

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

Rememóerínġ
July 15-21



July 14, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Dt 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Nicholas Joseph Babey**
(Living)
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Richard Fortune**
Joseph & Barbara Rowan

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm

✚ **Barry Hill**
Phil Brennan

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Lucrecia Welling**
Louise Piccirillo &
Eleanor Witkowski

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Lynn Moglia Lasek**
(Living)
Emil & Arlene Moglia

SUNDAY

7:15am (SP)

**For the People of Saint
Patrick's**

8:30am (SJ)

✚ **Rosalia Altadonna**
Lou & Chrissy DeNella

11:00 (SP)

✚ **Bert Fleming**
Eileen Harrington

“And Who Is My Neighbor?”

This question from Luke 10:29 posed to Jesus prompts one of the most famous stories ever told. A neighbor is one I love as myself. A priest walked by the beaten and abused man. Even though he was someone dedicated to God and his worship, the priest didn't have time to become his neighbor. Perhaps he didn't want to risk ritual impurity by dealing with the bloodied body of an unknown man. Whatever his reasons, he felt he had more important commitments than helping the poor.

A Levite, a member of the tribe in charge of the temple, wasn't his neighbor, either. He also found reasons to justify leaving this man to bleed to death along the road. Perhaps he thought someone else would stop and help. It's easy to abdicate our responsibility.

Then a Samaritan, one disdained by the Jews, happened by. He stopped to help, lifted him up, carried him to safety, and paid from his own pocket for future care; he became totally involved. In an obvious sense, Jesus is telling us to be good Samaritans—that is, to be compassionate and generous to neighbors in need—not just people like us, but to aliens and strangers.

But on another level, perhaps we represent the wounded person by the roadside, in need of healing and restoration from sin. Like the Samaritan, Jesus was scorned by many. But it is Christ himself who wants to pick us up, bind our wounds, and pay for our care. And he pays this debt, of course, on the cross. Are we willing to admit that we need healing from a “Samaritan” like Jesus? —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Good Samaritan*, 1890
Artist: Vincent van Gogh
Location: Kröller-Müller Museum, the Netherlands

For Reflection

How do I help those in need at home, at work, in society?

Do I see myself as merely entrusted with God's gifts of my time, talents, and treasure?

[A Samaritan] approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.

Luke 10:34

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. call 211 and be connected to your zip code resource area in Pike County or dial directly 855-567-5341.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

Are 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.

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.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, July 27th from 6:30-9:30 at St. Patrick's Hall in Milford, the Tri-State Pregnancy Center is having a Clean Comedy Night! We will have three stand up comedians. It is \$35.00 per person, includes dinner and refreshments. BYOB. Adults only. You can purchase your tickets ahead of time by contacting Natasha Smolinski at 570-618-2756. **also...** You can mark your calendars for Sunday September 15th from 1-5 for the TSPC 9th Annual Banquet. This will be held at Best Western Inn in Matamoras. This year our theme is, "Every Child Deserves a Birthday". To sponsor a table or to RSVP please contact Natasha Smolinski at 570-491-5151 or 570-618-2756

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

On Saturday, July 6th and every first Saturday thereafter, we will have First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at Saint Patrick's. We will begin at 11:30am, praying the Rosary, followed by a Communion Service and concluding with a Novena in honor to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The novena honors Mary by honoring Mary's gift of the Miraculous Medal to Christians. She gave us the gift when she appeared to St. Catherine Labouré in France in 1830. In one apparition, Mary showed her a vision, and she gave the young nun a mission to have that vision made into a medal. Mary told her that people who wear it will receive great favors, and she told her that they should wear the medals around their necks. The medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but the name was changed because of the number of miracles, healings and conversions reported by people who wore it faithfully. Please plan on joining us. **FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH—11:30AM STARTING JULY 6TH.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Three day summer retreat at San Alfonso Retreat house, Long Branch, NJ Tuesday August 13-15. Bus leaves from Dunmore. \$350 includes meals and lodging Sponsored by St. Raphael Society Prayer Group. Please call Barbara McCarthy for more information at (570) 347-8314.

