

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

Rememoring
Nov. 12-18



November 11, 2018
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
1 Kgs 17:10-16
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✦ **All Souls Intentions**

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✦ **Joyce Barkowski**
Mary Jorgenson

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✦ **Frederic Goetz**
Steve & Carmen Goetz

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Cheryl McLaughlin**
Lena Fitzpatrick

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✦ **Rusty Haas**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✦ **James Kearns**
Jim & Lori Morley

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✦ **For the People of St. Joseph's Parish**

11:00am (SP)

✦ **John McCarthy**
Dale & Pat Greeves

God Notices Our Acts of Generosity

Elijah is quite bold. He finds this poor woman collecting sticks to make her "last supper" on earth. She has run out of money, food, and energy. Even so, the prophet asks her to prepare him a cake and, in exchange for her hospitality, he promises she will not run out until God sends rain again. In her faith and humility, she says yes, and gives away all that she had to live on. God blesses her generosity!

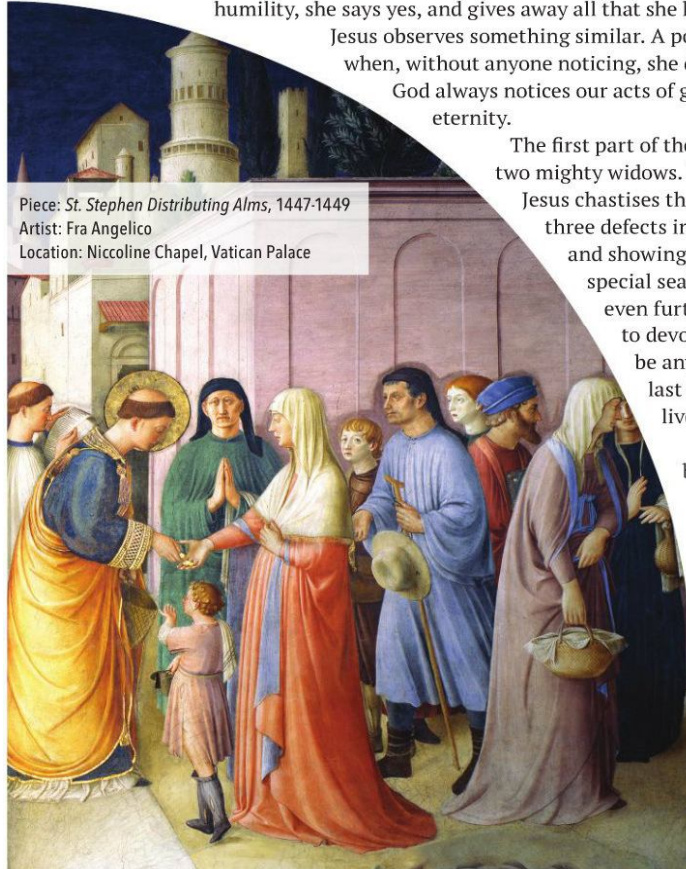
Jesus observes something similar. A poor widow willingly gives all she has when, without anyone noticing, she drops her coins in the donation basket. God always notices our acts of generosity and multiplies them into eternity.

The first part of the Gospel stands in contrast with these two mighty widows. It shows us how *not* to be apostles.

Jesus chastises the scribes and teachers of the law for three defects in their religious practice: pride, greed, and showing off. They love public greetings and special seating at church and parties. Jesus goes even further by saying they use their authority to devour widow's houses. Could Jesus' irony be any starker? While the widow is giving her last coins, the priest is using it to devour her livelihood.

