

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

Remembering
Sept 25 - Oct. 1

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 24, 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Theresa Pawelski**
M/M Walter Marcial

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Cindy Armino**
Toni France

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Annie Catalano**
Phil Brennan

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Sister Rosalie**

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Steven Dutkus**
Charles & Mae Catalano

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Thomas Pope**
John and Mary Murray

9:00am (SJ)

✠ **Martin S. Murphy**
Jacki Tescione

11:00am (SP)

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

Piece: *The Conversion of St. Paul*, 1542-45
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Pauline Chapel, Apostolic Palace, Vatican City



A Message of Reform

Alessandro Farnese was elected Pope Paul III in 1534 amidst very difficult times. Martin Luther had left the Church, and many German bishops, along with their kings, were separating from the faith. Part of the push for separation was financial, another part was political, and a third part was spiritual. The papal court and clerical life in Rome were often criticized, encouraging separation.

Pope Paul III started a reform by calling on nine respected cardinals to investigate the accusations and propose measures. The suggestions were received and true reform began to take root—although much of the success was due to the Council of Trent (called by the pope in 1545) and the many saints active at the time: Ignatius, Philip Neri, Teresa of

Ávila, Francis de Sales, Charles Borromeo, and others.

Another measure taken was to contract Michelangelo to paint two frescoes in the Papal Pauline Chapel—the conversion of St. Paul and the crucifixion of St. Peter—a kind of sixteenth-century marketing campaign. This chapel would send a message to all popes and the papal court; indeed, the frescoes challenged everyone in the Curia. Amidst the temptation to power and luxury, the pope was saying, “If you want power, it’s the power to serve which requires true conversion and embracing the cross.”

The chapel needed a pithy Latin phrase to drive home this message of reform. It comes from today’s second reading: “To me, life is Christ, and death is gain.” That’s a good phrase to live by as we seek our own ongoing conversion.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Do I love without strings
attached or do I love to get
something in return?*

“For to me, life is Christ, and death is gain” (Philippians 1:21).

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

IN MEMORIUM

Please remember in your prayers **Michael Spataro**, Deacon Tom's father, who past away last week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Walk Together in the Light of Christ

Your gifts to the Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable among us through the ministries of Catholic social Services that feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need. Many more individuals in parish communities receive assistance through parish-based Social Justice Programs funded by the Appeal. Diocesan Grants were awarded to 45 parish programs this year including food and clothing pantries, monthly dinners for families in need and outreach to prisoners in inmates.

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

10 Week session begins October 5, 2017. Cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. St. Patrick's Church Office Building 111 E. High St. Beginner class at 6:00pm, Intermediate class 7:00pm. Sign up will begin at 5:30, October 5, 2017. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy rysigner@aol.com or (917) 640-9587

CHARISMATIC MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

October 8, 2017 at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Honesdale at 3:00pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Marek Wasilewski of St. John's Church in Honesdale. All are welcome! This is being hosted by the Northern Regional Charismatic Prayer Group.

SAVE THE DATE

October 17, 2017 - from 7-9 PM at St. Patrick's Church Hall - "What's Missing from Your Medicine Cabinet?" - an informational discussion of drug misuse and abuse in our community. Families, parents, and youth are invited to learn more about this problem and ask questions of a panel of local experts. More info to follow soon.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

A Rosary Rally is being organized to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the children of Fatima. It will be held on October 14th at Orange Square Park, Pike Street, Port Jervis, assembling at 11:45. You may bring a folding chair if unable to stand. We encourage Knights of Columbus, Rosary Society, CCD families and home schoolers to join us as well as all parishioners. For more information, please call Eloise Cunnane (570) 296-6934 or Nancy Smith at (845) 856-4610.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 9

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems. It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right...We must be grateful for the praiseworthy efforts being made by scientists and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made problems. But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves...Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration." (Continued in part 10)

Let us pray ... that we recognize our obligation to care for our world and all people, to share our resources with others, and to see all people as equal in the eyes of the Lord. Amen.

