

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

Remembering

April 3-9

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✠ **Frank Celestina**

Diane & Frank Heater

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Constantine Morgiewicz**

Dale & Pat Greeves

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Steven Dutkus**

Mary & Mike Pennotti

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

Communion Service

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Janny Sybrandy**

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Catherine Ambler**

Helen Findlay

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Edward Sierra**

Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Laura Moglia Calager**

Mother & Father

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Rosemary Walsh**

Dale & Pat Greeves

9:00am (SJ)

✠ **For the People of**

St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

✠ **For the People of**

St. Patrick Parish



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

Our Resurrection

The raising of Lazarus is a decisive miracle in Christ's public ministry. It leads to increased hostility and gives the Jewish leaders both an excuse and a motivation to actively seek the death of Jesus. This Gospel episode is so important that John dedicates an entire chapter to the story.

What is the most important message of this miracle? Without faith in Jesus, there is no resurrection. A fitting message for an artist painting in Europe right after World War II.

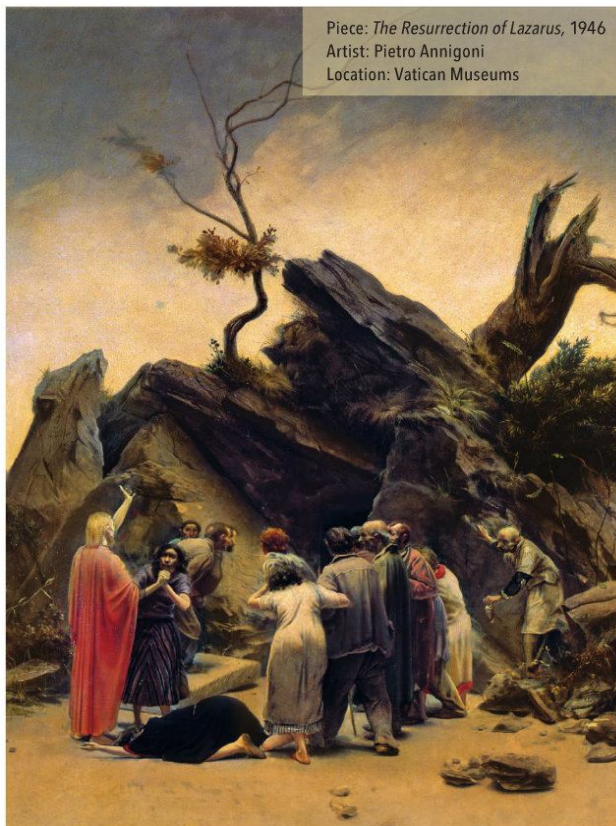
Looking at the painting of Annigoni, Mary is at the feet of Jesus while Martha is on her feet pouring out her heart. The artist evokes a landscape of death and destruction, one too often observed in postwar Europe. Colors of decay abound. Stones are piled up like rubble. The trees are burnt, scrawny, and twisted as if after an air raid. It is ugly, rugged, barren, and dry. A small group of people have gathered to weep at the tomb.

Jesus is the only source of color and life. After Martha affirms her faith in Jesus and the resurrection, he lifts up his hand and calls out. The onlookers peer inside, perhaps having heard the sounds of rustling coming from the cave.

The message of this artwork is clear to anyone struggling with the bondage of a destructive past. Jesus wants to speak words of life and raise us from the grips of death, war, and despair.

Believe in Jesus and he will raise you up!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Resurrection of Lazarus*, 1946
Artist: Pietro Annigoni
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

How is your Lenten journey bringing you deeper in faith and closer to new life in Jesus? Has Jesus raised you from destruction or despair? How?

"If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

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

APRIL 2, 2017-FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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, \$30 early bird, \$15 students, Priests / Deacons free. Register on line at: www.beamanconference.com call 570-207-2213

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

An emergency phone number has been established for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

FATHER AL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

fatheral@ptd.net

"SOUP-TO-GO"

This is the Last week for our "Soup To Go" fundraiser. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms have been placed at all entrances to the church. All orders must be in by Monday, April 3rd. The Soup will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up in the church basement between 4 -6pm on Thursday, April 6th. The "Soup of the Week" for this final week is: Manhattan Clam Chowder Thank you for your support through out the Lenten Season!!!

