

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

Remembering
August 21-27

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Ann Tufano**

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Joseph Loiacono**

Father, Carmine

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Irene Pladl**

*Carmen Kenny &
Pat Corcoran*

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Nicholas Babey**

The Family

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **For The People of St.
Joseph's Parish**

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Anne Gallagher**

Maryanne Dorniak

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Nancy Hickswa**

Jim & Wendy Luhrs

9:00am (SJ)

✠ **John & Janny Sybrandy**

Carol Doll, Bill & Mary Gaa

11:00am (SP)

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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

A Chosen People, A Common Ancestry

All of today's readings have a common theme: how Jesus' words to his Jewish brothers and sisters influence our faith.

The Catholic Church's relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters has been strengthened dramatically over the last years. This is thanks in large part to Vatican II's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (*Nostra Aetate*), particularly Judaism.

Our deep connection with Judaism is rooted in the fact it was to these Chosen People God offered the Old Covenant. We are also indebted to them because their history and culture formed the lives of the people of God and the Holy Family, from which the early Church sprung.

Christianity's firm belief that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah is the reason our Church is like a

shoot sprung from the root of Jesse. This difference was something Paul's Letter to the Romans dealt with directly—the need for all, both Jews and Gentiles, to accept Jesus.

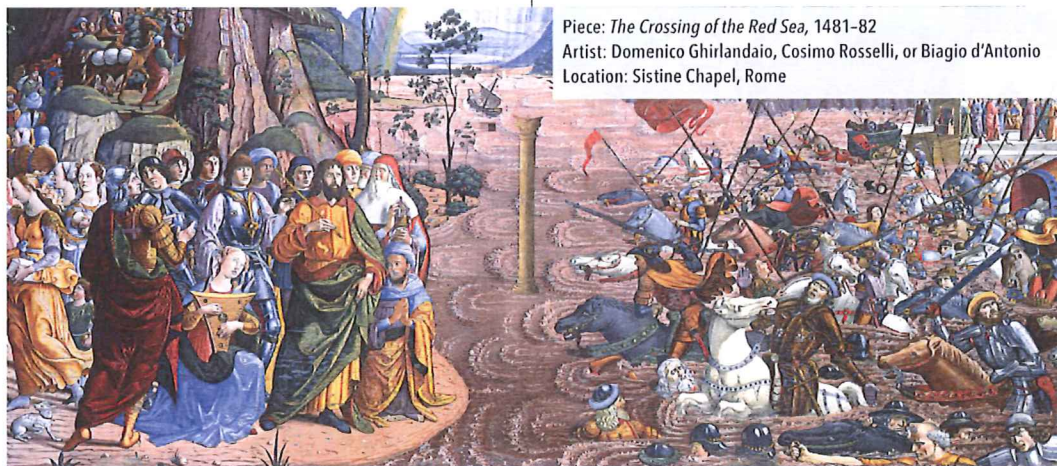
The key element to this acceptance is the faith shown in the Gospels. Jesus reaches out to his fellow members of the house of Judah yet also recognizes that a Canaanite (Gentile) woman has faith that leads to salvation. This has key implications for both insiders and outsiders: One can no longer claim salvation by a bloodline or nationality but only by one's acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God

and active participation in his body, the Church. Jesus broadens the welcome and opens God's house to all people.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How can you become more united with your ancestors in faith? How can you strengthen your bond with your brothers and sisters in Christ in your parish community or greater public community?



Piece: *The Crossing of the Red Sea*, 1481-82

Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio, Cosimo Rosselli, or Biagio d'Antonio

Location: Sistine Chapel, Rome

*"Them I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful
in my house of prayer" (Isaiah 56:7).*

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

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.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