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).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
July 20-21

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Chuck Pike</i> <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Altar Servers <i>Lucas Helms</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Janet Bright</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Diane Heater</i> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Altar Server <i>Daniel & Cole Corcoran</i>
Milford Senior Care 7/14 Debbie Roa 7/21 Carol Cordova

PARISH PICNIC

will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24th, from 11am to 4pm at the Vocci Pavilion at Airport Park, Matamoras. The cost is \$3 per single person and \$10 per family living in the same household. Reservations and payment may be made at the sign-up table located at the front entrance to the Church now through Aug. 11th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, & assorted beverages will be provided as well as music and fun and games for all! In order to keep the cost down we are asking for donations of salads, desserts, munchies, etc. A big THANK YOU to Tom McMullen and Tom Jensen for once again making our parish picnic possible.

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn (or more than one!) assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." (Did you know that long ago, the congregation would bring the bread and wine from their own possession? Nowadays, all you have to do is walk it reverently down the aisle.) You are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Just let an Usher know before Mass that you'd like to present the gifts, or if an usher approaches you to ask, please consider saying yes. Active participation will enrich our liturgy!

ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Altar Servers. If anyone 3rd Grade and above is interested in becoming an Altar Server please call the Parish Office or speak with Father Joseph, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Mike after Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 15th 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held next Sunday, July 21st Immediately following the 8:30am Mass (approx. 9:30am). A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are WELCOME!

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, August 16th from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of

Frank Ast

By

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

June 30, 2019

\$ 3991.65

July 7, 2019

\$ 3463.50

Thank you for your generosity!

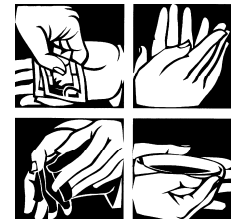
Last Year

June 30, 2018

\$ 3402.55

July 8 2018

\$ 4224.00



"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."

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE FLEA MARKET!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY July 20 from 9 to 4 and Sunday July 21st from 9:30 to 1. We will also be having a Bake Sale at the flea Market, so if you are a baker, please drop off your baked goods on Saturday morning July 20th. Our drop off times for donations are on the following days: Wednesday and Thursday, July 17 & 18 from 11:00am to 1:pm and 7:00pm to 8:pm. Friday, July 19, 11:00am to 2:pm only

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph on Wednesday afternoon, July 17th as he celebrates Mass with the Residents of Belle Reve.

HELP THE FOOD PANTRY! SUMMER FOOD-4-KIDS PROGRAM

begins June 14th! During the school year, many Pike County kids receive free nutritious lunches in their cafeteria. School is out for the summer. Families of low income are stretching the food budget to provide those lunches at home. The Ecumenical Food Pantry has a new program to help eligible families with school-age kids. Let's continue to support the pantry by bringing an item or two each week. Bring a can of tuna, a can of soup, a jar of peanut butter: you get the idea! A box is available in the Narthex for the food collection. Bless you for caring and sharing! P.S. We need more volunteers to help with food distribution on Friday nights. It's only once a month! If you can help, please call the Parish Center t 570 296-7451.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith Connor, Julianna & Jacob Rizzo, Christopher Hoehmann, Jr., Gabriella Giampiccolo, and Thea Bisceglia who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick's Church. God Bless you Connor, Julianna, Jacob, Christopher, Gabriella and Thea.

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Father Joseph and Deacon Tom will be having a Training Session for all Extraordinary Ministers on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00pm. If anyone is interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please join us!

JAMES PETRAKIAN

Many of you may have been wondering about James Petrakian and missing him at the Masses. After a long bout with various health issues, our friend is recuperating at Barn Hill Center in Newton, next to Newton Hospital. He is in good spirits and greatly appreciates your prayers and concern. He is looking forward to returning to St. Patrick's, and we are eager to have him back soon!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE July 20-21

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Joe Casmus
Communion Ministers Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty
Altar Servers Lelaina & Julianna Hopper
Sunday 7:15am
Lector Tom Hogan
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Ray Proulx
Communion Ministers Ray Weeks, Midge Curreri
Altar Servers Nicholas Dinos, Jason Lecina



Weekly Collection

July 7, 2019

\$2647.00

This time last year \$3,435.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

July 7, 2019

\$ 922.00

Year to Date July'18- Current
\$39,986.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

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.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 10:25-37

Jesus wants us to open our hearts with love and compassion like the good samaritan in today's parable.

Year C

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your
strength and with all your mind; and,
Love your neighbor as yourself.

LUKE 10:27

BIBEL WORD SEARCH

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

God is love

Love	E	T	I	V	E	L	G	I	V	E	N	V	L	S	O
Greatest	R	D	R	O	H	C	I	R	E	J	S	I	T	T	P
Commandment	A	O	D	E	R	O	N	G	I	P	F	C	N	O	E
Open	C	O	M	P	A	S	S	I	O	N	A	T	E	P	L
Heart	E	G	G	R	E	A	T	E	S	T	E	I	M	P	R
Man	V	N	H	B	D	E	R	U	J	N	I	M	D	E	E
Heading	P	I	N	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	N	D	P
Jericho	A	D	S	L	K	A	C	O	T	H	T	N	A	E	E
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Jerusalem	S	E	R	G	E	O	I	E	C	A	E	P	M	V	K
Robbed	E	H	D	E	B	B	O	R	N	R	I	O	O	A	N
Beaten	D	D	E	G	A	D	N	A	B	T	R	L	C	L	N
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Calendar

Monday
JULY 15
St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Ex 1:8-14, 22
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday
JULY 16
Weekday
Ex 2:1-15a
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday
JULY 17
Weekday
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday
JULY 18
Weekday
Ex 3:13-20
Mt 11:28-30

Friday
JULY 19
Weekday
Ex 11:10-12:14
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday
JULY 20
Weekday
Ex 12:37-42
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday
JULY 21
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:1-10a
Col 1:24-28
Lk 10:38-42

Daily Prayer

This is a great week to grow in a sense of not being alone. It is so difficult to find intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday lives if we go through our lives, either trying to do it alone or simply not acknowledging the fact that God is always with us. We could make this the special gift we ask for each week: "Lord, let me know and experience that you are with me, every day, all the time." If we only came to realize that God is as faithful to us in our slavery as God was in the Exodus story, we'd feel so different each day. We'd express our gratitude more. We'd sing God's praise. If we walk through each day this week with a little more confidence in God's presence, God's merciful love for us, God's protection and care for us, then the Gospel message of Jesus can find a way into our hearts much more freely. Imagine, if with this confidence, we could start asking Jesus: "Lord, I don't want to keep seeking myself this week. I don't want to be so absorbed in my needs, in winning, in manipulating, in criticizing, in using my power to protect myself. I want to find myself, the life you offer me, by surrendering more, by

letting go of what I cling to. Help me be freer this afternoon and when I get home from work." We could make this prayer, have this conversation with Jesus, while walking from one place to another, while shopping, over a lunch break, while doing laundry, sitting at an airport or driving to a meeting. Sometimes it is easiest to make this request precisely when I catch myself failing in some way, being particularly selfish or demanding in some way. When the Word can confront us, this is the doorway to naming a new desire. This week, we can find concrete times in our week, in real encounters and responsibilities of our very busy lives to say these or similar words: "Lord, help me to be more childlike today. Help me simply come to you when I'm burdened or just tired, rather than all the other places I tend to go for relief. Let me be yoked to you as I carry out the promises of my life today. Free me from my impatience and tendency to judge others. Teach me how showing others the mercy you have showed me is more important than my hard driving sacrifice." One day this week, one of these prayers will be just right. Another day, a much more personal request will come to us. What is important is that we grow in the habit of connecting with Jesus throughout the day, in these brief moments in the background of our lives. We have these moments, and we can easily get better at finding them. Then we can quickly grow in recognizing how the desires in our hearts can get formed and deepened through letting the Word into our hearts. We can practice beginning each day with a moment of prayer, asking for a desire and then repeating and refining that desire throughout the day. We will discover that this is very consoling and enjoyable. We will experience ourselves growing in gratitude as God is generously giving us what we ask for, and we are indeed finding intimacy with Jesus each day. And when we get ready for bed each night, we can develop a habit of simply giving thanks - telling Jesus we are so grateful that we were not alone this day and how much we are grateful for his presence, mercy and for the mission he's sharing with us."