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.

JESUS AS ONE OF US

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

Join the Deanery Choir, along with the St John Neumann Youth Group, for the annual Good Friday Pageant at 7:00PM Good Friday, April 14, 2017 at St John Neumann Church, Lord's Valley, PA. Experience the Passion and Death of our Lord as we meditate on the Stations of the Cross in a unique way. All are welcome. No Admission charge or tickets required.

JOB FAIR

Working Pike Job Fair

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017

Location: Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing, Matamoras
Time: 10AM - 2 PM

Free Entrance, Help with Resume's, 50 employer vendors will be there

LENTEN SCHEDULE

MASS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

8:00AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

12:00 NOON @ ST. PATRICK'S

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY'S

6:30PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

7:00PM @ ST. PATRICK'S

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

CONFESSIONS MONDAY'S

5:30—6:00PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

6:30—7:00 PM @ ST. PATRICK'S

TUESDAYS DURING LENT AT 6:30 AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON DIFFERENT SAINTS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHURCH. THE FIRST FOCUS WILL BE ON OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL ON MARCH 7TH. COME FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT AND REFLECTION.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE

ST. VINCENT'S WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th 7:00PM

RECONCILIATION

ST. ANN'S/ST. JOHN NEUMANN - EVERY SATURDAY
FROM 10:00 -11:00AM

ST. JOSEPH'S - MONDAY, APRIL 10 FROM 6—7PM
ST. PATRICK'S - MONDAY, APRIL 10 FROM 6—7PM

~~~~~HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE~~~~~

HOLY THURSDAY - EVENING MASS OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER MASS @ ST. JOSEPH'S 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY - THE PASSION OF THE LORD @
ST. PATRICK'S 2:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY BLESSING OF THE FOOD
@ ST. PATRICK'S 12 NOON

EASTER VIGIL @ ST. JOSEPH'S 8:00PM
(No Confessions OR 4:00pm or 5:30pm Masses)

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS @ ST. JOSEPH'S 9:00AM

MASS AT @ ST. PATRICK'S 7:30 & 11:00AM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 8-9

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Stanley Lazarczyk

Eucharistic Minister

Diana Sierra

Larry Marcial

Altar Servers

Lukas Schutz

Eric Cabrera-Agostini

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Jackie Tescione

Eucharistic Minister

Jackie Padgett

Diane Heater

Altar Servers

Ella Carroll

Alexandra Manazza

March Altar Server Of the
Month: **Alexandra Manazza**

Milford Senior Care
4/2 Lois Lazarczyk

4/9 Jack Reilly



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

Frances Chase

by
Mary Ann Peters

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EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Again this year the Lily's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorializing. The offering per flower will be \$20.00. Special large YELLOW envelopes are available at all entrances to the church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelope into the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish office. **Deadline is April 10th.** A list of the Memorials will appear in the April 15th Easter Bulletin. Please note that your monthly envelope packet has included an "Easter Flower Donation Envelope" returning this flower envelope helps defray the cost of flowers in general and does NOT reserve a Lily. **ONLY THE YELLOW ENVELOPES** provided at the entrances to the Church are for Lily Memorializations.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

St Joseph's Altar and Rosary Society will be holding The ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH on Sunday, April 9th immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. Sign ups will be in the Vestibule of the church before and after Masses this weekend April 1st & 2nd. Cost is \$10 per family (immediate family), and \$3 for a single person.

EASTER PASCHAL CANDLE / EASTER ALTAR CANDLES

The Paschal Candle and two pairs of Altar Candles are available for memorialization. Cost: Paschal Candle \$200.00 and Altar Candles \$100.00 per pair. If anyone is interested in memorializing these In Memory of loved ones please call the Parish Office.

