners will resume in January 2020.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Sponsored by United Way. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. Pike County dial directly 855-567-5341.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED, HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

The Daily Bible Verses

<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan 11 -12

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>Ella Carroll</i> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Janet Bright</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Ryan & Eric</i> <i>Schanzenbacher</i>
Milford Senior Care 1/5 Jack Reilly <i>1/12 Debbie Roa</i>

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

will meet Monday, January 6th 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. New Members Welcome!

CALENDARS

Please remember to take a 2019 calendar, compliments of Knight Auchmoody & Gray Parker Funeral Homes. They are located at the entrances of the Church.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Karen Sweeney @570-491-2228 or Tom Hogan @ 570-872-4925. If you wish you may also send the name via email to either Karen at sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or Tom at tchogan@ptd.net.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$40,000.00. to date, \$36,377.00 91% of our appeal goal has been achieved due to your kindness and generosity. To those of you who have pleased, THANK-YOU! Those of you who have not pledged, please consider. The Appeal helps support Catholic, Social Services, Clergy formation, Parish Life and Ministry just to name a few.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, January 19th. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 7th from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." You are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Just let an Usher know before Mass that you'd like to present the gifts, or if an usher approaches you to ask, please consider saying yes. Active participation will enrich our liturgy!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Angela Baez

By

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

December 29 , 2019

\$ TBA

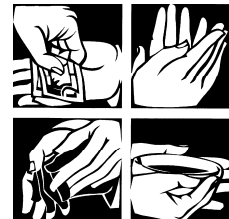
(Bulletin deadline 12/19)

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

December 30, 2018

\$ 5286.25



"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."

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR BRO. ZACK BURNS

Bro. Zack Burns, the son of Maureen and Gene Burns and a son of the Parish Family of St. Patrick, will be ordained a Franciscan priest in the spring of 2020. In thanksgiving and gratitude to him as he enters the service of God and His Church, you are invited to participate in a *Spiritual Bouquet* that we will present to him at Christmas. In the spiritual Bouquet Book located in the Narthex, chose the prayers and actions you intend to offer up (rosaries, prayers, sacrifices, etc.) print your name and number offered. This is a wonderful way to express your appreciation and support his vocation, a vocation that is so needed. God Bless Bro. Zack. May he be an inspiration to other young men to the vocation of the priesthood?

USHERS AND GREETERS

We are looking for volunteers to become ushers and greeters at both the 5:30pm and the 11:00am Masses. Please contact the Parish Office to inquire. Thank you.

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan at thogan@ptd.net. Or 570 872-4925.

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

The group has made donations of handmade good to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center as well as local nursing homes and the Port Jervis Warming Center. We will not holding regular meetings during the winter months. We will resume our Wednesday meetings in the spring. The exact date will be announced in future bulletins.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

We have raised \$25,111.00 (71.7%) of our goal. It's not too late to consider donating to the Annual Appeal. God Bless you!

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan. 11-12

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Brooke & Bennett Nielsen

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Carli Lock, Nicole Traxler



Weekly Collection

December 22, 2019
December 29, 2019
TBA

This time last year
\$2,210.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

December 22, 2019
December 29, 2019
TBA

Year to Date July'19- Current
\$20,185.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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.

Dear Padre,

What do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew's Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it's doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God's presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn't strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by "Christianizing" aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the "Sun of Justice," thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ's Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Do we know how to dream, to long for God, ...or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up.

—EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2018



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remember to turn to you in my fears and darkness and know that you will heal me.

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Mt 4:12—17, 23—25

Tuesday

JANUARY 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7—10
Mk 6:34—44

Wednesday

JANUARY 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11—18
Mk 6:45—52

Thursday

JANUARY 9
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Lk 4:14—22

Friday

JANUARY 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5—13
Lk 5:12—16

Saturday

JANUARY 11
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14—21
Jn 3:22—30

Sunday

JANUARY 12
Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1—4, 6—7
Acts 10:34—38
Mt 3:13—17

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Daily Prayer

This week is a time with two special Sundays book-ending the week. Both celebrations offer an "epiphany," an understanding and insight into the essence of who Jesus really is. When the Wisemen visit the poorest of families and find the baby Jesus, they have a clearer idea of what kind of king he will be.

At the Baptism of the Lord the following Sunday, Jesus is baptized and the skies open and the voice of God proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." More than just a prophet, this special relationship with God is made manifest in that moment.

How can we make this week a special one as the Christmas season draws to a close? In some parts of the world daylight is plentiful right now, but for many of us the days are short and the dark of night surrounds us many hours each day. This could be the week to reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts.

Each morning as our feet touch the floor next to our beds, we can open our hands briefly in the darkness and ask God to show us the light in our lives. Gratitude is a wonderful way to pray and to recognize the light we sometimes don't notice in our lives. Maybe in this final week of Christmas, we can light a candle at dinner and remember a special blessing we have been given or something we are grateful for in our lives.

*Dear Lord,
You came to your disciples when they felt alone on the stormy waters and comforted them with your presence. Be with me today and let my heart be touched by the the love you so lavishly give to me. Let me*

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