

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

Rememóeríng

July 24 - 30

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

☙ **Communion Service**

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

☙ **Kathleen**

Parascondola

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

☙ **Janny Sybrandy**

John & Donna Piazza

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

☙ **Communion Service**

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

☙ **For The People of St.**

Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

☙ **Sylvester Fletcher**

*Dolores & Christine
McGlew*

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

☙ **Mamie O'Donnell**

Barbara Lewis

9:00am (SJ)

☙ **Margaret Romanowski**
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Yakupcin

11:00am (SP)

☙ **For the People of
St. Patrick Parish**

Our Parish COMMUNITY

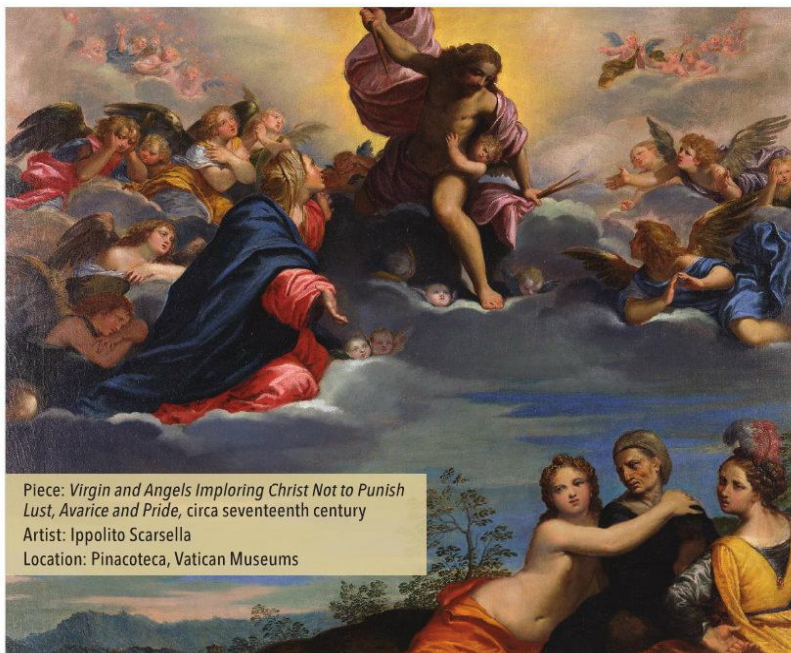
July 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43



Piece: *Virgin and Angels Implored Christ Not to Punish Lust, Avarice and Pride*, circa seventeenth century
Artist: Ippolito Scarsella
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

A Show of Mercy

One of the most important signs of true strength is the ability to show mercy. The Roman emperors understood this and were praised when they showed clemency toward a criminal. The one who has the power to condemn also has power to forgive.

The artist Ippolito Scarsella—in his painting *Virgin and Angels Implored Christ Not to Punish Lust, Avarice and Pride*—depicts this mercy, as it applies to Jesus, in classic allegorical fashion. Mary and the

angels are shown pleading with Jesus to hold back his wrath against lust, avarice, and pride. Jesus is rearing back to launch arrows upon them, yet Mary begs him to withhold his judgment.

The Book of Wisdom praises God, for “he is master of might, but governs with lenience.” The fact is, he would be fully justified to reprimand every vice of his creatures, yet he chooses mercy. What a wonderful lesson for all persons in authority!

It's enough to just look at the Gospel. The weeds are not immediately torn out or burned out of consideration of the wheat. Both are allowed to grow and develop to maturity

to insure the harvest. Permitting the good to struggle with evil allows the good to grow in perfection. It also gives the bad a chance to convert.