We may never see in this life how God blesses our small or large acts of love, prayer, and generosity. Yet, we should keep doing them, not to be seen or rewarded, but because we love God, and to love is always the right thing. God sees, and a great reward awaits us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *St. Stephen Distributing Alms*, 1447-1449
Artist: Fra Angelico
Location: Niccoline Chapel, Vatican Palace

For Reflection

*Am I doing what I can do to help the poor and protect them?
Is my piety and religiosity also expressed in charity and service?*

[Jesus said,] "They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she...has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Mark 12:44

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Once again, you are invited to submit your special prayer intentions to be remembered at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera on Sunday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral. Special Intention Envelopes are available at the back of the church. All prayer intentions must be returned to the Diocese by November 19. Kindly fill out your prayer intention envelope and place it in the collections basket. If you wish to make a gift to the Appeal, please fill out the gift information on the lower portion of the Prayer Intention envelope. You are welcome to submit a prayer intention without making a gift to the Appeal. Thank you.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, which include Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. We meet on Sunday afternoons for one hour. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?

St. Vincent de Paul Church's Grief Ministry is a faith based support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. A six-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help. All meetings will be held in St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Mondays, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5 and 12 from 6:30 until 8:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information, please contact stvriefgroup@att.net or call the parish office at 570 686-4545. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thanksgiving Mass 9:00AM St. Joseph's



COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE ADULT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Belle Reve Senior Living is offering 7 group sessions which starting September 20th. Group is intended for adult men and women who are grieving a loss. Group will provide emotional comfort in a safe environment. The purpose of this group is to provide information about the grief process. The following are dates that the Group will be meeting, October 4th, November 1, November 15, December 6 and December 20th at 11:00 RSVP is strongly encouraged (570) 476-0150.

HOSPICE TRAINING AT ST. PATRICK'S

There is a 6 session training course here at St. Patrick's beginning, November 1st, 7th, 9th, 12th, 14th, and 16th. Registration is required and more information on the registration will follow in future bulletins.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

A Prayer for Veterans Day

Father, we could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Yet today we lift up our voices to express gratefulness and honor to these military troops both from the past and present. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus.



The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
November 17-18

*****NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK CLASSES RESUME 11/18*****

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Bob Curtis</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Jackie Padgett</i> <i>Joe Price</i>
Altar Servers <i>Ella Carroll</i> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Carol Cordova</i> <i>Diane Heater</i>
Altar Server <i>Daniel Corcoran</i> <i>Lukas Schutz</i>
Milford Senior Care 11/11 Carol Cordova <i>11/18 Chuck Pike</i>

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers **Katherine "Kay" Campbell** and **Charles Miller** who passed away last week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace Amen

COFFEE SOCIAL - TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

Immediately following the 8:30am Mass (approx. 9:30am in the Multipurpose room. All are welcome!

ALL SOULS INTENTION ENVELOPES/PRAYER CARDS

The envelopes from your monthly packets will be placed by the Tabernacle for the month of November. Remember to write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. Your prayer cards have been put on the Cross for All Souls day and will remain there for the month of November. If you would like to add a prayer card (Funeral Card) to the Cross place the card by the vase of flowers and we will put it on the Cross. Thank you!

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING - Monday, November 12th 6:30pm in the Rectory.

ADULT CHOIR FORMING! - Yay! Make a joyful noise to the Lord!! If you are feeling called to serve the parish and enjoy singing, PLEASE come to our information meeting on Sunday, Nov. 11th, immediately following 8:30 mass. If you have ANY questions, PLEASE CALL me, Mare Bradley, at 845-754-3620. I would be more than happy to answer any questions. You could also see me after 4:00 Mass or 8:30 Mass (on the days the children's choir is singing).

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY NEEDED - Greeting parishioners and visitors is an important part of the hospitality of our church. The function of a minister of hospitality is designed to make all first-time guests and parishioners feel welcome. We are in the process of forming a pool of church greeters and would like your help. If you are interested in this Ministry or would like more information about it, please contact the Parish Office 570-491-2618.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF MATAMORAS & MILFORD

will be at the front entrance to the Church selling their Annual Lottery Calendar Booklets. Cost is \$20.00 per booklet. These numbered booklets are good for the whole year and you win \$\$ according to the daily lottery number. This is a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! Stop by their table before or after Mass!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY - Our next food pantry will be Friday, November 30, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Amy Bavoso

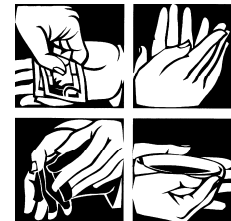
By
Ann Patrisso

Weekly Offering

November 4, 2018
\$ 4367.00

Last Year

November 5, 2017
\$ 4534.35



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."

