

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

Remembering
Feb. 6 - Feb. 12

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✠ Communion Service

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Communion Service

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm

✠ Communion Service

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Communion Service

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ First Friday
Communion Service

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Olga Ogrodnick
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Joseph Harrington
Diane Stierle

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ Elizabeth Wolff (Liv.)
Mark & Tammy Zaleski

9:00am (SJ)

✠ Dick Gross
Jim & Karen Colaiaco

11:00am (SP)

✠ For the People of
St. Joseph and
St. Patrick Parishes

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

Piece: School of Athens, circa 1510
Artist: Raphael
Location: Apostolic Palace, Vatican City



Bright Lights

Saint Paul says he came to the Corinthians in weakness and that he didn't use eloquent or persuasive words; rather he evangelized them in humility and with signs of the power of God. He doesn't claim to be a powerful or influential preacher. He was a humble and convinced apostle; thus, it was the power of God at work in him.

This doesn't mean he didn't make the best case possible for the faith. On the contrary, we are all called to profess and witness to the truth and to develop and use all our gifts and talents. Paul is simply stating that what is most important is that we remain open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us and maintain our confidence

in God and not in our own qualities or abilities.

If we are humble servants of the truth, then God's power will be shown. Isaiah prophesies that if we live charity in a real way—offering food to hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked—then our light will shine strongest. Not only that, but our own personal wounds, whatever they are, will be healed.

Truly, loving others is the best way to heal our own soul.

Isaiah proclaims further that if we live this way, God will have our backs. In biblical terms, "the glory of the Lord shall be [our] rear guard." The Lord will be a soldier who walks behind us, covers our blind spots, curtails our weaknesses, and protects and defends us. If God is for us, who can be against us? Let your light shine!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How do I live out God's love at home? In my workplace? In public? How can my light shine even brighter this week?

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30 Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests should be received no later than March 13. Please call the Parish Office to reserve.

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR WINTER

STORMS-(Daily Mass only)

We would like to apologize for any confusion with our daily Mass Schedules. It appears the best solution is for St. Joseph's to follow the School District School Closing Schedule for Daily Mass only. If there is a 2 hour delay St. Joseph's will not have Mass. This does not include Holydays. St. Patrick's will have Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesday regardless of 2 hour delays or closings. To find out if there is a delay or closing call 570-296-1800 or www.dvsd.org

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

An emergency phone number has been established for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's parishes should you be in need of a priest for life threatening emergencies, Anointing of the sick or death. The number is (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Only messages with the emergencies mentioned above will be returned. This number is available to you on both Parishes answering machines.

FATHER AL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

Father's new e-mail address is

fatheral@ptd.net

UPCOMING MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday February 4th—No Confessions at St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's Masses are regular times at both parishes

Sunday, February 5—Masses are regular times at both parishes

Monday, February 6th—Communion Service at St. Joseph's 8:00am

Tuesday, February 7th—Communion Service at St. Patrick's—No Confessions

Wednesday February 8th—Communion Service at St. Patrick's 12:00 Noon Adoration 12:30—3:00PM, No Confessions

Thursday—February 9th—Communion Service at St. Joseph's 8:00AM Adoration 8:30-10:00am

Friday—February 10th—No Mass

Saturday February 11th—No Confessions at St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's—Masses are regular time at both parishes

Sunday—February 12th—Masses are regular times at both parishes

Monday—February 13th—Communion Service at St. Joseph's 8:00am

Tuesday—February 14th—No Confessions at St. Patrick's—Communion Service at 12:00 Noon

Wednesday—February 15—Communion Service at St. Patrick's 12:00 Noon. Adoration 12:20-3:00PM. No Confessions.