(To read the entire Encyclical Letter by Pope Francis, go to http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 30- Oct. 1

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Jim Burnett

Eucharistic Minister

Bill Reed

Cristin Cavallaro

Altar Servers

Mark Cavallaro

Brenna Cavallaro

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Carol Cordova

Jack Reilly

Altar Servers

Mikaela Parker

Daniel Bradley

September Altar Server Of
the Month:

Milford Senior Care**9/24 Jack Reilly**

10/01 Carol Cordova

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns

For the Intentions of
**Eustacio & Lydia
Vargas**

by
The Family

ST. JOSEPH'S JR CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Please join our choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:00 until 6:55pm. The Jr. Choir sings at the 9:00am Mass on Sundays. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to join. Please see Mrs. Bradley at 4:00pm Mass on Saturdays or call her at 845-754-3620.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Our Parish Service Ministry is reaching out to all parishioners who may be in need of our help. If you personally have needs or know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call to lift spirits or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

KAIROS

One of our parishioners, Terry McDonough will be serving on a prison retreat weekend Oct. 12 thru Oct. 15, 2017 in Shawangunk State Correctional Facility in Wallkill, NY. Kairos is like Cursillo but geared to the incarcerated who need to know that God loves them and that they are not forgotten by their Christian brothers and sisters. Be a part of it by signing up for a prayer time slot or by supplying some packaged cookies or by making a financial contribution. Terry can be reached at (570) 491-5548. Thanks for your support.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, October 8th. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

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!

FOOD PANTRY / FOOD SUPPLY LOW

Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 29th, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). **Food supply is at an all time low. Food and/or gift cards would be greatly appreciated.** To volunteer, please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

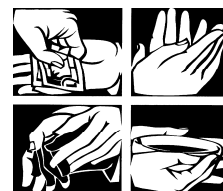
PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY PRAYER

Our Nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join St. Mary's Parish in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Orange Square on Pike St./Broom St., Port Jervis, NY. Please contact the Rosary Capt.- Nancy Smith at 845-856-4610 for more information.

Weekly Offering
September 17, 2017
\$ 3648.50 (1st)
\$ 526.00 (2nd)

Last Year
September 18, 2016
\$ 3933.50 (1st)
\$ 497.00 (2nd)

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."

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

There will be Altar Server training on Saturday, September 30th at 3:00pm in the church. If you have not handed in your registration form, please bring it with you. If you have not received a form and is interested in becoming a server, please call the Parish Office for a registration form.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, is 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, such as Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested in learning 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. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Members are needed and always welcome! Come join on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance of the Church Hall. We are currently working on baby blankets for Lehigh Valley NICU. Come and join us!

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will be serving at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, October 6th at 6:00pm.

MINISTRY FAIR

A Ministry Fair is being planned the weekend of September 30-October 1. Representatives from ten parish groups will be available after all Masses to answer questions and explain what their group does. Please think about signing up to help in or more of these ministries. Thank you. The Pastoral Council.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 29-Oct. 1

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector Diane Dennin

Communion Ministers

D. & A. Quirk, Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers

Nicole Traxler, Abigail Vogel

Sunday 7:30am

Lector Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

C. Alfano, K. Loeschorn, R. Hennigan

Altar Servers

Riley Mapes, Sean Rinkel

Sunday 11:00am

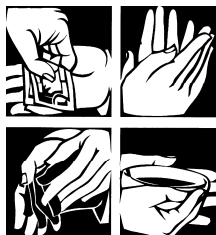
Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

C. Sheldon, C. Umberto, R. Weeks

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Jason Lecina



Weekly Collection
September 17, 2017

\$2,754.00

Last year

September 17, 2016

\$3,659.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
September 17, 2017

\$ 1,155.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current

\$13,281.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Robert Lamatina
requested by
Angelina Yanick*

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.

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to the vineyard - the rewards are equal for all regardless of when the workers begin, or the faithful respond to the call of Jesus.

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The landowner went out at dawn to hire workers. The first workers agreed on a daily wage. Later in the day the next workers agreed to a just, or fair wage. The last workers only worked 1 hour. Though all the workers started at different times, the landowner paid them the same. Upon receiving the same daily wage, the workers who were in the vineyard all day were envious. The landowner said, "Take what I promised and go. I am free to be generous with my money."