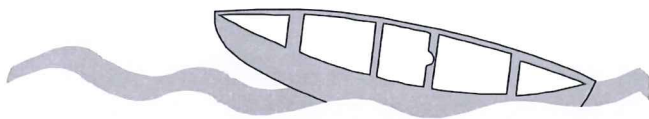
On May 13, 1917 our Blessed Mother first appeared to three young children in Fatima, Portugal asking them to pray the Rosary and telling them how important it was to listen to her. This year being the 100th Anniversary of Our blessed Mother's apparition, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dingmans Ferry, has begun a Children's Rosary Prayer Group. We meet once a month on the second Saturday at 11AM for about one hour at St. Vincent's in our Chapel. All are invited and most welcome. Any questions or interest please call Marie Biel at 570-686-4637 or hoza-na3@ptd.net

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

ANNUAL MUSICIANS MASS

A Mass of Thanksgiving for all liturgical musicians will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. This liturgy is a wonderful opportunity for choir members, choir directors, cantors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists to offer praise and thanks to God for their musical talent as they begin a new season of music ministry. The singing at the liturgy will be embellished with the Diocesan Festival Choir, the Cathedral organ and instrumentalists. All are cordially invited to attend. A light reception sponsored by the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, please contact David Baloga at the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.



How little faith we have!

REKINDLE THE FLAME!!!

For couples who already have made a Marriage Encounter. Our next meeting will be held at St. John Neumann's Rectory on Tuesday, September 5th from 7 pm to 9 pm. For more information call 570-775-1647

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. Worldwide 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)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
August 26-27

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Diana Sierra
Eucharistic Minister Jackie Padgett Stanley Lazarczyk
Altar Servers Lucas Helms Daniel Bradley
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Anna Blackman
Eucharistic Minister Bill Reed Diane Heater
Altar Servers Alexandra Manazza Eric Cabrera-Agostini
AUGUST Altar Server Of the Month: <i>Mikaela Parker</i>
Milford Senior Care 8/20 Lois Lazarczyk 8/27 Jack Reilly



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
For the Intentions of
**John & Janny
Sybrandy**
by
Grayce Ricciardi

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to

Ron and Irene Yakupcin - 50 years
Frank & Diane Heater - 45 years

**Together the couples were given a Anniversary Blessing
by Father Vito at the 4:00pm Mass last Saturday**

TRICKY TRAY SAVE THE DATE!!

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY will be held 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!***

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Our Parish Service Ministry is reaching out to all parishioners who may be in need of our help. If you personally have needs or know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call to lift spirits or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the weekly collection basket.

COFFEE SOCIAL THIS WEEKEND

Immediately following the 9:00am Mass in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome!!

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 this Friday, August 25th, from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER

The TCPC would like to thank St. Joseph's Parish for their generous donation to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser that was held back in May. This fundraiser raised a total of \$16,691.00 of which **St. Joseph's contributed \$2,837.00..**

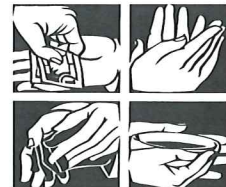
Thank You!!

**This Sunday at the 9:00am Mass the Celebrant will be
Father Kevin Lieberman, son of Charlie and Bette Lieberman.
Welcome Father Kevin!!**

Weekly Offering
August 13, 2017
\$ 3295.50 (1st)
\$ 542.00 (2nd)

Last Year
August 14, 2016
\$ 4075.60 (1st)
\$ 499.00 (2nd)

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."

EAGLE SCOUT RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Sean Rinkel who has earned the level of Eagle Scout on 4/12/17. This weekend he will be having his Court of Honor and will officially be presented with the award. God Bless you Sean for all your hard work and dedication.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC SIGN UP NOW!!

Sign ups for the Parish Picnic are going on now before and after all the Masses. Also... DONATED ITEMS FOR THE PICNIC

We are looking for children's bubbles and wands, Cases of bottled water, soda (diet and regular) cases of Iced Tea, condiments, such as Mayonaise, Ketchup, Mustard, relish, napkins, paper plates (dinner and dessert, plastic cups, plastic cutlery, salt and pepper, salad dressing, paper towels, and please remember it is BYOB. There will be a basket in the Narthex for your donations.

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS

For all those who volunteered to be on a committee, please contact Margie Neff at margieneff@yahoo.com. As she begins organizing various committees, she will be sending e-mails and would not like to eliminate anyone! You may also call the Parish Office at 570 296-7451. Thank you!