Thursday—February 16th—Back to our regular schedule—Mass at St. Joseph's 8:00am, Adoration 8:30-10:00am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 11-12

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Stanley Lazarczyk
Eucharistic Minister Diana Sierra Larry Marcial
Altar Servers Lukas Schutz Eric Cabrera-Agostini
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Janet Bright
Eucharistic Minister Jackie Padgett Chuck Pike
Altar Servers Ella Carroll Joseph Loughney
January Altar Server Of the Month: Mark Cavallaro
Milford Senior Care 02/5 Lois Lazarczyk 2/12 Jack Reilly

BROTHER JUNIPER



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of
Maria Gruol

by
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Williams
& Family

Weekly Offering

January 29, 2017
\$ 3566.50 (1st)
\$ 454.00 (2nd)

Last Year

January 31, 2016
\$ 5048.60 (1st)
\$ 662.00 (2nd)

Thank you for your generosity!



ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

will meet Monday, February 6th at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. All women of the Parish are welcome!

PRAYER CIRCLE

If you have a prayer request please call any of the following Prayer Circle Captains, Karen Sweeney 570-491-2228, Ann Dilger 845-856-6064, Carol Cordova 570-491-9074.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PRESENTS

Nationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best selling author, Matthew Kelly, to our area on Friday, April 7th from 6:30-10:30 in Monroe, NY. Matthew will be sharing his inspirational message of how to live everyday a life with purpose and passion. Throughout his presentation he will discuss how to apply the genius of Catholicism enabling you to have a more vibrant and meaningful life. For more info about this phenomenal event visit www.dynamiccatholic.com/ events and select Passion and Purpose. Matthew will inspire you to live the life you were created to live. We have people who are willing to carpool. If you are interested call: Carol Cordova 570-491-9074.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Your Annual Appeal gift supports Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in School & Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education & Support, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media and Communication. Thank you! St. Joseph's Parish Goal **\$40,000**, Amount Pledged as of 1/23 27,583.00 - **69%**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

There will be No Coffee and Conversation for the next two Monday's. Coffee and Conversation will resume on Monday, February 20th.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, February 19th. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 24th 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 ANNUAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Anyone wishing to start a committee to organize the annual St. Patrick's Dinner, please call the parish office to make arrangements to set up meetings to plan for our annual event.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

The Mass for Belle Reve has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 18th at 2:30. The monthly calendar does not reflect this change. Please mark your calendars accordingly....**also beginning in March 15th Mass will be the 3rd Wednesday of every Month. Please note there is no Mass at Belle Reve in February.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. PATRICK'S

All are invited and encouraged to spend some quiet time with the Lord away from the noise and pressures of our hectic world. Participants are asked to sign up for one hour or half hour time periods. Sign-up sheets are near the entrance of the church. Adoration will follow the 12:00 Noon Mass on Wednesdays until 3:00PM

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

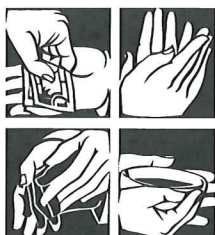
It's easy to remember : **SOUP FOR THE SOUPERBOWL!** Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the St. Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church! Take a can of soup, any kind, wrap a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it to Mass on Sunday, February 5, 2017 and deposit it in the special boxes near the doors. All soup and dollars will be used for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Help feed the Hungry...bless you for caring and sharing!

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The original Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was sculpted by Jose Lledim in 1946 following indications given to him by sister Lucia. It was solemnly crowned on May 13, 1947 in Portugal and from that day has traveled around the world promoting the message of peace and love. The legion of Mary here at St. Patrick has a replica of this statue and parishioners may have the Pilgrim Virgin "visit" their home. Anyone interested may contact Catherin Umberto 570 491-5820.

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

New members are needed and always welcome. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance) of the Church Hall. We are currently working on blankets for veterans, prosthetics for cancer survivors, baby items for the Tri-State Pregnancy Center, chemo caps and more. For more information please contact Pat Santini at (570) 296-9469.



