

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

Rememóerínġ
Jan. 23-29

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✚ **Dick Gross**

Eleanor & Louise

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **John Gassler**

Stefanie Decker

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm

✚ **Joanna Chudowska**

Teresa & Ron Glindmeier

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **George Baldanzi** *Lena*

Fitzpatrick

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00 (SJ)

✚ **Frances Chase**

Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Kay Leechan**

Louis & Denise Troiano

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✚ **Joseph Favinger**

Tom & Peg Schaffer

9:00am (SJ)

✚ **James Reilly**

Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

11:00am (SP)

✚ **For the People of
St. Joseph and
St. Patrick Parishes**

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 8:23–9:3

1 Cor 1:10–13, 17

Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

Piece: *The Calling of the First Apostles*, circa 1481–83
Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio
Location: Sistine Chapel



His First Followers

We began the Church year with the foundations of our Christian life. We focused on our baptismal call to preach the word of God. Now we focus on the call of the first apostles.

Today's painting is again from the Sistine Chapel, where Ghirlandaio based this scene on today's Gospel. The Sea of Galilee spreads out behind Jesus, who is once again front and center. Several towns line the shore and remind us of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and near where he called his first followers.

Two apostles kneel in front of Jesus; another pair stand behind him. Their gestures and postures reveal their interior attitudes. One apostle crosses his arms in acceptance while another prayerfully looks up at

Jesus. The third apostle, behind Jesus, has his hand at his chest as if to say, "Are you sure you want me?" The fourth seems to look away. Many others surround Jesus, but not all of them are called to be apostles.

The call of Jesus is real. He may not ask us to leave behind our business or family, but he

does ask for the same totality of trust and following. The result of fully saying "yes" to this call is what the first reading proclaims: "You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest..." (Isaiah 9:2). The "joy of the gospel" that Pope Francis proclaimed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation is exactly this: that joy that comes from a sincere and generous "yes" to Jesus' call to be a disciple.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Jesus asks us to leave
all and put him first.
How can I do that
better this week?*

"At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:20).

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

MARRIAGE HELP

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration Required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

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.

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.

WINTER STORMS-(Daily Mass only)

Both Parishes will follow the Delaware Valley School District closings. If there is a 2 hour delay or a school closing there will be no daily Mass. This does not include Holydays. To find out if there is a delay/closing call 570-296-1800 or visit the Delaware Valley School District Website www.dvsd.org

ST. MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS EARLY LEARNING CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

Open House, January 30 from 5PM-7:00PM, Snow date is Monday, February 6. Current, prospective and alumni families are all invited. For more information, contact director Eileen Carmody at 845-858-4208.

UPCOMING MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday February 1st—St. Patrick's No Confessions—Communion Service at 12:00 Noon

Thursday February 2nd—Communion Service at St. Joseph's 8:00AM

Friday February 3rd—No Mass

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 No Confessions

Thursday—February 9th—Communion Service at St. Joseph's 8:00AM

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—No Confessions at St. Patrick's Communion Service at 12:00 Noon.

Thursday—February 16th—Back to our regular schedule—Mass at St. Joseph's 8:00am, Adoration 8:30-12:00pm

Adoration at St. Patrick's 12:00-3:00pm

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 28-29

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Jerome Smith

Eucharistic Minister

Bill Reed

William Fells

Altar Servers

Lucas Helms

Draven Nitecki

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Brenna Cavallaro

Eucharistic Minister

Joe Price

Tom McMullen

Altar Servers

Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher

January Altar Server Of the Month: Mark Cavallaro

Milford Senior Care**01/22 Carol Cordova**

01/29 Eileen Dorko

01/015 Jack Reilly



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Honor of
All Families
by
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

will be held Friday, February 3rd at 8:00am at here at St. Joseph's.

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

This Monday, January 23 from 1—6pm downstairs in the Church Hall.

The American Red Cross has a significant blood shortage and is issuing an emergency request for eligible blood and platelet donors. Hectic holiday schedules, Snowstorms and severe weather have impacted supplies. More than 90 blood drives were forced to cancel in December! **PLEASE consider donating and give the "Gift of Life".**

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**, Amt. Pledged as of 1/9/17 27,393.00 - **68%**

OPEN HOUSE ST. MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS

Monday, January 30 from 5-7pm. Snow date is Monday February 6. Visit classrooms, meet with staff, shop our Scholastic Book Fair, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education. Little Lambs will begin accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year at Open House. For more info contact director Eileen Carmody at 845-858-4208 or littlelambs@stmmarysportjervis.com

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! Should a Monday Mass be cancelled due to inclement weather, then Coffee and Conversation will be held after 8:00am Mass on Thursday.