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's serves Friday December 2, 2018 at 6:30pm.

PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Wednesdays at 2:40pm. During Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The Holy Father, St. John Paul II imparted a special Apostolic Blessing "to all the faithful, who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for the sick and those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour." The Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all who participate.

ALTAR SERVERS

Children interested in becoming altar servers were given registrations forms during CCD class. Parents, please prayerfully discuss this ministry with your child. Completed forms may be returned to your child's CCD teachers next Sunday, or dropped off at the parish office or church sacristy. Any child who didn't receive a form may pick one up in the sacristy. Thank you. Deacon Mike.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Father Joseph as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 a 2:30pm.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

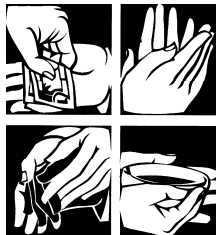
Our next monthly bake sale will be the weekend of November 17 & 18. If you would like to bake something for our Bake Sale, please drop off the dessert or baked good before any Mass you plan on attending that weekend ... **also, a reminder to all PHP members, we will have our Thanksgiving food Sorting meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30 in the Parish Center. Hope to see you there!**

WORD OF LIFE—BULLETIN QUOTES

"Through the Church's teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

BAPTISMS We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Alianna Rose Byrnes** who was baptized last week here at St. Patrick's. God Bless you Alianna Rose.



Weekly Collection
November 4, 2018
TBA

This time last year
\$3,987.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
November 4, 2018
\$

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$8,933.00

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 17-18

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Jack Boyle
Communion Ministers Annette Petry, Pat Boyle
Altar Servers Caterina Catizone, Jason Lecina
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers Donna Hersca, Catherine Umberto
Altar Servers Nicholas Dinos, Riley Mapes

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Rosemary Walsh
requested by daughter,
Rosemary & 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.

Gospel Today Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 12:38-44

Jesus was very pleased with the poor woman in the gospel. She only put a few small coins in the box, but that was a big sacrifice to her. The little money she had was offered with a loving, open heart.

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Calendar

Daily Prayer

Monday
NOVEMBER 12
St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr
Ti 1:1-9
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 13
St. Frances Xavier
Cabrini, Virgin
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 14
Weekday
Ti 3:1-7
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday
NOVEMBER 15
Weekday
Phlm 7-20
Lk 17:20-25

Friday
NOVEMBER 16
Weekday
2 Jn 4-9
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday
NOVEMBER 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary,
Religious
3 Jn 5-8
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday
NOVEMBER 18
Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Dn 12:1-3
Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32

This is a good week to ask Jesus what his messages are for us. What is he warning us about? What is he asking us to change? How is he encouraging us to place our trust in him? The answer will be different for each of us, but we have to pay attention and listen, in order to hear it. All of us need to hear him say, "Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it." But each one of us needs to ask "In what ways do I seek to 'preserve my life' and in what ways do I need to 'lose' my life?"

The trouble with this kind of reflection is that we too often let ourselves off the hook by saying, "I just don't have time." And, on some days, our day is really "booked" from morning to night. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday life and becoming a contemplative in action provides a very real way to stay in focus and to reflect, even when we are very busy. This practice is meant to make use of the "free" time we have in the background of our consciousness each day.

The key to this kind of prayer is to begin each day with a moment of consciousness of what we desire, need, are asking for. Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me begin this day thinking of you and your love for me. Let

A poor box or Alms-box is a collection box found in churches from the earliest day of Christianity, where donations are used to help the poor.

"But she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had."