Weekly Offering
January 29 2017
TBA
Last year
January 26, 2016
\$2,863.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
January 29 2017
TBA
Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$34,213.04
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE February 11-12

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Sara Cottone, Janet Finerty, Jeanne Ryan

Altar Servers Olivia & Pamela Larry

Sunday 7:30am

Lector

Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Clorinda Alfano, Karen Loeschorn, Colleen McCarthy

Altar Servers

Samantha Becker, Jakob Fortunato

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

John Wroblewski

Communion Ministers

Angela Gleason, Ricardo & veronica Sequira

Altar Servers

Vincent & Isabella Saski

The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
James & Lisa Donahue & Family

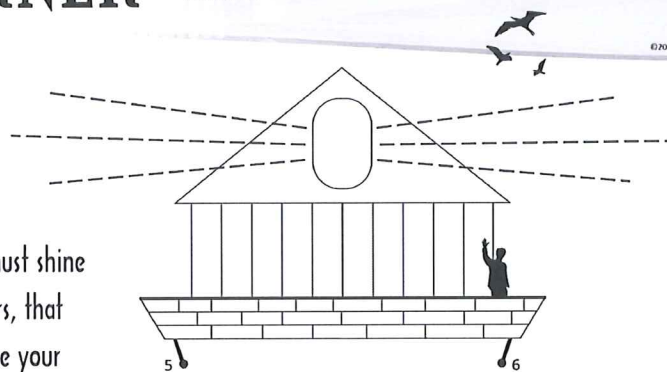
St. Patrick's Parish is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and vibrant area of northeastern Pennsylvania. As disciples, we dedicate ourselves to hearing, learning and sharing the good news of God's Word as we reverently celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Together, 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.

< KID'S KORNER >

Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:13-16

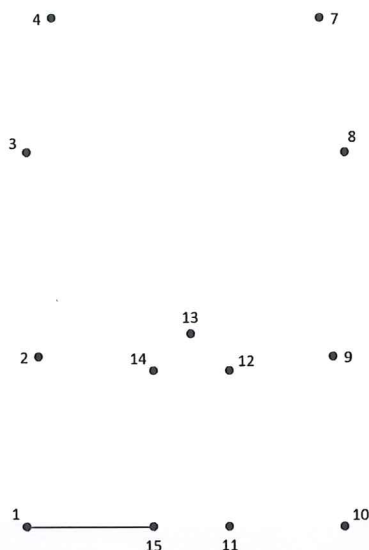
Jesus says let your good deeds shine on others like a light shining out in the darkness.



LET
YOUR
LIGHT
SHINE

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16



Follow the dots 1-15. What do you see? Do you have a favorite lighthouse? They shine every day to aid sailors, even during cold winter nights. Color the lighthouse shining bright. What good work can you do to help others, while 'shining bright' and glorifying Jesus?

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Calendar

Monday

February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Gn 1:1-19

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

February 7

Weekday

Gn 1:20-2:4a

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

February 8

Weekday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

February 9

Weekday

Gn 2:18-25

Mk 7:24-30

Friday

February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

February 11

Weekday

Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Daily Prayer

this Week

Every week we are trying find intimacy with our Lord in the midst of our everyday life. We use the stories of the week to help us. Because our days are busy, those stories make connections among what we are experiencing, God's Word to us and the desires that are coming to the surface in us.

This week we can let various parts of this week's scripture readings touch us depending on what is going on in us. It all begins with our beginning the day, establishing a connection. With the briefest of rising prayers, we can talk with our Lord about what we anticipate needing that day.

One day I might know that with what I have to face that day, I need to ask that the healing Jesus be with me. I might be able to name what needs healing. "Lord, you know the fear that is developing in me as I face this meeting today." "Lord, take this anger away from my heart." "Most loving Lord, have mercy on me and heal this pattern that plagues me and take away my happiness, my freedom, my ability to love."

On another day, I may know that I'm right in the middle of the struggle over my disregarding what God really wants me to do, using legalistic excuses to avoid God's will. I might beg, "Lord, I've become such a hypocrite. Purify my heart so I can see as you see. Judge as you judge and love as you love. Help me be truly religious, truly compassionate, truly your disciple today."

On other days, I might be in a "foreign" territory, or at least one that seems quite a distance from believing territory. I might ask, "Dear Lord, keep me safe here. Give me courage here. Help me find intimacy with you here. And let me see the faith of so many of your people here."

Some day this week, let's imagine how Jesus has pity on our hunger and feeds us. And every night this week, let's express our gratitude for receiving what we asked for in faith, from the One who is waiting to give us what we need.

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