God gives every grace to those who love him so that

we may not succumb to the challenges around us. His mercy gives the sinner every possible chance to repent and be saved. This is the heart we must have for one another and why we should never gloat about our goodness or despair of our weaknesses. While there is life, there is hope.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Do I more readily
imitate God's
judgment, justice,
or mercy?
How can I practice
all three?*

*“The Spirit...comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought...” (Romans 8:26).*

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

CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Meets at the Msgr. James Gacquin Religious Education Center, 122 Layton-Hainesville Road (Route 645) in Sandyston across from the Sandyston Municipal building on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30. Our prayer group will be using, as a spring board for discussion on prayer, a one half hour video "Crossing the Goal" (Leading Men to the Cross). Call Deacon Wayne at 973-293-3344 for more details.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

11TH ANNUAL CROP WALK

The Tri-State Cropwalk, scheduled for October 15, 2017 will begin at the firemen's Pavilion in Airport Park. Walkers will follow 1,2, or 3 mile loops through the streets of Port Jervis. Registration begin at 1:00pm with the walkers starting out at 2:00. Funds raised will support the relief and development ministries of Church World Service as well as 8 local food pantries. Last year walkers raised \$14,159.00. for more information please contact Elain Cooper, Co-chair Cropwalk Planning teach at 570 828-7163.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 7

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic...It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited...There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.

Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms...However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption. There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, (reducing use of) fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. World-wide there is minimal access to clean and renewable energy...Some countries have made considerable progress, although it is far from constituting a significant proportion. Investments have also been made in means of production and transportation which consume less energy and require fewer raw materials, as well as in methods of construction and renovating buildings which improve their energy efficiency. But these good practices are still far from widespread." (Continued in part 8)

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)



The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 29-30

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Declan Carroll

Eucharistic Minister

Bill Reed

Joe Price

Altar Servers

Mark Cavallaro

Brenna Cavallaro

Sunday 9:00am

Lector

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Carol Cordova

Chuck Pike

Altar Servers

Mikaela Parker

Daniel Bradley

JULY Altar Server Of the

Month: **Ella Carroll**

Milford Senior Care

7/23 Lois Lazarczyk

7/30 Jack Reilly

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of

**Mary & Michael
Ricciardi**

by
Ann Crine

Weekly Offering

July 16, 2017

\$ 3104.25 (1st)

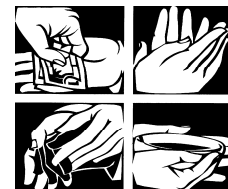
\$ 522.00 (2nd)

Last Year

July 17, 2016

\$ 3537.85 (1st)

\$ 527.00 (2nd)



Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped make our Annual St. Joseph's Picnic last Sunday a success! Thank you to all who attended and brought delicious side dishes and desserts.

Good music, food, spirits, face painting and games made for a great time!!

Sincerely,
Tom Jensen

SAVE THE DATE!!

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2017.

Our Annual Tricky Tray will be in the DVHS Gym. Doors open at 11:30 and calling to start at 2:00

Donations needed!

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, July 30th. 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

Our next food pantry will be Friday, August 25, 2017 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

"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."

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE! September 10th at 12:15pm we will have our parish picnic on grounds of St. Patrick's. Volunteers needed and sign ups are in the narthex **and We all know everyone likes to be a winner!** Please consider creating a "Tricky Tray" basket for our parish picnic. Here are some possible ideas: "Back to School," "Baseball Lovers Basket," "Car Care Kit," "Halloween Fun," "Lottery Tickets," "Gardener's Delight," "Chef's Kitchen Items," "Italian Festa," "Mexican Fiesta," "Crafty Person's Corner," "Chocolate Lover's Delight," "Pet Care Essentials," "Outdoor Grilling Tools," "Tea Lover's Delight," "Basket of Cheer,"... Please sign up the Tricky Tray Sheet in the narthex or Contact Carol or Ray Proulx at 570 296-76rt or proulx@ptd.net.

