

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

Remembering  
Feb. 17-23

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 16, 2020  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Sir 15:15-20 • 1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,  
27-28, 33-34a, 37

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

✚ **Angela Baez**  
Martin & Deborah Pawelski

**Tuesday**  
12:00pm

✚ **For The People of  
Saint Patrick's**

**Wednesday**  
12:00pm(SP)

✚ **Sylvia Thiel**  
The Homebound Ministers  
of Holy Communion

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

✚ **Robert Reedy**  
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

**Friday**  
No Mass

**Saturday**

4:00pm (SJ)  
✚ **Thomas Dedeo**  
Paul Dedeo

5:30pm (SP)  
✚ **Judy McAliney**  
Gene & Patricia Grimes

**Sunday**

8:30am (SJ)  
✚ **For The People of St.  
Joseph's Parish**

11:00 (SP)  
✚ **Ronald Santee Sr.**  
Keith & Terri Horens



We speak God's  
wisdom, mysterious,  
hidden, which God  
predetermined before  
the ages for our glory.  
1 CORINTHIANS 2:7

## Choose One

**L**aw, wisdom, or virtue. Choose one. Today's first reading talks about wisdom. Throughout life, options are placed before us. Which should we pick? Life or death? Good or evil? How do we know which one to choose? Actually, we learn to choose through experience, either our own or the experience of those who have gone before us and left us their insights within our traditions—whether social, political, or religious. Some of these traditions come to us as advice, others as law. One might say that law is really the expression or codification of social, political, or religious traditions. So, to follow law is really to obey a certain kind of codified wisdom.

When St. Paul speaks about wisdom, he is referring to wisdom that comes from following the directives of God, not merely the insights gained through experience. He calls that a mature wisdom as opposed

to the wisdom of this age. It is the kind of wisdom we find in Jesus, who lived his life for others, a kind of wisdom that some might consider foolish.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists that he is not abolishing law but fulfilling it. He urges us to go deeper into law and find wisdom, to go even deeper into human wisdom, and there to find virtue. Law deals with exteriors; virtue addresses the inner heart. Law forbids murder; virtue forbids hatred. Where do you live? In law? In wisdom? Or in virtue? Choose one.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ To think that obeying law fulfills our obligations is to live a rather shallow life.
- ★ What virtues really shape your life?

### 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.

**HANDS OF HOPE SEEKS LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS TO AID PIKE COUNTY HOMELESS PEOPLE**

We are seeking willing and active people to join in the governing board to ensure the continued operation of this organization. Hands of Hope was formed by a coalition of Pike County Catholic parish members approximately 10 years ago. It provides emergency shelter for homeless and soon to be homeless persons in Pike County. In 2019, we provided emergency housing for 56 people, for a total of 378 nights in motels. Additionally, we assisted five homeless families to obtain sustainable rental housing. We work closely with this parish and other organizations to share costs and coordinate services. Board leaders oversee the operations of the activity and set policy and objectives. They provide financial services including accounting, funding and budgeting. Please contact Jim Pierce at 570 807-8276 for more information and to become a leadership volunteer in Pike County Hands of Hope.

**MARDI GRAS NIGHT**

St. Vincent dePaul Church on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 5:00 and dinner served at 6:00pm. Mardi Gras appetizers, Dinner & Dessert, BYOB. Wheel, Photo Booth, Tricky Tray  
\*\*\*\*Early Bird Price per Person: \$20.00\*\*\*\*  
At the Door Admission Price is \$25.00pp.  
570-686-4545 or 570-409-7841 ask for Jo-Ann Fay

**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.

**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.

**A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Thursday, February 27th "A Day of Prayer for the Sick" a Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am St. John Neumann Church 705 Route 739, Lords Valley, Pennsylvania  
**Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.**

This is a day when many Catholics bring their sick or infirm family members to the church for prayers and for them to receive the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.**

The priests will anoint those who can benefit from this sacrament:

- Someone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.
- Those who are chronically ill or have a serious health condition
- someone who will be undergoing surgery
- Seriously ill children
- those who have any emotional, mental or physical illness.

Following Mass lunch will be served in the Church Hall

If you are interested in attending and would like more information please contact:

Joan sjnfin@ptd.net 570-775-6791 or  
Carol stann@ptd.net 570-832-4275

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
Feb 22-23

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Anna Blackman</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>Draven Nitecki</i> <i>Benjamin Rivera</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>02/16 Carol Cordova</b> <i>02/23 Lois Lazarczyk</i>

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION THIS WEEKEND

As you've been hearing, St. Joseph's Parish Community will gather today after the 8:30am Mass. We'll share refreshments and, at Bishop Bambera's request, we'll "take a good look at our parish life." He's asked us to share our vision with him as our Dioceses crafts a "blueprint" for its next 10 years. Childcare will be offered, so young families can participate too. Please take this opportunity to meet and talk to neighbors, to listen, and to be heard about challenges and opportunities that confront our parish and how we can make a more vibrant community of faith for all.

## ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent is a period of preparation of our hearts and minds, observed before the joy of Easter. While we often think of "giving something up" for Lent, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops actually recommends many kinds of Lenten observances, including "spiritual studies, beginning with the Scriptures." A free copy of the booklet Not By Bread Alone: Daily Reflections for Lent 2020 is available at the entrances to the church. In just minutes per day, the Scripture readings and meditations in this booklet can deepen your experience of Lent and prepare you to participate more fully in the joy of the Easter mystery. You might also consider a book, Pamphlet, CD or DVD from the selection of materials that have been added to the bookcase or pamphlet case in the vestibule! Some are also Free or for a small donation! Consider taking a copy, if you haven't already!