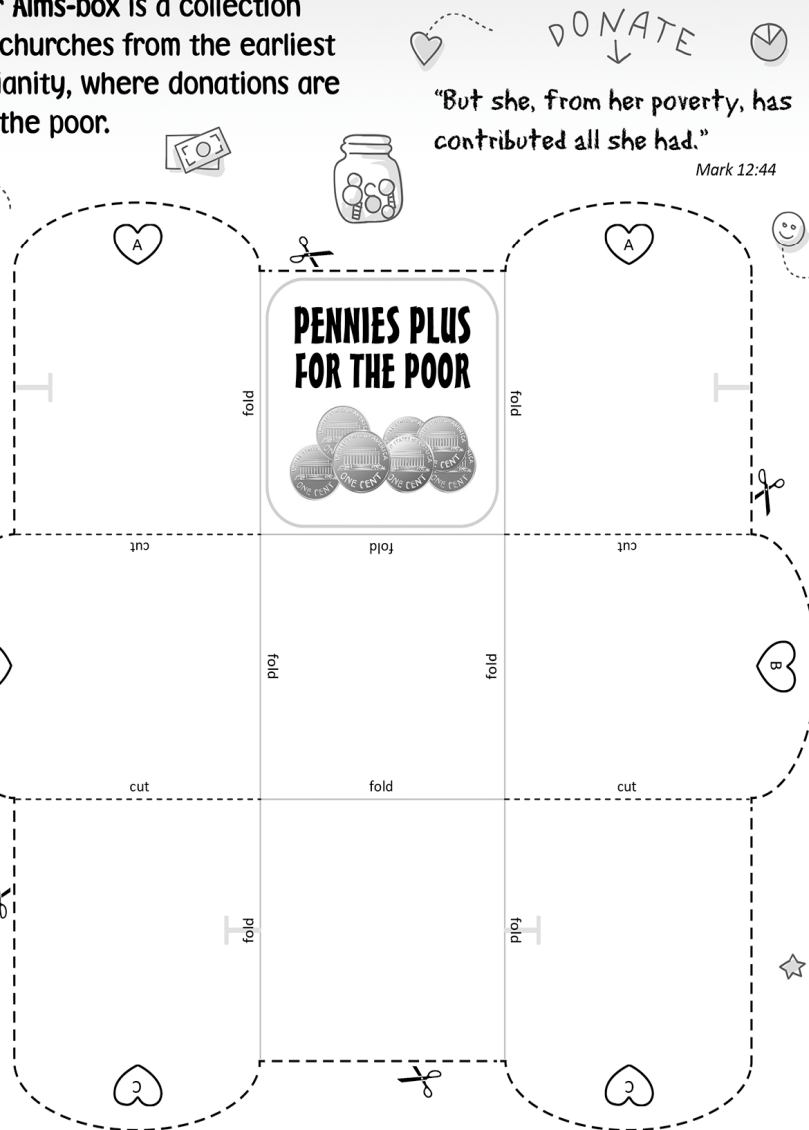
Mark 12:44

ACTIVITY - Color, cut and make your own poor box for home... use collected funds from allowance, chores or donations from family to help others.

Example - food drives, church poor box, charities and don't forget our veterans and service men & women.

Cut on all dotted lines. Fold sides in & match the three hearts together in A, B, C order. Tape on matched up T lines.

Many in our community need help. You can help by donating a food item to the local food bank collection or Thanksgiving basket drive. Offer to do a chore in payment of a nonperishable food item, to donate with love!



me simply do whatever we ask me to do as your servant today. This only takes 20 seconds. We all have 20 seconds. However, we all find that it isn't easy to do this because our Lord is not very present in our day to day awareness, and we may never have simply talked with the Lord as the first thing we do when we awake. With practice, it works.

As we prepare for Sunday, we can spend a few more moments each day, simply talking with our Lord at brief in between times during the day. Hopefully, we'll be seeing in all the things around us, that we are being invited by the Lord to accept him, to let him call us and open our hearts to respond generously. To what is he calling us? A great question to ask right up to the time we go into church on Sunday. When there, we can give God thanks and praise for opening our awareness and our readiness for him.

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