

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

Remembering
March 19 - 25



Our Parish
COMMUNITY

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

† **Andy & Mary Platania**
Barbara Guinn

TUESDAY

12:00pm

† **Catherine Ambler**
GTerri Pyrzynski

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

† **Kevin Cunningham**
Rosemary Walsh

THURSDAY

† **NO MASS**

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

† **John Sybrandy**
Jim & Karen Colaiaco

12:00pm (SP)

† **The People of
St. Patrick's**

† **Stations of the Cross**

5:30pm (SJ)

6:30pm (SP)

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

† **Edward O'Donnell**
Jack & Dorean Reilly

5:30pm (SP)

† **Dan Pariseau**
Carmen Bonilla

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

† **Thomas Conroy**
Kathy & Jeff Foss

11:00am (SP)

† **The People of
St. Patrick's**

The Meaning of the Gardens of Scripture

Focus on this painting and you will be drawn across the space between the gaze of Jesus and the chalice the angel offers. Sebastiano understands the essence of the agony in the Garden—the loneliness of Jesus before the bitter cup the Father extends to him via the hands of an angel.

Jesus' attitude in receiving this passion is evident in his open arms. Like the posture he will assume when nailed to the cross, he shows his humble acceptance and abandonment.

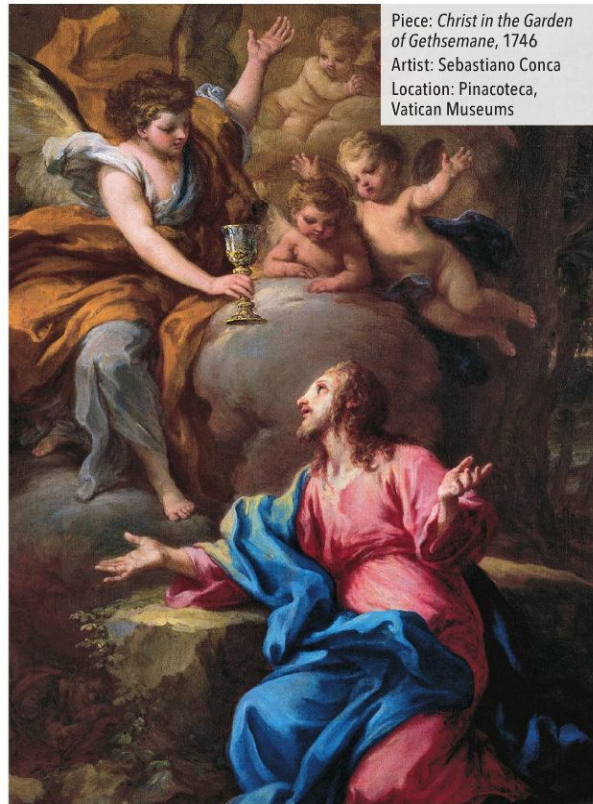
Gardens don't appear often in Scripture, but they are important. There is the Garden of Eden, the place of God's creative love and man's original sin. There is the garden in the Song of Songs—a garden of passion, possession, and life-giving union.

Where is Jesus' tomb, and where does Mary Magdalene, the transformed lover, find Jesus on Easter morning? In the Scriptures, gardens are a place of new life, sin, and redemption. It's where lovers go; where love is declared and tested.

This is important in understanding the drama of our Lord's agony in the Garden. It is the drama inside of love. It is the drama of acceptance and abandonment, trust and generosity, life and death.

Jesus knows this and goes into the Garden to do what Adam failed to do in the first Garden. He goes to pay the price of love. He engenders new life by giving his own. He looks at the chalice, the price of our salvation, and with a heart full of generous, uncomplicated love, accepts the Father's invitation. "Not my will but yours be done."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane*, 1746

Artist: Sebastiano Conca

Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

For Reflection

How can I receive Jesus' self-giving love for me more deeply?

How should I imitate Jesus' self-giving love in my relationships?

[Christ Jesus] offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears.

