

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

Remembering

April 16-22

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Judi Shaughnessy**

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✚ **Christopher Martino**
Barbara & Frank

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **For The People of**
St. Patrick's

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Rita Carroll &**
Joseph Favinger
Deg & Mary Carroll

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Michael Canfield**
Mr & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Ted & Yvette Proulx**
Ray & Carol Proulx

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

✚ **Annie Catalano**
John & Dorean Reilly



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

Sharing Our Wounds

The glorified Jesus is not easy for the apostles to recognize. There is a deep truth here. The Twelve are startled and terrified to see Jesus again. In fact, they even think they are seeing a ghost. Their fear and lack of faith makes it impossible to see him for who he is—their resurrected Savior. Before they can truly see, they need to first accept him and believe.

And how does Jesus prove his identity to them? He shows them his wounds, the signs of his suffering and crucifixion. We often want to hide our wounds. We are ashamed of them and afraid of how others will react if they really knew. But Jesus, unashamed, shows his wounds and uses them as signs of who he is.

There is a message for us here. We need to allow our brokenness to find fullness and resurrection in Christ. It is at that point that the love of God is perfected in us. First we need to acknowledge our wounds and not bury or hide them. Then we need to admit our need for healing. Finally, through prayer, confession, and help from those who love us, we allow Jesus' redemptive love to wash over our wounds and give us renewal, rebirth, and healing.

As a result, like Jesus, we will no longer be ashamed



Piece: *The Scenes From the Life of Christ*, 1517-1519
Artist: Raphael and collaborators
Location: Thirteenth vault of the Raphael Loggia, Sistine Chapel

of our wounds, but rather we will share them as evidence of the power of Jesus Christ.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection Is there an area of my heart and life where I need Jesus' healing?

Am I confident in God's power to raise me up out of my weakness?

*The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from death; of this we are witnesses.*

Acts 3:15

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 15, 2018—Third Sunday of Easter

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, support, gifts and goodies during the Easter Season. Your kindness and generosity has made my Easter Celebration very special. I ask God to Bless you and your families. Pax et Bonum, Father Vito

LEGION OF MARY MOVIE

Sunday, April 15th following the 11:00 Mass, the Legion of Mary will be showing the movie "Joseph of Nazareth". Fellowship and refreshments will follow. Please join us.

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 the Sun Room of the St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Monday April 16th, 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th and 21st from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information please contact stvgriefgroup@att.net or call the parish office at 570-686-4545. Please join us for various faith based presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere. ALL ARE WELCOME!

ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISHES!!

It's Vacation Bible School Time. It will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Milford. The date is July 9-13th from 9am—12:00pm. Monday-Friday. Due to the Diocese Safe Environment protocols we now have to have everyone from the age of 14 and up complete the necessary clearances in order to volunteer. This process can take up to 6 weeks to complete. If you are interested or even think that you might be interested please contact Jo-Marie Totten 570 296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

WORKING JOB FAIR

Third Annual Working Pike Job Fair - Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The Pike County Workforce Development Agency, in concert with The Catholic Social Concerns Committee of Pike County, is again hosting the Working Pike Job Fair. The Fair will be at the Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing in Matamoras, on Tues April 17th from 10 am to 3 pm. If you are an employer, please consider registering for this event as it's a great way to make contact with many potential new employees. If you're a person seeking a job, whether for the first time or for a change in career, or just looking for local job opportunities, you should definitely plan to attend! There will be employers from PA, NY, & NJ from all industries, including Health Care, Finance, Government, Real Estate, Logistics, Transportation, Management, Manufacturing, and other sectors. Admission is FREE for job-seekers. Anyone interested -- employers or job-seekers, should please call 570-296-2909 for more information.

**The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference
of the Diocese of Scranton
Saturday, June 23, 2018 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Byron Complex, The University of Scranton**

Featuring:

**Judy Landrieu Klein: Faith Through It All
Father Richard McAlear: Ministry of Hope and Healing
Music by "His Own"
Mass Celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera
Megan Murphy: Host**

**For information or to register:
dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference**

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 21-22

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Larry Marcial

Eucharistic Minister

Diane Heater, Chuck Pike,
Anna Blackman, Diana
Sierra

Altar Servers

Lucas Helms
Daniel Bradley

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Jackie Padgett, Makayla
Csencsits, Neal & Michele
Bensley

Altar Server

Joseph Loughney
Mikaela Parker

Milford Senior Care

4/15 Debbie Roa
4/22 Lois Lazarczyk

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
**Margaret Rapann
Greiner**

by
The Family

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Russel Haas**, son of Carol Haas, who recently passed away. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS RETREAT

Today, April 15, 2018 from 9:15—12:00pm in the Church.