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

Monday, April 3rd at 7:00PM in the multipurpose room. New Members are welcome

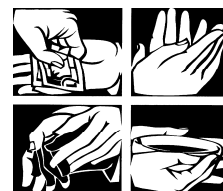
COFFEE & CONVERSATION

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!

Weekly Offering
March 26, 2017
\$ 3970.32 (1st)
\$ 554.00 (2nd)

Last Year
March 27, 2016
\$ 2847.50 (1st)
No second collection

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."

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Mass at Belle Reve will be the 3rd Wednesday of every Month at 2:30pm.

LENTEN SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

April 10th the Religious Ed. Program will be doing the annual Lenten Soup & Bread Supper at 5:30 in the Church Hall. All are invited Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Remember that "The Light Is On" for confessions from 6 to 7:00pm.

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DEEPEN YOUR FAITH...The next Cursillo weekend for women will be held October 5-8, 2017. A Cursillo weekend is similar to a retreat, with time devoted to listening to talks on Christian spirituality, plus lots of discussion, and daily Mass. It's a very special weekend aimed at deepening your relationship with Jesus and helping you to be a more active disciple of His. For further information, contact Ray or Carol Proulx at 296-7645 or by e-mail at Proulx@ptd.net. Or check out their website at <http://scrantoncursillo.homestead.com/>

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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Saturday 5:30pm

Lector John Wroblewski

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Jeanne Ryan, Rosemary Walsh

Altar Servers Jason Lecina
Adam Sandonato

Sunday 7:30am

Lector David Stine

Communion Ministers

Clorinda Alfano, Donna Hersca, Karen Loeschorn

Altar Servers

Lauren & Nicole Weinrich

Sunday 11:00am

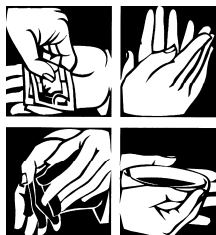
Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira,
Colleen Sheldon

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos,
Mikaela Larry



Weekly Offering
March 26, 2017
\$ 3,692.00

Last year
March 29, 2016
\$9,626.00(Easter)

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
March 26, 2017
\$1,072.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$38,256.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Gloria Hill
requested by
the 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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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 11:1-45

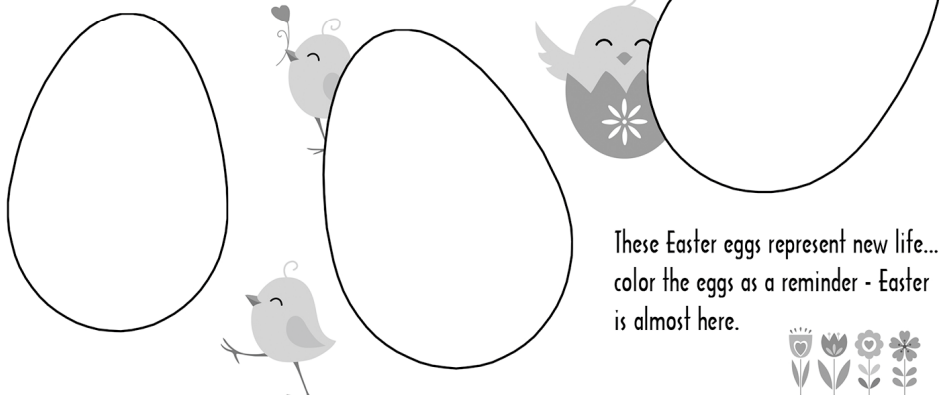
Jesus went to the home of Martha and Mary four days after their brother Lazarus was buried. They were all very sad and crying. Jesus went to the tomb and called in a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!" When Lazarus came out of the tomb many people saw and **believed**.

Cycle A

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Believe... in new life

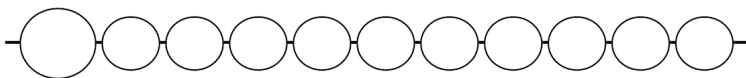
Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life... whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Yes Lord, she told Him, "I believe." *John 11:20-27*



The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery - The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord

Think about how today we see Lazarus come back to earthly life and we know that following the sadness of the death of Jesus, He will rise and bring us new life - eternal life.

Lent is almost over - are you prepared?



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.

Calendar

Monday

April 3

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,

19-30, 33-62

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

April 4

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

April 5

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

April 6

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday

April 7

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

April 8

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

April 9

Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66

Daily Prayer this Week

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going on in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent.

The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me.

It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive

this great gift. If we are celebrating the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

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