

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

Remembering  
March 9-15



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 8, 2020  
Second Sunday of Lent (A)  
Gn 12:1-4a  
2 Tm 1:8b-10  
Mt 17:1-9

**Monday**  
8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Ralph Strunk**  
*Bill & Mary Gaa*

**TUESDAY**  
12:00pm

✠ **Una Coyne**  
*Terri Pyszynski*

**WEDNESDAY**  
12:00pm Mass  
For The People of  
St. Patrick's

**THURSDAY**  
8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Deceased Members of  
the  
Farr & Nason Families**  
*The Family*

**FRIDAY**

**Stations of the Cross**  
6:00pm (SP & SJ)

**SATURDAY**

4:00pm (SJ)  
✠ **Jack Drake**  
*The Family*

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Joseph Colantonio**  
*Annette Petry*

**SUNDAY**

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **For The People of St.  
Joseph's Parish**

11:00 (SP)

✠ **Rogério Costa**  
*Danielle Eckart*

## What a Blessing!

**T**oday's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

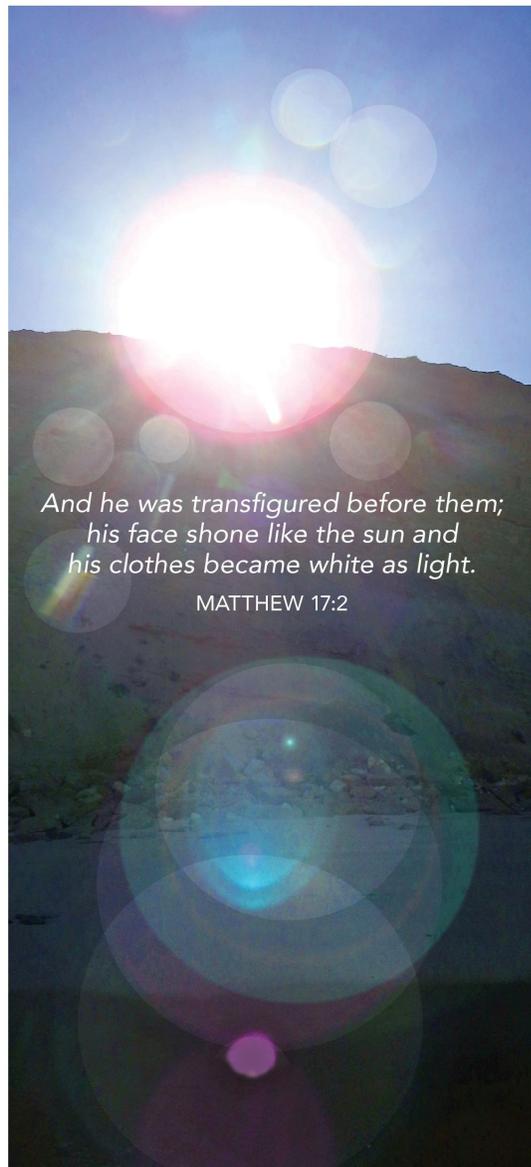
While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways might you be a blessing for others?
- ★ Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?



*And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun and  
his clothes became white as light.*

MATTHEW 17:2

### 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.

## LENTEN

Friday's Stations of the Cross (SP & SJ) at 6:00pm

Monday evenings "The Light is On" Confessions

St. Patrick's from 5:30 to 6:15pm

St. Joseph's from 6:45 to 7:30pm

Please check future bulletins for more Lenten services

## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT

Adult Education Opportunity for Lent Starting Tuesday evening March 3rd at 7pm, at St. Patrick Church Hall, the adult education team of St. Patrick and St. Joseph will be presenting the Eucharist in Sacred Scripture by Dr. Scott Hahn. All are invited to join us for conversation and refreshments following the video. The series will continue on Tuesday, March 10th, and Tuesday, March 24th, and will conclude on Tuesday, March 31st. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, should be made through your parish office before March 16th.

## 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.

## K OF C FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

Is held the 4th Sunday of every month from 1-3 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

## 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.

## MEN SAVE THE DATE!

The 6th Annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. The theme will be "Called to Fatherhood". The focus will be on St. Joseph, the earthly father to his Divine Son, Jesus Christ and husband of our Blessed Mother Mary. He is our example of earthly fatherhood as leader, protector and provider for the Holy Family. As Joseph met the challenges of fatherhood in his day, we must meet them in ours. More information will follow as to how to register and sign up for this conference.

## PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Monday, May 18, 2020, Pennsylvania State Capitol Rally 11:00am March 12pm. The national march for Life in Washington every January has become the largest pro-life event in the world. And there are many people who are pro-life who are unable to attend the march due to the time of year and location.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Refresh your faith full of grace, Catholic Women's conference is June 20, 2020 at the University of Scranton, Byron Center. Call 570-872-8630 or at [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com) for more information.

## STRESS IN MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in your relationship? Do you experience coldness or conflict in your relationship? Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. If you are thinking about, or already are, separated or divorced, there could still be hope for you. For confidential information about, or to register for the program on May 29-31, please call 613-338-5413 or 570-207-2213.



# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
March 15-16

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Janet Bright</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>Ryan &amp; Eric Schanzenbacher</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>03/08 Debbie Roa</b> <i>03/15 Carol Cordova</i>

## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR MASS AND HOME

As Deacon Mike announced last weekend, here are some precautionary measures we will be taking at Mass to help the spread of the Coronavirus and other sickness. During the sign of peace, please simply nod, or smile to your neighbors. Accept the Eucharist in your hand instead of on the tongue. The Holy Water fonts will be emptied as they can also be a place for germs to gather. Here are a few other guidelines...If you are seriously sick, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory viruses, please stay home. Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or tissue and discard the tissue in the trash. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before eating, blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing or visiting the rest room. Routinely clean frequently used surfaces/objects such as door knobs etc. May God Bless us and keep us all safe.

**MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE** - The next scheduled Mass is Thursday, March 12th at 11:00am. Any family or friends of residents are welcome!

**CELEBRATE ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST ON MARCH 19** - Please be part of a special evening of worship and friendship as we commemorate the feast of St. Joseph, our parish's beloved patron. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, and a reception with wine, cheese, and other refreshments will follow. (Note that 8:00 a.m. Mass will not be celebrated that morning.)

**SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPE** - This weekend's second collection envelope is for CRS Rice Bowl. For those **not** using a Rice Bowl bank at home, this is your opportunity to support the program. Or even if you are, it's an additional way to be generous in your Lenten almsgiving!

**GET THE WORD OUT ON FACEBOOK** - Did you know that our parish has an active presence on Facebook? Please follow us! More followers means wider reach and more impact for all the parish news, invitations, and updates. Find us at @stjosephsmatamorasp.

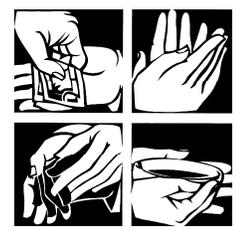
**MT. CARMEL SOCIETY** - of Port Jervis N.Y. is having their famous Sausage and Pepper sit down/take out on Sat., March 28th from 4 - 7:00PM at Mt. Carmel Hall, 21 First Street Port Jervis N.Y. For dessert, Zeppoli's will be available to purchase! Thank you for your support!!

**FOOD PANTRY** - Our next food pantry will be this Friday, March 13th from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES** - Many of you may remember Rayola McLaughlin. She was the National Grand Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America and also the owner of Town and Country Bridal Shop in Port Jervis for many years. Rayola will be turning 100 years young on March 20th. If you'd like, send her a card at Rayola McLaughlin c/o Belle Reve 404 E. Harford St., Milford, Pa 18337. If you were one of her brides include your maiden name and wedding date on the card!

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
For the Intentions of  
**Drew Crine**  
By  
The Family*

Weekly Offering	Last Year
<b>March 1, 2020</b> \$ 4305.60	<b>March 3, 2019</b> \$ 3467.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	



**\*OUR MISSION STATEMENT \***  
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.



## DIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

We have raised \$27,566.00(78%) of our goal. It's not too late to consider donating to the Annual Appeal. God Bless you!

## FOOD PANTRY

Saint Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, March, 20, 2020 at 6:00pm.

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, March 18th at 2:30.

## ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail to Tom Hogan at [tchogan@ptd.net](mailto:tchogan@ptd.net) or 570 872-4925.

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

March is almost on us and we are well underway in planning for the St. Patrick's annual dinner. The date is set for March 14th following the 5:30 Mass in the Church Hall. Anyone wishing to donate a "tricky tray" basket for this event, please do so. You may drop your "tray" at the office any time prior to the dinner or by calling the office to make arrangements. **Tickets are on sale now following all of the Masses.**

**Please call Bernadette O'Donnell at 914 850-0408.**

**Erin Go Bragh" ...and** on Tuesday, March 17th in honor of our patron saint, Patrick, there will be no 12 Noon Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00PM. After the Mass there will be light refreshments in the Narthex along with our own special blend of Irish Coffee. If anyone would like to bake their favorite Irish Soda Bread to bring, please call the Parish Office to let them know.

## ALL NIGHT ADORATION

Friday evening, March 20th following Stations of the Cross, there will be Adoration for vocations throughout the night ending with Benediction at 3:00pm Saturday. Please find a few moments of your to your to come and pray for vocations. **Sign up sheets are in the Narthex to reserve a time.**

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE

March 21 & 22nd. Please consider baking one of your favorites to donate for this event. You may drop your baked goods off before the Mass you plan on attending. Thank you for your generosity.

## ANNOUNCING THE 2020 TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE CRUSADE

Please join us in praying our Public Square rosary Rally for God's Marriage & Family on Saturday, March 21st at 12:00 pm. It will take place on Broad Street in front of the Court House. Please call Marie Biel at 570 686-4637 for more information.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 14-15

<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Joe Casmus
<b>Communion Ministers</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> Nicholas Dinos, Brooke & Bennett Nielsen
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Cheryl McCarthy
<b>Communion Ministers</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> Caterina Catizone, Abby & Anna Vogel



### Weekly Collection

March 1, 2020  
\$3,497.00

This time last year  
\$2894.00



### Weekly Mortgage Offertory

March 1, 2020  
\$887.00

Year to Date July'19- Current  
\$27,773.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

You may have the sanctuary candle burn in memory of a loved one. 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,

**Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.**

**I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service** to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.*

—ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017

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*is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see her today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry with her, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."*

*Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.*

*"Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>  
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## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36–38

### Tuesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16–20

Mt 23:1–12

### Wednesday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18–20

Mt 20:17–28

### Thursday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5–10

Lk 16:19–31

### Friday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,

17b–28a

Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

### Saturday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

### Sunday

MARCH 15

Third Sunday

of Lent

Ex 17:3–7

Rom 5:1–2, 5–8

Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15,

19b–26, 39a, 40–42

## Daily Prayer

*During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.*

*It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself? Are we like the Pharisees or the older son who resents the Father's prodigal love for all sinners?*

*This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, shower and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Mary Beth*

*is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see her today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry with her, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."*