Hebrews 5:7

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

RECONCILIATION

Monday's 6:30—7:00PM at St. Joseph's

FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT

8:00AM at St. Joseph's

12:00 NOON at St. Patrick's

**There will be NO 8:00AM Mass on Thursday's at
St. Joseph's during Lent**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 5:30PM at St. Joseph's

6:30PM at St. Patrick's

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:30PM at St. Joseph's

GOOD FRIDAY

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

2:00PM at St. Joseph's

HOLY SATURDAY

BLESSING OF FOOD

12:00 Noon at St. Patrick's

EASTER VIGIL

8:00PM at St. Patrick's

**No afternoon Confessions
NO 4:00pm or 5:30pm Masses**

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Join the Deanery Choir for their annual Good Friday Pageant, 7:00pm March 30th at St. John Neumann Church, Lord's Valley, PA. Experience the Passion and Death of our Lord during this presentation of **God So Loved the World, a Good Friday presentation of Lessons and Carols**. All are welcome. No Admission charge or tickets required.

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

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 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling the Parish Office and leaving your name and phone number no later than March 18th.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Holy Spirit, at work in our lives

and in the lives of our ancestors,

You created the Church at Pentecost

and made it a sacrament of Jesus for the world.

We thank you for creating

the Diocese of Scranton 150 years ago

and rooting it in faith, hope and love.

*We marvel at the journey you have traveled
with our bishops, laity, religious and priests.*

Continue to strengthen us as one family.

*Give us the clarity to focus on the things
that last:*

-faith in you and the Gospel

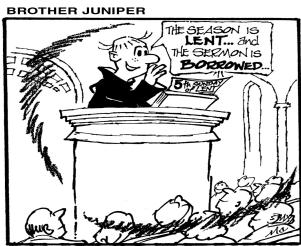
-hope in the Resurrection

-and the love of our God.

Amen

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 24-25

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Anna Blackman Stanley Lazarczyk
Eucharistic Minister Bill Reed Diane Heater
Altar Servers Daniel Bradley, Ella Carroll Lukas Schutz, Dan Corcoran
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Terry McDonough Diana Sierra
Eucharistic Minister Larry Marcial Carol Cordova
Altar Servers Mikaela Parker, Draven Nitecki, David Marcial, Joe Loughney
Milford Senior Care 3/18 Debbie Roa 3/25 Lois Lazarczyk



LENTEN "SOUP-TO-GO"

"Soup To Go" fundraiser! Cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms are 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 last "Soup of the Week" for Thursday, March 22 is Cream of Corn & Clam. Vegetarian Vegetable is also available each week. Pick up is in the church basement between 4 -6pm. Thank you for your support!

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Again this year the Lily's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorializing. The offering per flower will be \$20.00. Special large YELLOW envelopes are available at all entrances to the church. Fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelope into the collection basket or at the Parish office. Deadline is March 19th. A list of the Memorials will appear in the April 1st Easter Bulletin. Please note that your monthly envelope packet has included an "Easter Flower Donation Envelope" returning this flower envelope helps defray the cost of flowers in general and does NOT reserve a Lily. ONLY THE YELLOW ENVELOPES provided at the entrances to the Church are for Lily Memorializations.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 23rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

SAINT JOSPEH'S CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCES 2017

Operating Account

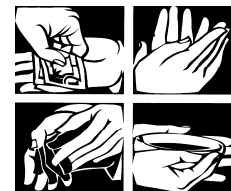
Income	
Collections	\$225,178.00
Religious Ed.	3,652.00
Fund Raising	8,963.00
Other Inc.	<u>7,832.00</u>
Total Income	\$245,624.00
Expenses	
Salaries/Benefits	\$97,997.00
Rel. Ed.	8,050.00
General Adm/Ofc	25,549.00
Utilities/Main/Repairs	35,177.00
Liturg Salary/Exp	23,385.00
Diocesan Assessments	68,387.00
Rectory Exp.	<u>12,085.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$270,630.00
Account Balances June 30, 2017	
Operating	\$9,639.28
Debt to Diocese—Assessments	\$15,365.48

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Drew Crine
by
The Family

Weekly Offering
March 11, 2018
\$ 4637.50

Last Year
March 12, 2017
\$ 4328.80

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."

MEMORIAL MASS CARDS

For those of you who have placed a Memorial Mass Card on the Cross for the month of November, please call the parish office to make arrangements to pick your cards up.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

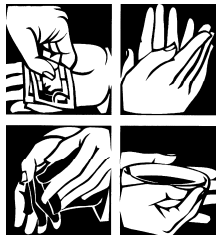
Meet Wednesdays from 2-4 in the Church Hall Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We knit and crochet for many agencies throughout the area. Please come and join us! Can't knit or crochet?, We can help!!!