CCD SHOWCASE

will be held Sunday, April 29, 2018 downstairs in the Church Hall. Come join the CCD Student as they celebrate the CCD year!!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

Tomorrow, Monday, April 16, 2018 from 1—6pm downstairs in our Church Hall. You can hold the power to save lives in your hands! Please donate! Thanks for your ongoing support!

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!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry would like to start a new team to help with daytime distribution. We need help Fridays 12 - 2pm. Please call or just show up. Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

Our next food pantry will be Friday, May 4, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

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 need or know a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appt, please call the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

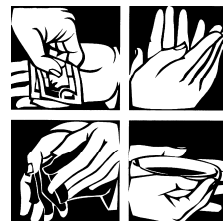
Father Vito will celebrate Mass at Milford Senior Care this Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 11:00 am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

Weekly Offering
April 8, 2018
\$3614.65

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year
April 9, 2017
\$4154.00 (Palm Sunday)

Easter 2017 \$ 6074.50
Easter 2018 \$4680.00



"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."

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Logan Emanuel Scicutella**, son of Ryan and Rebecca Scicutella and **Alexander Steven Dutkus**, son of Sean & Nicole Dutkus who were baptized here at St. Patrick's last weekend. God Bless you Logan and Alexander.

LEGION OF MARY TO PRAY FOR YOU

As one of the works of The Legion of Mary, we would like to pray for peoples' intentions. These prayers would be in conjunction with our rosary at our weekly meetings, the Legion of Mary pray the rosary before Mass and our own personal rosaries to strengthen the cause for the Beatification of the Servants of God Frank Duff and Alphonsus Lambe and Venerable Edel Quinn. After Easter, there will be small prayer boxes available in the vestibule by the statue of St. Patrick and in the narthex for anyone to drop their intentions into. These intentions will be gathered and prayed for weekly. If you or anyone experience any blessings as a result of these prayers, the Legion would be interested in knowing. Please write the blessing in a note and put them in the prayer box. Thank. The Legion of Mary says the rosary at 11:20 before the Tuesday and Wednesday Mass. We would love to have you join us.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, May 11th at 6:30pm.

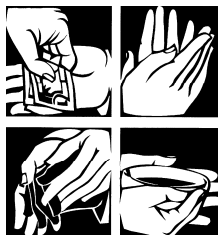
MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, April 21, 2018 at 2:30pm.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Be sure to see all of our recent posts and tweets.
Church of St Patrick (@stpatmilfordpa)
<https://twitter.com/stpatmilfordpa?s=09>

St. Patrick's Parish is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse & vibrant area of NEPA Like us on Facebook @ Saint Patrick's Milford PA



Weekly Collection
April 8, 2018
\$ 2,241.00
This time last year
\$3,220.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$769.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$34,969.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 21-22

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector

Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty,
Annette Petry

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Nicole Traxler

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

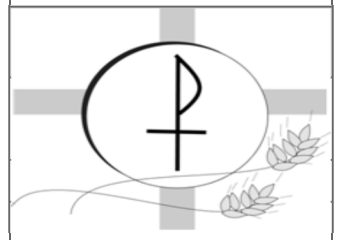
Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca, Colleen Sheldon,
Catherine Umberto

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Carli Lock



The Sanctuary Candle will
burn in memory of
Harry Geiger
requested by
The Legion of Mary

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.

KID'S KORNER

Cycle B

Gospel Today Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 35-48

Jesus appears to the disciples and says, "peace be with you". When they doubt it is really Jesus, He reminds them of what was written in scripture.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

"PEACE BE WITH YOU".

H A N D S D N I M E R
T D I S C I P L E S Y
O Y U T R O U B L E D
F U L F I L L M E N T
E E J E P A P W A H O
Y N E L T I E R T E U
T O S T U S N I E C C
D C U E R G W T K A H
O S S V E K H T C E P
U I J E S R A E P P A
B D E D O E S N L O A
T N E M E Z A M A Y S

Jesus	Hands
Appears	Feet
Disciples	Touch
Peace	Amazement
With	Fulfillment
You	Reminds
Doubt	Written
Troubled	Scriptures

SWEET as HONEY

We say "peace be with you" every Sunday at mass, just like Jesus said to His disciples! Did Jesus shake hands with them too?

People can return this greeting in many ways - with a hug, a kiss, a handshake, a bow, a head nod or just repeat it back - peace to you and also with you. How it is given will vary, but its meaning is the same.

Calendar

Monday

April 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

April 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51-8:1a

Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

April 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

April 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40

Jn 6:44-51

Friday

April 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

April 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31-42

Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Daily Prayer

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a "contemplative in the midst of action." We have practically a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the "Bread of Life." This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it "contemplative" is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activities interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we "work for food that perishes." The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week,

we can make what we used to call a "spiritual communion" simply by opening our hearts and desiring to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day. If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew the desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begins to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with my Lord, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

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