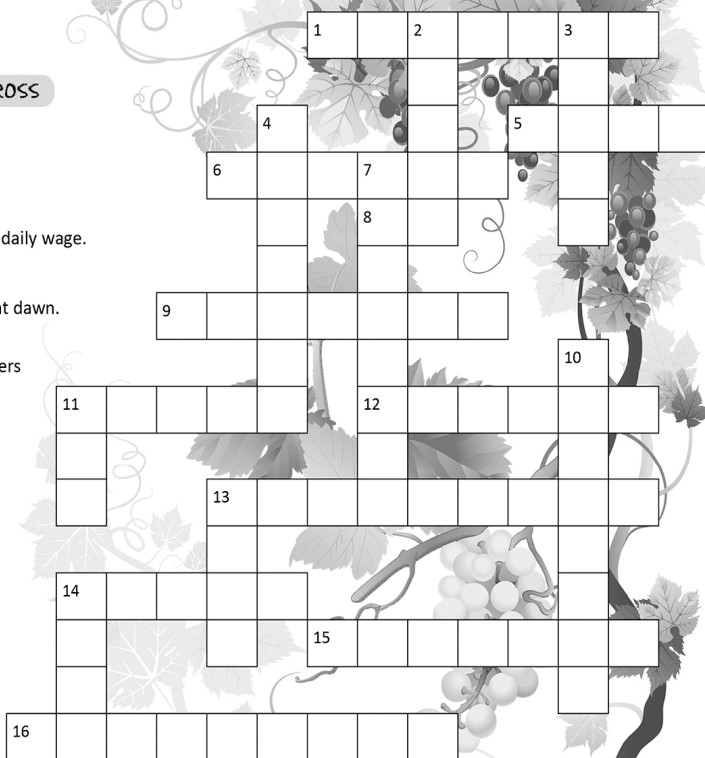
God is generous... His gifts are free.

- 1 Today's reading is from the book of ____
- 5 Word meaning "fair"
- 6 Kingdom of ____
- 8 Heaven ____ like...
- 9 People ready to do a job
- 11 God's ____ are free.
- 12 The workers ____ to the usual daily wage.
- 13 The ____ hired the workers
- 14 The ____ workers were hired at dawn.
- 15 The first workers were ____ of the wage paid to the last workers hired.
- 16 The first workers thought they would be ____ more money.

ACROSS

DOWN

- 2 The workers all started at different ____ of day.
- 3 The same, or ____
- 4 In Heaven, the ____ are equal for all.
- 7 A place to grow grapes
- 10 The landowner was ____ with his money.
- 11 Our Heavenly Father
- 13 The workers hired ____ were paid first.
- 14 No charge



All answers are underlined on this page.

Calendar

Monday

September 25

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 26

Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,

Priest

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 28

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel,

and Raphael,

Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or

Rv 12:7-12a

Jn 1:47-51

Saturday

September 30

St. Jerome, Priest

and Doctor of the Church

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

October 1

Twenty-Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Mt 21:28-32

Daily Prayer

This is a great week to be reminded that the call to be a Christian is not a simple path. We are called to serve boldly and without worrying about material needs. This week's readings have a clear call for us to examine how we share God's love for us with others.

How do we do such serious reflection when it seems we don't have time for it? We can be "contemplatives in action" by beginning our day with a desire, letting that desire come to our consciousness throughout the day in the "background" moments, and by giving thanks for what graces we received at the end of the day.

How do we come up with the desire? The first step to finding "intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives" is to develop the habit of naming a desire for the day, while we are still just getting started with the day, before our concentration becomes pre-occupied with the worries of the day. These guides can help by suggesting desires that flow from the readings of the week, but the best desires are in the very needs and anxieties that are deep in our hearts. That is where God is working in us, revealing things we can turn over to the Lord and form into a prayer. It can often be just 45 seconds, when we throw on a robe or slippers, or while in the shower or getting dressed. It is deep prayer if we can just say, "Help me,

today, Lord. My day is so full. Give me courage, and let me know you are with me all day."

We can use the readings of the week in a variety of ways. We can take a day to imagine being part of Jesus' family, with a desire to hear his word and keep it. We can let Jesus address us one day this week, asking us who we say he is. The words don't need to be complicated - it's just starting conversation with God who loves you deeply, then listening.

Gracious God, I ask you to heal me today as you healed so many others. Bless my eyes that I might appreciate all that I see around me; and my mouth that I may not judge others and speak harshly of them. And bless my feet as you send me on this journey of grace in my life each day.

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

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