

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

Rememóeríng  
May 20-26

**Monday**  
**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **William F Carroll Sr.**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Declan Carroll*

**Tuesday**  
**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Lou Black**  
*Sara & Faro Cottone*

**Wednesday**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Carole Potala**  
*Rich & Cathy Evans*

**Thursday**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Mother's Day Remembrances**

**Friday**

✠ **No Mass**

**Saturday**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **David Latini**  
*Mr. & Mrs. John Hess*

**5:30pm (SP)**

✠ **Mother's Day Intentions**

**Sunday**

**8:30am (SJ)**

✠ **Deceased Members of the Drake & Lapriore Families**  
*The Family*

**11:00 (SP)**

✠ **Peter Kenny**  
*Carol & Ray Proulx*



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 14:21-27

Rev 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## God's Reign in Heaven and Earth

The trumpeters in the center of the huge Sistine Chapel wall fresco declare the new reign of God, the coming of the new Jerusalem, which was sent from heaven from God Most High. This new heaven and earth is the civilization of love brought about by Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

It's not an abstract ideal or some faraway lost city. It's a city that exists in heaven around the throne of the Lamb and grows by means of the Church as God's kingdom on earth.

Just as Paul and Barnabas appointed elders and the Church took on a stable, hierarchical structure, we are reminded of the historical growth of this city of love—God's Church on earth. From the beginning it was founded on faith. The apostles prayed, fasted, and commended these elders to the Lord. It was their common faith in Christ that was the foundation of this new kingdom of God.

The glory of this kingdom isn't in church buildings or organizations, but it's the glory that Jesus mentions in today's Gospel. "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him" (John 13:31). It's the glory that comes from Jesus' faithful love toward the Father and his disciples, leading him to be enthroned on the cross and rule as the Lamb that was slain yet still



Piece: *The Last Judgment* (detail), 1536-1541  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: Sistine Chapel

### For Reflection

*Do I believe that the essence of real, lasting power is found in love?*

*Old forms of hate and division are destined to pass away. Am I hastening the arrival of the new kingdom by the love with which I live?*

stands. It is the new commandment of love that is their glory. Thus the bride that is the Church will be great to the degree that it loves like Jesus, its husband and King.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*[Jesus said,] "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*

*John 13:34*

### 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. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347. 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 last 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 High Point Golf Club. Registration 10-11:00AM, Putting contest at 11:00AM. Shotgun Start 12:00 Noon. Lunch on Course, dinner at Erie Trackside after Golf, Scramble format. Assorted golf Prizes & Contests. \$100.00 per golfer is paid by May 10th (\$120.00 after. Contact Benny Marasa at 570 296-5564, Steve Riordan (845) 629-3642 or Tom Hogan (570)872-4925 for more information.

## JESUS HEALS

Prayer Service at St. Thomas, Route 206, Township of Sandyston, NJ on Sunday, May 19th at 3:00pm. All are welcome!

## 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.**

## LEGION OF MARY MOVIE

Please join the Legion of Mary on May 26th following the 11:00 Mass as we present the film **Faustina** (an 88 minute movie). This award winning film is a beautiful representation of the mystical life of St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy. The presentation is in keeping with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Wednesday during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Light refreshments will be offered.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

The 2nd Annual Catholic Women's Conference of NEPA "Come To The Well - Refresh Your Faith" Ladies, Buy Your Ticket Today \$40.00/person Saturday June 22, 2019 University of Scranton, Byron Complex, Scranton, PA **For details and registration: [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com)**

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass Wednesday evening, May 29th 7:00pm at St. Patrick's and Thursday, May 30th at 8:00am at St. Joseph's



## TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER "BOOMERANG"

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is a simple, fun and easy way to raise money for your local non profit pregnancy and family crisis center-Tri State Pregnancy Center. All you do is put in your loose change (from your couch, cars, or even laundry) and place it in the Baby Bottle! The Boomerang starts Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day. This helps us keep all our services free and to be able to give away free baby items, such as diapers and wipes. Bottles will be displayed at the entrances of the Church. Questions? Call Natasha Smolinski at 570-491-5151.

## 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) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

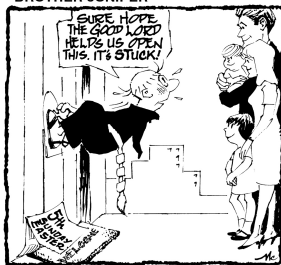
# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 25-26

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| <b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>   |
| <b>Lector</b><br><i>Jim Burnett</i>  |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b><br><i>Bill Reed</i><br><i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>        |
| <b>Altar Servers</b><br><i>Ryan &amp; Eric</i><br><i>Schanzenbacher</i>            |
| <b>Sunday 8:30am</b>   |
| <b>Lector</b><br><i>Janet Bright</i>   |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b><br><i>Paul &amp; Cristin Cavallaro</i>                 |
| <b>Altar Server</b><br><i>Mark Cavallaro</i><br><i>Ella Carroll</i>                |
| <b>Milford Senior Care</b><br><b>5/19 Lois Lazarczyk</b><br><b>5/26 Chuck Pike</b> |

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns

In Memory of

**Eleanor & Primo  
Carpana**

By

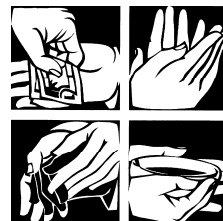
The Family

Weekly Offering

**May 12, 2019**  
\$ TBA

Last Year

**May 13, 2018**  
\$ 3698.75



Thank you for your generosity!

## COFFEE SOCIAL

Today, Sunday, May 19, 2019 immediately following the 8:30am Mass.  
All Are Welcome!

## BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate Mass will be held Sunday June 2nd at the 8:30 AM Mass. Invitations have been mailed along with a Biography request. If you are/know a graduating Senior who has not received an Invitation, please contact the Parish Office at 570-491-2618. Biographies should be mailed or emailed to Anna Blackman 302 Ave. G Matamoras, PA 18336 or Christine Marcial 710 Ave. H Matamoras, PA 18336 and must be returned before **May 24th**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for their Red White and Blue Raffle after Masses. This is our 4th year. Thanks to every one for your support and generosity we have raised over \$6000 in the first three years. Proceeds from this raffle benefit the Special Olympics Area P and Vetstock (supports local Veterans). The drawing is on May20th and you don't need to be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 dollars. Thank you for supporting these local charities.

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## FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, June 6th from 6 - 8pm (Team C). 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."**



## 7:15 MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

7:15 Mass will resume at St. Patrick's Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th and will continue through Columbus Day Weekend.

## ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS GROUP

WELCOME SPRING! We will resume meeting weekly starting Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2:00pm (weather permitting). The group meets in the Parish hall (use side entrance) from 2 to 4pm on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome. We supply the yarn and needles. Please come and join us as we make articles for various outreach programs.

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon, June 19th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

**FOOD PANTRY** St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, June 14th at 6:00.

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE

This weekend following the Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

## IT'S BACK!!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

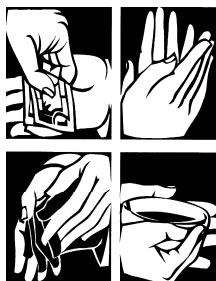
Mark your calendars for the week of July 8-12 from 9-12. VBS is a Victory Celebration! In Mighty Fortress VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us. Registration is Kindergarten (this year) through grade 5. Can't wait to see you there. To register forms are in the Parish Office or in the Narthex of the Church. Call Christine Sell 908-380-5004 or Laurie Barcia 201-522-4582.

## BAPTISMS AT ST. PATRICK'S

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith, **Colton Daniel Cerkvenik** and **Evan Horbach** who were baptized last weekend. God Bless you Colton and Evan.

## IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Constance Kimble** mother of Jo-Marie Totten who died this past week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



Weekly Collection

May 12, 2019

\$2,795.00

This time last year  
\$3,324.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

May 12, 2019  
\$ 782.00

Year to Date July '18- Current  
\$33,771.00

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 25-26

### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** Joe Dooley

### Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty

### Altar Servers

Riley Mapes,  
Brooke & Bennett Nielsen

### Sunday 7:15am

**Lector** Joe Casmus

### Communion Ministers

### Sunday 11:00am

**Lector** Ray Proulx

### Communion Ministers

Colleen Sheldon, Annette  
Petty

### Altar Servers

Vincent Saski, Abby & Anna  
Vogel

You may have the  
Sanctuary Candle burn in  
memory of a loved one.  
Please call the 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.**

**Monday**

MAY 20

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday**

MAY 21

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday**

MAY 22

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday**

MAY 23

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

**Friday**

MAY 24

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday**

MAY 25

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday**

MAY 26

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

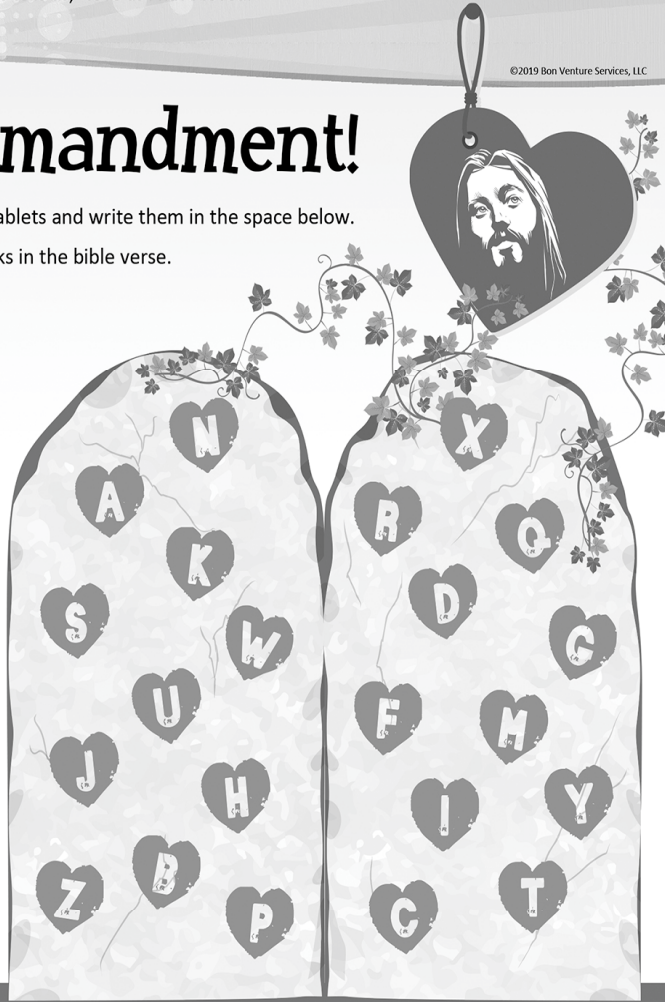
Jn 14:23-29

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others. It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations like a song that we can't get out

## A New Commandment!

1] Find the missing alphabet letters on the tablets and write them in the space below.

2] Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks in the bible verse.



"I give you a new commandment: \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
one another. As I have loved you, so you also should  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ one another." - JOHN 13:34



Jesus' love was unconditional. He loved everybody and everything, with no limits, and no exceptions. This is what He wants of us!

of our heads. This is when we turn those returning anxieties over the God, asking God to heal us. This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us. "Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you help me to trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today." "I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - and even now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there." "Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow.