

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

Remembering
March 13 - 19

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✠ **Kathryn Martin**
St. Joseph's
Altar & Rosary Society

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Harold McGlew**
Wife, Dolores

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Daniel Donson**
Jeanne Hoffman

2:30—Belle Reve

Ethel Fean

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Janny Sybrandy**
Steve & Rose Babey

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Carl Rutkowski**
Bensley/Ricciardi Families

12:00pm (SP)

Louis Strinati
Wife, Eva

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Joseph Weidner**
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Heater

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Louis Strinati**
Wife, Eva

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Annie Catalano**
Judy Reilly

9:00am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

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



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

The Glory We Are Called To

Raphael's greatest painting, perhaps the greatest painting of all the Renaissance, depicts today's Gospel account of the transfiguration. Raphael loved this painting so much he never sold it. He hung the painting over his bed, and at his death he turned to look at it.

The transfiguration of the Lord reminds us of the glory we are all called to even when that glory is hidden. When God called Abraham, it was to make of him a great nation and to give him glory. But Abraham had to leave what he had and enter into the unknown to receive what was promised. We, too, need to set out and leave our expectations if we ever hope to enter the mysteries of faith and discover the reward we are searching for. Setting out and leaving behind are like little "deaths" that prepare us for the glory of salvation.

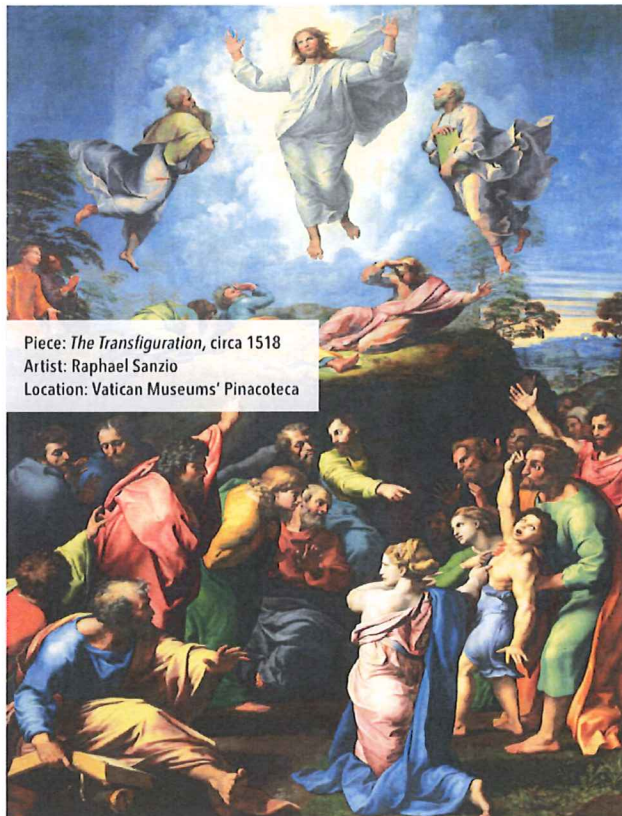
The Father revealed Jesus' glory to his three closest apostles so their faith would survive the cross. God didn't want them to become disillusioned or frightened by his suffering and death. A voice came down from heaven and confirmed Jesus as the Son to assure the apostles that even if he didn't seem like the Messiah in his human nature, he most certainly was.

For Reflection

What images and objects around my house or workplace remind me of my faith? How can I be a sign of the glory to which we are called?

It was this image of the glorified Jesus that Raphael reflected on and labored over for years. He needed to see this transfiguration during his life and at the hour of his death to keep the faith. So do we.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Transfiguration*, circa 1518
Artist: Raphael Sanzio
Location: Vatican Museums' Pinacoteca

"He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began" (2 Timothy 1:9).

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 12, 2017

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.

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR WINTER

STORMS-(Daily Mass only)

We would like to apologize for any confusion with our daily Mass Schedules. It appears the best solution is for St. Joseph's to follow the School District School Closing Schedule for Daily Mass only. If there is a 2 hour delay St. Joseph's will not have Mass. This does not include Holydays. St. Patrick's will have Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesday regardless of 2 hour delays or closings. To find out if there is a delay or closing call 570-296-1800 or www.dvdsd.org

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.