EASTER LILY/ FLOWER MEMORIALS

This year the Lilies and Flowers that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost will be \$15.00 per plant. Special Yellow envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelopes into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline for your response is March 19th. A list will appear in the Easter Bulletin.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Wednesday, March 21st at 2:30



Weekly Collection
March 11, 2018
 \$ TBA
 This time last year
 \$3,085.00

Saint Patrick's Church

STATEMENT OF FINANCES 2017

Operating Account

Income	
Collections	\$216,439.00
Religious Ed.	6,581.00
Fund Raising	3,600.00
Other Inc.	<u>11,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$237,620.00
Expenses	
Salaries/Benefits	\$ 94,525.00
Rel. Ed.	12,940.00
General Adm/Ofc	15,394.00
Utilities	69,263.00
Liturg Salary/Exp	24,669.00
Rectory Exp.	<u>\$ 15,678.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$232,499.00
Building Fund	
Income	\$ 73,181.00
Payments	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 43,181.00

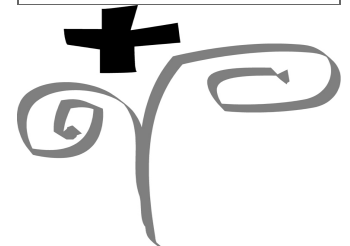
Account Balances June 30, 2017

Operating	\$23,281.00
Building	\$43,181.00
Debt to Diocese—Assessments	\$110,000.00
Mortgage Balance	\$2,471,356.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
March 11, 2018
 \$TBA
 Year to Date July '17 - Current
 \$30,741.00
 Goal for the Year \$100,000
 Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 24-25

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)
Lector <i>Jack Boyle</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca, Pat Corcoran</i>
Altar Servers <i>Carl Lock, Abigail Vogel</i>
Sunday 11:00am
Lector <i>Cheryl McCarthy</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Rosemary Walsh, Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira</i>
Altar Servers <i>Nikcholas Dinos, Jason Lecina</i>



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Angela Gleason** requested by Friends

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". John 12: 23-24

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

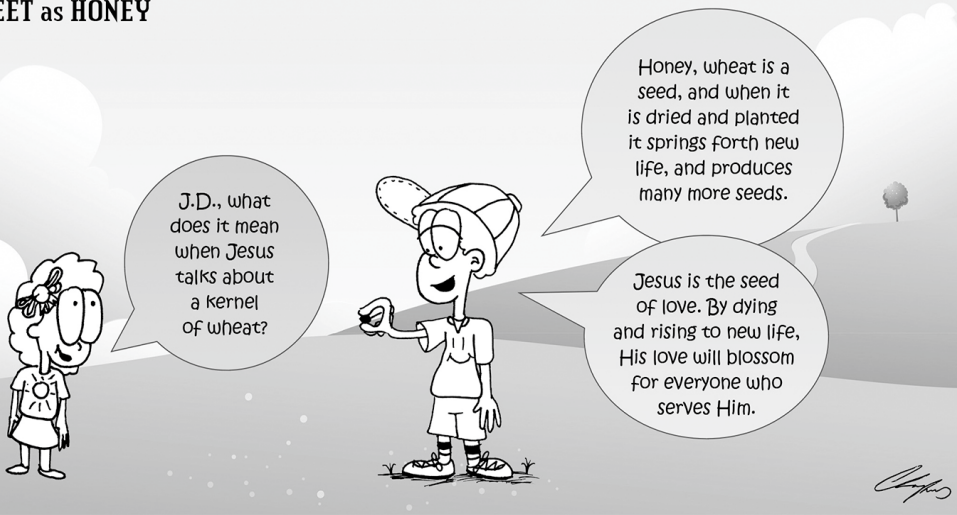
This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

SWEET as HONEY



Calendar

Monday

March 19

St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday

March 20

Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

March 21

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

March 22

Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

March 23

Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

March 24

Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

March 25

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mk 11:1-10 or
Jn 12:12-16
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1-15:47 or
Mk 15:1-39

Daily Prayer

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts in more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are celebrating

ing the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

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