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 570 296-7451.

IN MEMORIAM

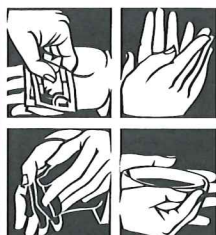
Please remember in your prayers the soul of Frederick Diana who recently passed away. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

FOOD PANTRY St. Patrick's team will be serving at the food pantry on Friday, September 1 at 6pm.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 26/27

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)	
Lector	<i>Cheryl McCarthy</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Pat Corcoran, R. & V. Sequeira</i>	
Altar Servers <i>Nicholas Dinos, Carli Lock</i>	
Sunday 7:30am	
Lector	<i>Joe Casmus</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Donna Hersca, Arlene & Dean Quirk</i>	
Altar Servers <i>Jason Lecina, Sean Rinkel</i>	
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	<i>Diane Dennis</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Angela Gleason, Ray Weeks</i>	
Altar Servers <i>Vincent & Isabella Saski</i>	



Weekly Collection
August 6, 2017

Last year
August 16, 2016
\$4,014.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
August 13, 2017

\$
Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$7,083.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Agnes Albert
requested by
The 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.

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Gospel Today

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman called out to Jesus to cure her daughter, saying "Have pity on me, Lord, son of David." Jesus ignored her but she persisted, not giving up. Seeing her great faith, Jesus healed her daughter.

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"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Matthew 15:28

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
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Gospel	H	W	O	M	A	N	I	T	D	R	U	C	B
Matthew	A	I	A	A	L	E	P	S	O	G	U	D	C
Jesus	D	O	H	T	S	E	U	Q	E	R	H	R	W
Pity	E	P	I	T	Y	H	I	T	E	A	I	O	Y
Cure	R	N	O	H	P	R	A	Y	I	N	G	L	G
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Giving	G	R	E	A	T	E	Y	S	R	D	D	I	T
Ignored	I	U	S	L	I	M	N	E	I	M	R	N	H
Daughter	S	E	U	H	A	B	V	R	D	S	W	G	G
Woman	E	V	S	E	F	E	D	E	P	O	T	S	U
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Canaan

Monday

August 21

St. Pius X,

Pope

Jgs 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

August 22

Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24a

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

August 23

Weekday

Jgs 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

August 24

St. Bartholomew,
Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Friday

August 25

Weekday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

August 26

Weekday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

August 27

Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

This week we can be motivated by the powerful fidelity of a woman like Ruth. And 1 familiar gospel stories 1 guide us through the we most with practical adv and challenging idea

It is good to begin by recognizing our own issues w God. For many of us, 1 graces with which we 1 be asking God to bless have to do with our freed from being so independe For some of us, it will be ask to keep our priorit straight this week. It m mean that we let this b week when we ask w "success" really means. us. It could be a week to to name more clearly w our purpose, our mission life is: what the Lord call us to do with our liv

The real grace of find intimacy with God in 1 midst of our busy everyd lives is that is helps keep focused. When we get rea busy, it can be like being a tread mill. We begin a day in the morning, where the day takes us a jump off at night. Our des here is to live with m choice, more freedom. want to live each day m reflective

So, if I know the gospe going to ask me to ponc how the lure of having m and more money can i come an impediment to i salvation, or how generc

and merciful God is, or how my busyness leads me to forget or lose my priorities, then I can choose to let those reflections shape my we. The way I can do that is by beginning each day with focus. What gives focus is recognizing and naming a desire, a grace or gift I ask God, for that day, conscious of what I will be experiencing, what will challenge me, what opportunities will be offered me. What rea makes this effective, is to keep talking with Jesus about those desires in the small, quiet moments that are tucked into each day, the between times" of the d

The effect is that more and more of the details of our lives are interacting with the Word of God and the desires which God is inspiring our hearts. As we move toward the weekend, we can prepare to hear Jesus ask us who we say he is - who he is for us. Connecting w us in our daily lives allow him to become my Savior and the intimate friend who knows me through and through and is helping me co to know myself with great honesty, integrity, freedom and pec

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