FATHER AL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

fatheral@ptd.net

"SOUP-TO-GO"

A different homemade soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms have been placed at all entrances at St. Joseph's Church. You may also call St. Joseph's Parish Office 570-491-2618 and place an order. All orders must be in by the Monday, preceding the sale for that week. The Soup will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up. The "Soup of the Week" this week will be: **Vegetarian Vegetable Bean** Pick-up will be in St. Joseph's Church basement between 4 -6pm on Thursday, March 16th. Thank you for your support!

TENEBRAE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH PORT JERVIS

All are invited to attend the Tenebrae at St. Mary's Church, in Port Jervis at 50 Ball Street. The celebrations will be at 10 AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 13, 14, and 15. About the Tenebrae: The word Tenebrae can be translated to "darkness" or "shadows" Centered around the Matins, scriptural readings and Lauds of the last three days of Holy Week. The traditions regarding this service go back at least to the ninth century. Originally celebrated after midnight, the candles were extinguished only the "Christ Candle" remained. The participants would leave the church in darkness meditating on Christ's betrayal, agony and death.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

MASS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

8:00AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

12:00 NOON @ ST. PATRICK'S

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY'S

6:30PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

7:00PM @ ST. PATRICK'S

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

CONFESSIONS MONDAY'S

5:30—6:00PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

6:30—7:00 PM @ ST. PATRICK'S

TUESDAYS DURING LENT AT 6:30 AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON DIFFERENT SAINTS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHURCH. THE FIRST FOCUS WILL BE ON OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL ON MARCH 7TH. COME FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT AND REFLECTION.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S MONDAY, APRIL

