

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

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Feb. 3-9

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord (A)

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Monday**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✚ **Jackie Tescione**  
*Donald Board*

**TUESDAY**

**12:00pm**

✚ **For the People of  
St. Patrick's**

**Wednesday**

**12:00pm(SP)**

✚ **David Silverut**  
*Joe and Lisa Cirello*

**Thursday**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✚ **Peter Kozak**  
*Linda Kozak*

**Friday**

**1st Friday Communion  
Service Sacred Heart  
Novena 12:00pm (SP)**

**SATURDAY**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✚ **Anniversary Intentions  
James & Maureen Farr**

**5:30pm (SP)**

✚ **Amelia Chapman**  
*Ken & Pat Corcoran*

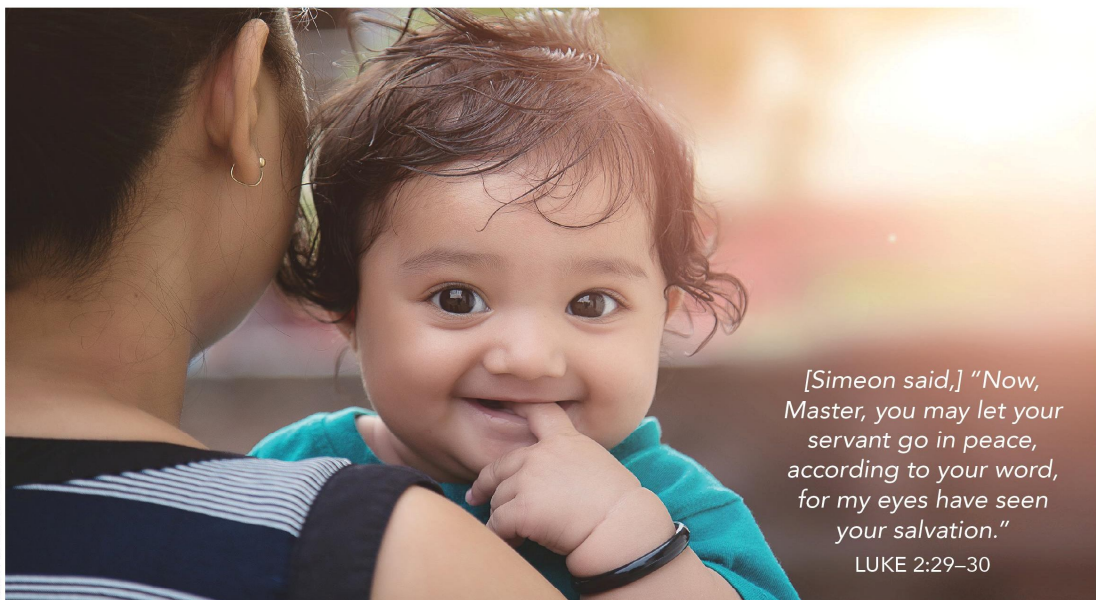
**SUNDAY**

**8:30am (SJ)**

✚ **Nancy Neville**  
*Margaret Cunningham*

**11:00 (SP)**

✚ **Dale Greeves**  
*Phil Brennan*



[Simeon said,] "Now,  
Master, you may let your  
servant go in peace,  
according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen  
your salvation."  
LUKE 2:29-30

## We Belong to God

**E**veryone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound

meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Do we really cherish every child as belonging to God?
- ★ How have you made your world better?

### 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.

### **BON SECOURS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

in many areas of the hospital. If you would like to join a special group of people, with a special gift to give please contact Amy Moore, Volunteer Manager at 845-858-7162 or email [Amy\\_moore@bshsi.org](mailto:Amy_moore@bshsi.org)

### **WARMING STATION NEEDS YOUR**

**HELP!** The Tri-State Warming Station in Port Jervis, is open for its fourth season serving the homeless in our midst. Every night until Spring, the warming station will provide shelter for those without it, along with hot meals and hot showers. The need is real-we welcome as many as 20 guests each night- and it takes a lot of volunteer energy to make this work. Some of your fellow parishioners are already helping out, and you can too. Volunteers to cook and deliver dinner or to stay overnight to help watch over the guests are especially needed. Financial support is welcome, too. To get involved, or for more information, contact Kevin (from St. Joseph's) at [kevinwalter@earthlink.net](mailto:kevinwalter@earthlink.net) or (570) 296-6902.

### **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](http://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).

