

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

Remembering  
Feb. 10-16



February 9, 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Is 58:7-10  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mt 5:13-16

**Monday**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Lillian Mink**  
*Eleanor Roll*

**TUESDAY**

**12:00pm**

✠ **Joseph Harrington**  
*Eileen & Family*

**WEDNESDAY**

**12:00pm(SP)**

✠ **Margaret Dunn**  
*The Forgit Family*

**THURSDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Nora Cronin**  
*Margaret Cunningham*

**FRIDAY**

**No Mass**

**SATURDAY**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **Msgr. Paul Knauer**  
*Terri Pyrzynski*

**5:30pm (SP)**

✠ **Mamie & James O'Donnell**  
*Barbara & Lewis*

**SUNDAY**

**8:30am (SJ)**

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

**11:00 (SP)**

✠ **Peter Saunders**  
*Ken & Pat Corcoran*

## You Are Really Something!

**T**he description of the disciples found in today's Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don't turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn't that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven't we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “You are really something!”

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *In what ways do you already enrich or enlighten the lives of others?*
- ★ *In what ways is this compliment a challenge for you?*

*[Jesus said,] “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”*  
MATTHEW 5:16



### 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

### **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 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**

Is 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.

### **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.

### **HANDS OF HOPE SEEKS LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS TO AID PIKE COUNTY**

**HOMELESS PEOPLE** We are seeking willing and active people to join in the governing board to ensure the continued operation of this organization. Hands of Hope was formed by a coalition of Pike County Catholic parish members approximately 10 years ago. It provides emergency shelter for homeless and soon to be homeless persons in Pike County. In 2019, we provided emergency housing for 56 people, for a total of 378 nights in motels. Additionally, we assisted five homeless families to obtain sustainable rental housing. We work closely with this parish and other organizations to share costs and coordinate services. Board leaders oversee the operations of the activity and set policy and objectives. They provide financial services including accounting, funding and budgeting.. Please contact Jim Pierce at 570 807-8276 for more information and to become a leadership volunteer in Pike County Hands of Hope.

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
Feb 15-16

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Terry McDonough</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>Daniel &amp; Cole Corcoran</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <i>02/09 Debbie Roa</i> <i>02/16 Carol Cordova</i>

## 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!!

## ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY MASS

Join us for a special Mass and celebration on the feast day of St Joseph, the patron saint of our parish, on Thursday, March 19th at 7pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. The 8 am Mass will not be held that day. Mark your calendar and join us on this special day for our parish.

## 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!

## MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday 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](mailto:sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com) or Tom at [tchogan@ptd.net](mailto:tchogan@ptd.net).

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
For the Intentions of  
**Lillian Mink**  
By  
Ann Dilger*

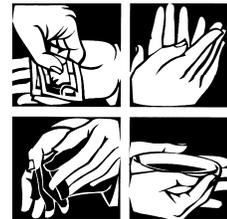
Weekly Offering

**February 2, 2020**  
\$ 4421.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Last Year

**February 3, 2019**  
\$ 3808.44



***"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."***

## FOOD PANTRY

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

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday February 19th at 2:30pm.

## 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](mailto: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!*

## PARISHIONER AT BELLE REVE

Many of you have been aware that Joan Gerland, a member of Saint Patrick's for many years, involved in numerous fundraisers, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion has been on the homebound list for the past few years. Joan recently moved to Belle Reve and is in Room 113. Her phone number is 570 832-4293. She would enjoy hearing from her parish family members.

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE

The monthly bake sale will be next weekend, February 15-16 in the Narthex. If you would like to bake something, please drop it off before any Mass you plan on attending. Be sure to stop by at the table to say hello and buy something special to take home to your family! Thanks so much for your support.

## SOUPER BOWL SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Souper Bowl fundraiser. We collected a total of \$230.00 along with 134 cans of soup to donate to the Food Pantry.



Weekly Collection

February 2, 2020  
\$ 2,638.00

This time last year  
\$3,960.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

February 2, 2020  
\$ 1,014.00

Year to Date July'19- Current  
\$25,722.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb. 15-16

**Saturday 5:30pm**

**Lector** Joe Sudano

**Communion Ministers**

**Altar Servers**

Jason Lecina, Sophia Muller

**Sunday 11:00am**

**Lector** Joe Dooley

**Communion Ministers**

**Altar Servers**

Riley Mapes, Nicole Traxler

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of*

**Mark Contreras**

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.**

# Dear Padre,

## My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

**F**lowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 288).

Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (*GIRM* 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.



CATHOLICNEWS SERVICE/ROB ROLLER

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

### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Christian life has to be a life that must blossom in works of charity, in doing what is good. But if you have no roots, you cannot blossom, and who is the root? Jesus! ... “What blossoms a tree bears come from what lies underneath it.” Never cut off Jesus’ roots.*

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 21, 2018



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## Calendar

**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 10  
Saint Scholastica,  
Virgin  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 11  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 12  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 10:1-10  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 13  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 11:4-13  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 14  
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and  
Methodius, Bishop  
1 Kgs 11:29-32;  
12:19  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 15  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 12:26-32;  
13:33-34  
Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 16  
Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Sir 15:15-20  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-37 or  
Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28,  
33-34a, 37

## 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 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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