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC
SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX**



RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Religious Formation registration is underway for the 2017-18 school year. Please stop by the office for an application or contact Jo-Marie Totten 570-296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. We are also in need of a few teachers for next year. If you enjoy working with children and would like to share your faith and the love of Jesus with them please contact Jo-Marie Totten at the numbers provided.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, July 28th at 6:00pm. Volunteers are still needed. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and leave your name.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Wednesday, August 16, please join Father Vito as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve at 2:30. The 3rd Wednesday of every month, a Mass with the residents is held at 2:30.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 29-30

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector John Wroblewski

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Irene DevVto, Janet Finnerty

Altar Servers Nicholas

Dinos, Nicole Traxler

Sunday 7:30am

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Karen Loeschorn, Arlene & Dean Quirk

Altar Servers Carli

Lock, Sean Rinkel

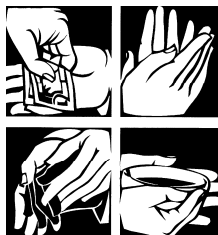
Sunday 11:00am

Lector Joe Casmus

Communion Ministers

Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira, Ray Weeks

Altar Servers



Weekly Collection

July 16, 2017

\$3,371.00

Last year

July 17, 2016

\$3,995.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

July 16, 2017

\$ 964.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current

\$50,913.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in Loving
Memory of
Teresa Constantino

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus continues to teach the people with parables, or stories. He shows how tiny seeds or yeast cells are like the Word of God. When planted they sprout and grow great in size. As The Word is spread, the believers become many.

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Jesus' parables show

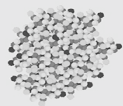
Small beginnings become marvelous expansions

Column A

The
Good
Word



Mustard
Seeds



Yeast
Cells

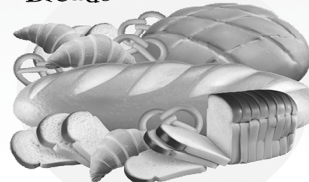


Parent / Child Activity

Watch a seed sprout - Take a clear cup and line it with a wet paper towel. Put a dried, uncooked seed between the paper and cup. Keep wet and in the sun. **Watch what happens!** (try watermelon seeds dried for one week)

Draw a line from Column A to Column B to match the "Seeds of Faith" to the "Expanded Kingdom."

Risen
Breads



Column B

Mustard
Tree



Many
Believers



ANSWERS
A X B

Calendar

Monday

July 24

Weekday

Ex 14:5-18

Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 25

St. James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday

July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

July 27

Weekday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b

Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 20:1-17

Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 29

St. Martha

Ex 24:3-8

Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Daily Prayer

These weekly guides offer us an opportunity to practice being "contemplatives in action." For us busy people, it is possible to pray - "to lift our minds and hearts to God" - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

Every morning this week, we can begin our day with a brief conversation with our Lord that expresses a desire that comes from within us and is shaped by the scriptures this

week. We might say, "O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow." I may pray: "Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today." Or we might ask, "Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the closeness you offer me as I do so." Perhaps, we can pray, "Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my children. Help me to trust that not everything I say or do will seem to work, but that you will take care of them and allow my efforts to be fruitful." And, on the weekend, we might be praying, "Dear Lord, the relationship you are offering me is like a treasure that makes me want to sell what has seemed to be so important to me so that I might buy that field - investing more deeply in my relationship with you."

Throughout each day, we can repeat and refine these desires and prayers in our hearts. Each thing we do, each person we relate to, each request that is made of us will help us say this or that expression of gratitude or request for grace.

The practice comes in doing this ongoing conversation and connections with our Lord in the background of our day - in the brief in between times: in the shower, while getting dressed, on the way to work, while walking to a meeting, during a meeting, while shopping, as we transition from any part of our day to the next. It all comes together as we take a brief bit of time at night, before we go to bed, to say thanks for the graces we have received, for the opportunity to feel connected and know that we are not alone throughout the day. Sometimes, we'll ask the same thing for several days. At times, we'll notice a pattern in what we are asking for and what we experience ourselves as receiving.

In this very simple way, with just a little focus and practice, we will find a pearl of great value - a growing relationship with our Lord that transforms our spirits in the midst of our busy lives.

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