### **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.

### **K OF C 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.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

Sponsored by United Way. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. Pike County dial directly 855-567-5341.

### **MEN SAVE THE DATE!**

The 6th Annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. The theme will be "Called to Fatherhood". The focus will be on St. Joseph, the earthly father to his Divine Son, Jesus Christ and husband of our Blessed Mother Mary. He is our example of earthly fatherhood as leader, protector and provider for the Holy Family. As Joseph met the challenges of fatherhood in his day, we must meet them in ours. More information will follow as to how to register and sign up for this conference.

### **COURT MADONNA NO. 114 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS TRICKY TRAY**

Mark your calendars for Sunday February 16, 2020 at St. Mary's Most Sacred Heart Hall, 48 Ball St., Port Jervis, NY. Doors open at 12 noon, drawing begins at 2:00pm. Benefit...Community Charities. Tickets: 25 for \$1.00. Please contact Patricia Niosi at 914-443-8222 or Barbara Drw at 845 856-2624.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SALE**

At all the Masses on Superbowl weekend, Saturday February 1 and Sunday February 2, the Knights of Columbus will be selling quarts of soup made by local chefs. The proceeds go to Hands of Hope for the Homeless in Pike County. Please plan to pick up some delicious soup at St. Joseph's at the Saturday 4:00pm Mass or at the Sunday 8:30 Mass, or St. Patrick's at the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass or the Sunday 11:00am Mass. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors..

### **PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE**

Monday, May 18, 2020, Pennsylvania State Capitol Rally 11:00am March 12pm. The national march for Life in Washington every January has become the largest pro-life event in the world. And there are many people who are pro-life who are unable to attend the march due to the time of year and location. Look for more information on the bulletin insert in this weeks' bulletin.

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb 8-9

Saturday 4:00pm	
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Sierra
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ella Carroll Lukas Schutz
Sunday 8:30am	
<b>Lector</b>	Janet Bright
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Robert McMullen Draven Nitecki
<b>Milford Senior Care</b>	2/02 Chuck Pike 02/09 Debbie Roa

## HEY, LET'S TALK

In his video homily during Advent, Bishop Bambera asked us all for help in creating a "blueprint" for the diocese's next ten years, tailored to the strengths and needs of each parish. "I'm inviting all of the faithful," he said, "to simply focus on how we best engage the mission of the gospel in these changing times." Many of us have been reflecting, sharing, and praying about this question in the weeks since, and now it's time for the whole parish to take it up together. Father Joseph and your parish council invite the entire St. Joseph's Parish Community to take part in a conversation on **Sunday, February 16**, following 8:30 Mass. Refreshments will be served as part of our monthly coffee social, and then we'll have the chance to talk to each other, to listen, and to be heard about the challenges and opportunities that confront our parish. Please save the date, whether you'll be at that morning's Mass or not. Your thoughtful participation is so important to the success of this process...not to mention the life of our parish!

## SAVE THE DATE!! PARISH PICNIC

This year our parish picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13th, beginning at 12 noon. We hope announcing it early will give all of our parishioners plenty of time to mark their calendars and reserve that date to enjoy good food, music, and friendship with their fellow parishioners and neighbors. Look for future announcements. WE will begin taking reservations in August!!

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We've reached our goal!! As of 1/21 we reached \$40262.00 in pledges! Thank you to all who pledged to the Annual Appeal!

## TRICKY TRAY - COURT MADONNA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Sunday, February 16 at St. Mary's Hall Doors open at 12noon drawings begin at 2:00pm Tickets 25 for \$1.00 For more info call Pat Niosi 914-443-8222 or Barbara Drew 845-856-2624

## MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Tuesday of every Month at 11:00 am. The next scheduled Mass is Thursday, February 12th. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

## FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 14th from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Karen Sweeney @570-491-2228 or Tom Hogan @ 570-872-4925. If you wish you may also send the name via email to either Karen at sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or Tom at tchogan@ptd.net.

The Sanctuary Candle  
burns

For the Intentions of

**Msgr. Paul Knauer**

By

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

January 26, 2020

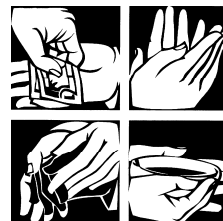
\$ 3072.30

Last Year

January 27, 2019

\$ 3734.95

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."**



## SAVE THE DATE

A St. Patrick's family needs our help! A spaghetti & meatball dinner is being held Saturday February 8th in the Church Hall to help defer financial burdens for John & Jeannemarie Passaro and their 2 two sons. The cost is \$12.00 per person which includes dinner & dessert. You may stay for dinner or take-out is also available. There will be a 50/50 raffle. All monies go directly to the Passaro family.