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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development was founded in 1970 designed to address the politics and structures that perpetuate poverty to create sustainable solutions. CCHD empowers the poor and marginalized people to help make decision to improve their lives and neighborhoods. **Next weekend the 2nd collection will be for CCHD. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!**

Learn more about CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

Weekly Offering

January 15, 2017

\$1st

\$2nd

December 25, 2016**\$ 10839.50**

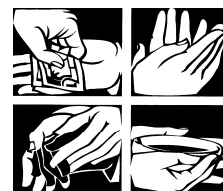
Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

January 17, 2016

\$3471.00 1st

\$454.00 2nd

December 25, 2015**\$ 10,942.00**

"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."

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

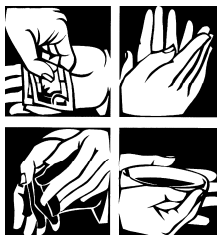
It's easy to remember : **SOUP FOR THE SOUPERBOWL!** Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the St. Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church! Take a can of soup, any kind, wrap a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it to Mass on Sunday, February 5, 2017 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 15, 2017
\$3,328.00
Last year

January 19, 2016
\$4,481.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
January 15, 2017
\$791.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$333,315.04

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE January 28-29

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty,
Angelina Yanick

Altar Servers

Nicholas
Dinos, Riley Mapes

Sunday 7:30am

Lector

John Wroblewski

Communion Ministers

Clorinda Alfano, Angela
Gleason, Karen Loeschorn

Altar Servers

Mikaela & Pamela Larry

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira

Altar Servers

Vincent & Isabella Saski

The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Thomas Burnham
John Burnham

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.

Jesus began His ministry by the sea. There He called His first disciples, brothers Simon (Peter) and Andrew as they were casting their nets. Brothers James and John were fishing when Jesus called them next, saying, "Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men".

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17

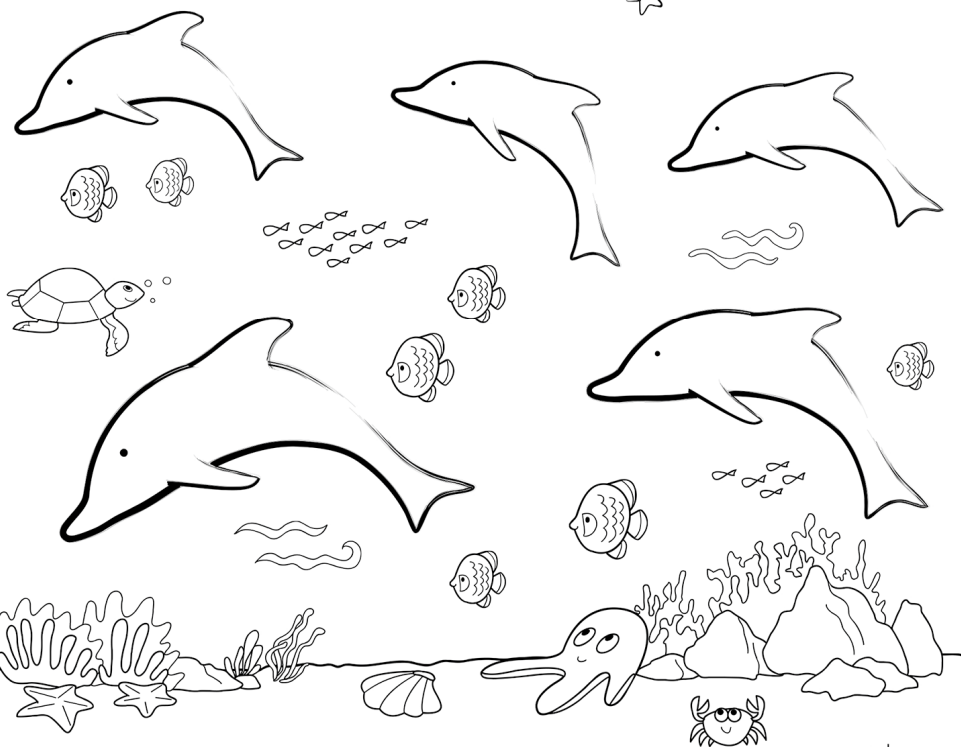
PORPOISE WITH A PURPOSE

This school of fish (porpoise) wants to help you be a good disciple and teach others about God's Good News.

Write some ways of being a good Catholic on the fish below, as they swim along the sea, for all to see!

Use these words or write your own...

Help	Share	Kind
Pray	Love	Give



Calendar

Monday

January 23

Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

Heb 9:15, 24-28

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

January 24

St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:1-10, Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

January 25

The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16

or Acts 9:1-22

Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

January 26

Sts. Timothy and
Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5

Mk 4:21-25

Friday

January 27

Weekday

Heb 10:32-39

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and
Doctor of the Church

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

January 29

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a

Daily Prayer this Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. Week after week, we are following the scriptures, and learning from them. It is important to focus our desires early in the day and talk with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "Contemplatives in Action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of the real circumstances of our lives.

Sometimes we protest: "I don't have time to pray." But if we change our focus to the moments we have free, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we

first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious that what we do this day responds to his call to us to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk with God about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific in this or that set of events.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

Dear Lord, at times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today. What are the opportunities to preach your Word today? Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division? Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.

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