10TH 7:00 PM @ ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

ST. VINCENT'S WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th 7:00PM

ST. ANN'S/ST. JOHN NEUMANN - CONFESSIONS

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 10:00 -11:00AM

~~~~~HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE~~~~~

HOLY THURSDAY - EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER MASS @ ST. JOSEPH'S 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY - THE PASSION OF THE LORD @ ST. PATRICK'S 2:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY BLESSING OF THE FOOD @ ST. PATRICK'S 12 NOON

**EASTER VIGIL @ ST. JOSEPH'S 8:00PM
(No Confessions OR 4:00pm or 5:30pm Masses)**

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS @ ST. JOSEPH'S 9:00AM

MASS AT @ ST. PATRICK'S 7:30 & 11:00AM

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 18-19

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Anna Blackman
Eucharistic Minister Jackie Padgett Jack Reilly
Altar Servers Eric Cabrera-Agostini Daniel Bradley
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Janet Bright
Eucharistic Minister Joe Price Makayla Csencsits
Altar Servers Joseph Loughney Mikaela Parker
March Altar Server Of the Month: Alexandra Manazza
Milford Senior Care 3/12 Jack Reilly 3/19 Carol Cordova

BROTHER JUNIPER



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

Joseph Morstatt
by
The Bensley Family

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers **Carl Rutkowski**, a parishioner who passed away last week. May his Soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19th is the Feast Day of St Joseph our Patron Saint. We will be holding a pot luck dinner to celebrate on Sunday, March 19th starting at 5:00. Come and join us for good food and fellowship. A Sign-up sheet is at the main entrance of the church to let us know: how many will be joining us, if you can help set up, and what you will be bringing - vegetable dish, meat dish or dessert.

"SOUP-TO-GO"

"Soup To Go" fundraiser during Lent! A different homemade soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms have been placed at all entrances to the church. All orders must be in by the Monday, preceding the sale for that week. The Soup will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up.

The "Soup of the Week" for this week is: Vegetarian Vegetable Bean

Pick will be in the church basement between 4 -6pm on Thursday, March 16th. Thank you for your support! Next week: *Cream of Potato Leek*

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Thanks to all who made our First Communion Class retreat a huge success! Mrs. Linda Tomik (2nd grade teacher) and Ms. Jacki Tescione for coordinating and putting on the retreat, Deacon Tom Spataro for being our guest speaker, Deacon Mike for giving a beautiful homily at the Mass, Mrs. Stephanie Fells and Mr. John Montgomery for organizing a delicious family breakfast, all of our wonderful parents/families for donating food and cooking and cleaning up, and to our amazing First Communion Class for working hard to understand the beauty of Communion! Please keep our 12 children in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith!

BOOKCASE

For Lent maybe you would like to read a good Catholic book or listen to a good Catholic CD? Check out our supply of materials in the bookcase in the main entrance of the church.

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, Coffee and Conversation will be held after 8:00am Mass on Thursday.

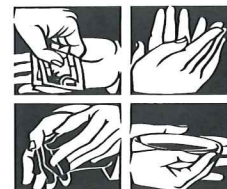
FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 31st from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering
March 5, 2017
\$ 4359.00 (1st)
\$ 396.00 (2nd)

Last Year
March 6, 2016
\$ 3836.10 (1st)
\$ 427.00 (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."

MASS AT BELLE REVE

**Beginning this Wednesday, March 15th Mass will be at Belle Reve at 2:30.
The intention of this Mass is for Ethel Fean.**

ST. PATRICK'S NOW HAS A TWITTER ACCOUNT!!

Please follow us on Twitter@stpatmilfordpa Here we will tweet information about our parish, events, special announcements and in general, spiritual tweets that will you with our parish and our Catholic faith. Spread the word and be sure to follow us... Our account is up and ready to go!

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH...The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Scranton invites everyone who is 18 or older to participate in an upcoming Cursillo weekend. The weekend, which is held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. The next Cursillo weekend for men will be held March 30-april 2, 2017 and the next Cursillo weekend for women will be held October 5-8, 2017. A Cursillo weekend is similar to a retreat, with time devoted to listening to talks on Christian spirituality, plus lots of discussion, and daily Mass. It's a very special weekend aimed at deepening your relationship with Jesus and helping you to be a more active disciple of His. For further information, contact Ray or Carol Proulx at 296-7645 or by e-mail at Proulx@ptd.net. Or check out their website at <http://scrantoncursillo.homestead.com/>

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

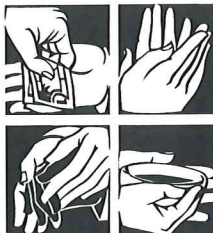
New members are needed and always welcome. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance) of the Church Hall. We are currently working on blankets for veterans, prosthetics for cancer survivors, baby items for the Tri-State Pregnancy Center, chemo caps and more. For more information please contact Pat Santini at (570) 296-9469.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are looking for parishioners to join our Pastoral Council to renew and implement our pastoral plan. Please see Father Vito if interested.

PEOPLE HELPING BAKE SALE

The date of the next Bake Sale has been changed to March 25 & 26th following all of the Masses. Please consider baking something and bringing it with you prior to the Mass you will be attending. Thank you for your generosity.



Weekly Offering
March 5, 2017
\$ 3,222.00
Last year
March 8, 2016
\$4,564.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
March 5, 2017
\$1,013.00
Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$37,187.04
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 18-19, 2017

Saturday 5:30pm	
Lector	John Wroblewski
Communion Ministers	Sara Cottme, Donna Hersca, Jeanne Ryan
Altar Servers	Jason Lecina, Carli Lock
Sunday 7:30am	
Lector	David Stine
Communion Ministers	Arlene & Dean Quirk, Rosemary Walsh
Altar Servers	Nicole Traxler, Abigail Vogel
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	Diane Dennis
Communion Ministers	Linda Coffey, Ray Proulx, Ray Weeks
Altar Servers	Jakob Fortunato, Dean Pedone

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

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.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 6:24-33

Jesus reminds us God should always be first in our lives. We worry about food or clothes, as God will provide for us as He c flowers.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given you besides."

Matthew 6:33

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus	F	A	T	H	E	R	E	M	I	N	I
Reminds	M	O	D	G	N	I	K	S	J	N	I
God	A	T	H	I	N	G	S	P	E	S	I
Always	G	F	A	I	T	H	L	R	S	U	I
First	A	R	W	O	H	T	R	O	U	B	I
Lives	F	A	O	T	R	E	L	V	S	J	C
Food	M	L	R	W	L	O	B	I	R	D	S
Clothes	W	O	R	R	Y	U	H	D	G	I	\
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Birds	R	L	M	N	S	N	S	E	V	I	I
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Tomorrow											
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Trouble											
Own											
Faith											

Calendar

Monday
March 13
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
March 14
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
March 15
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
March 16
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday
March 17
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday
March 18
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday
March 19
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Daily Prayer this Week

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord commands, or do we reject the prophetic word that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself? Are we like the Pharisees or the older sinner who resents the Father's prodigal love for the sinner?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, we can take only a few moments to ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, shower and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love, need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Christ is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see her today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry with her, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

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