## FOOD PANTRY

The next time St. Patrick's serves at the Food Pantry will be February 14th at 6:00pm

## SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

The group has made donations of handmade good to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center as well as local nursing homes and the Port Jervis Warming Center. We will not holding regular meetings during the winter months. We will resume our Wednesday meetings in the spring. The exact date will be announced in future bulletins.

## DIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

We have raised \$27,541.00.00 (78%) of our goal. It's not too late to consider donating to the Annual Appeal. God Bless you!

## ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail to Tom Hogan at tchogan@ptd.net or 570 872-4925.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COFFEE AND CHAT

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Coffee and Chat in the Narthex following the 11:00 Mass the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please take time to stop, have a cup of coffee or juice and visit with your fellow parishioners. It's a great time to catch up.

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

March is almost on us and we are well underway in planning for the St. Patrick's annual dinner. The date is set for March 14th following the 5:30 Mass in the Church Hall. Anyone wishing to donate a "tricky tray" basket for this event, please do so. You may drop your "tray" at the office any time prior to the dinner or by calling the office to make arrangements. Ticket sales will take place in a few weeks, keep an eye on bulletin for more details!

*Erin Go Bragh*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 8-9

### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** Jack Boyle

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

Julianna, Amelia & Lelaina  
Hopper

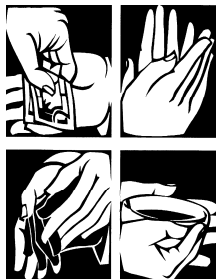
### Sunday 11:00am

**Lector** Diane Dennis

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

Caterina Catizone, Carli  
Lock



### Weekly Collection

January 26, 2020  
\$ 2,009.00

This time last year  
\$1,984.00

### Weekly Mortgage Offertory

January 26, 2020  
\$ 621.00

Year to Date July'19- Current  
\$24,708.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of*

**Harold McGlew**

requested by  
Dolores & Christine

**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.**

# Dear Padre,

**A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?**

**A**ccording to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1-8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).



Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1-2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to

Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## A WORD FROM Pope Francis



*In the Temple...Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.*

—FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,  
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

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say, "Isn't this just the carpenter's son?" their lack of faith is saying, "He can't heal us." In our own struggle with letting Jesus be our Savior, two things can get in the way. First of all, we need to know we need healing. Secondly, we need to want to be healed. If I cling to being angry or have become comfortable being afraid, I will first need to acknowledge what a difference freedom would mean in my life and come to desire healing. Then, I need to believe our Lord can heal me. The rest is easy. This honest dialogue with our Lord, throughout our days, no matter what we are doing, can help us grow in faith in the One who wants nothing more than to keep freeing us to know his love for us and to share it generously with others.

The integrating element of this daily prayer is the gratitude we express each evening before we sleep, giving thanks for the grace to be able to connect with our Savior throughout this busy day.

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## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30—19:3

Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,  
Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Sir 47:2-11

Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

## Daily Prayer

This is a wonderful week to use the brief background times of our lives to talk with the Lord about our need for healing. We can begin each day by naming some desire we have for healing and deeper wholeness and peace. Putting these desires into words, early each day, as soon as we get up or while in the shower or while dressing, helps us give focus to our relationship with the Lord that day. "Lord, thank you for this day. Be with me as I face the challenges before me today. I especially need patience and more compassion, Lord. Heal the anger I feel, and give me peace, so that I can love the way I know you want me to." Each of us can make this 30 second prayer specific to what we need to do each day, and what graces we need to do it. Getting in the habit of naming what I need and asking for it will shape how we spend the day, confidently aware of our God's presence with us.

Throughout the day, we can continue our simple conversation with our Lord, speaking friend to friend. We may encounter some spirits within ourselves that aren't very clean. Anger or resentment, fear or paralysis, jealousy or pride, lust or greed, self-pity or judging of others are all spirits that distort our ability to love others the way we are loved by our God. When we encounter them, we can ask the Lord to heal us, to drive these spirits from our hearts. Each experience of our need for a Savior can deepen our desire, and our ability to name them each morning.

The healing stories in the gospels make it clear that faith is key to the healing. When the people in Jesus' home town