## SAVE THE DATE!! PARISH PICNIC

This year our parish picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13th, beginning at 12 noon. We hope announcing it early will give all of our parishioners plenty of time to mark their calendars and reserve that date to enjoy good food, music, and friendship with their fellow parishioners and neighbors. Look for future announcements. We will begin taking reservations in August!!

## TRICKY TRAY - COURT MADONNA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Sunday, February 16 at St. Mary's Hall Doors open at 12noon drawings begin at 2:00pm Tickets 25 for \$1.00 For more info call Pat Niosi 914-443-8222.

## K of C SOUPER BOWL A DELICIOUS SUCCESS

The Knights of Columbus, John Paul II Council 13935, want to thank all of you who so generously participated in our eighth annual SOUPER Bowl fundraiser for the "Pike County Hands of Hope" for the homeless of our area. So many great soups to choose from; we hope you enjoyed yours! Thank you for helping us help our neighbors in need.

## FOOD PANTRY

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

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
For the Intentions of  
**Jackie Tescione**  
By  
The Bensley Family*

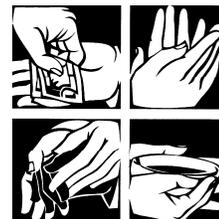
Weekly Offering

**February 9, 2020**  
\$ 2884.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Last Year

**February 10, 2019**  
\$ 3506.55



***"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

Join Father Joseph as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday February 19th at 2:30pm.

## 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!

## 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 or 570 872-4925.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COFFEE AND CHAT

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Coffee and Chat in the Narthex following the 11:00 Mass the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please take time to stop, have a cup of coffee or juice and visit with your fellow parishioners. It's a great time to catch up.

## 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. Ticket sales will take place in a few weeks, keep an eye on bulletin for more details!

**Erin Go Bragh** ...and on Tuesday, March 17th in honor of our patron, St. 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.

## PARISHIONER AT BELLE REVE

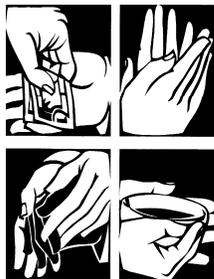
Many of you have been aware that Joan Gerland, a member of Saint Patrick's for many years, involved in numerous fundraisers, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion has been on the homebound list for the past few years. Joan recently moved to Belle Reve and is in Room 113. Her phone number is 570 832-4293. She would enjoy hearing from her parish family members.

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE

The monthly bake sale will be next weekend, February 15-16 in the Narthex. If you would like to bake something, please drop it off before any Mass you plan on attending. Be sure to stop by at the table to say hello and buy something special to take home to your family! Thanks so much for your support.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE Feb. 22-23

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



### Weekly Collection

February 9, 2020  
\$ 2,484.00

This time last year  
\$2,112.00

### Weekly Mortgage Offertory

February 9, 2020  
\$ 537.00

Year to Date July'19- Current  
\$26,259.00

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,

## Are the readings at the beginning of Mass more, less, or equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The *Novus Ordo*, or the ordinary form of the Roman rite, is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament.

In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, St. John Paul II described the complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples

on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, St. John Paul likens the two parts of the revised liturgy to their journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then they recognize Christ as they break bread. The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow.

Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Saint John

Paul admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite.

From *The Eucharist: 50 Questions from the Pews*, © 2009 Liguori Publications  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION,  
JUNE 19, 2015

sight of God's love. It is a love offered us right in that place of difficulty, a deep love that is ours, even when we can't recognize him or don't feel we are worthy to accept his love.

But he returns to us over and over, offering us his Spirit as a strength and love right here in our lives each day. When we feel weak we can remember that he comes to forgive us and heal us. All week, every night, let us give thanks and praise for his faithful love for us.

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 17  
Weekday  
Jas 1:1–11  
Mk 8:11–13

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 18  
Weekday  
Jas 1:12–18  
Mk 8:14–21

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 19  
Weekday  
Jas 1:19–27  
Mk 8:22–26

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 20  
Weekday  
Jas 2:1–9  
Mk 8:27–33

### Friday

FEBRUARY 21  
Weekday  
Jas 2:14–24, 26  
Mk 8:34–9:1

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 22  
Chair of  
St. Peter the Apostle  
1 Pt 5:1–4  
Mt 16:13–19

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 23  
Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Lv 19:1–2, 17–18  
1 Cor 3:16–23  
Mt 5:38–48

## Daily Prayer

This is a wonderful week to ask the question: "Who do you say I am?" This question can come to us this week in a variety of forms. We can hear him ask, "Who am I in your life? What do I mean to you? Do you believe in my love for you? Do you live as though you place all of your trust in me?" This kind of self-knowledge always takes grace, so we can ask each day this week to be more and more honest this week. We can ask to get beyond the denial out of which we sometimes operate. Each morning, when we get up, while washing up or dressing, and during several "background" times in our day - going to work, shopping, doing wash, walking to a meeting, feeding a baby - we can be in brief conversations with our Lord, always asking for graces.

"Help me to honestly know, Lord, what really is at the center of my life. What really motivates me? What do I turn to for energy, inspiration, approval, escape? How would the people who know me well answer these questions, Lord? Help me be honest this week." "Lord, I have just recognized how much possessions or honors really motivate me." "My Lord, I can see how fear, and avoiding pain have such power in my life." "Lord, I'm so impatient; it seems I have such a hard time simply carrying any cross."

It is quite likely that we might find it difficult to keep this kind of self-examining focus during the week, or that we might so get into self-recrimination and lose

"Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>  
Used with permission. <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/>