

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

Remembering
Nov. 14-20

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✠ **Troy Randolph**

Dan & Marilyn Bradley

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Charles T. Barbagallo**

Betty Barbagallo

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Tom Sloan**

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Enrique Vargas**

Jackie Padgett

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00 (SJ)

✠ **Phyllis Cordova**

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Joseph Kacmarcik**

Clare & Family

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Tom Sloan**

9:00am (SJ)

✠ **Margaret Fontana**

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

11:00am (SP)

✠ **For the People of**

**St. Joseph and
St. Patrick Parishes**

Ordinary Time

November 13, 2016 ♦ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Mal 3:19-20a ♦ 2 Thes 3:7-12 ♦ Lk 21:5-19



As we come to the close of the Church year, our readings turn more and more to the “end times.” These words are not easy to hear. Certainly, when we think about the persecution of Christians, the civil wars that seem far too frequent, and the number of people, nations, and even religious groups who claim to have the sole answer to everyone’s problems, we can find a striking resemblance to Jesus’ description of the coming days.

What our world is undergoing is not new. In every age people have been persecuted, wars have been fought, natural disasters have occurred, and many have claimed to be saviors. Jesus admits this openly and still tells us not to despair. He promises to walk with us and to give us the wisdom to speak even in the midst of great trouble. It’s tempting to follow the charismatic speakers and powerful leaders who claim

to have the truth or single solution to our human limitations and vulnerabilities. Jesus urges us not to do that, but to look to him alone for what we need.

Our imperfect and passing world will always have places and times of great suffering and strife. Jesus doesn’t promise to take it all away; he promises to lead us through it. God will never abandon us and will provide more than a temporary fix. If we doubt that, we have only to look to Jesus’ death and resurrection to see that he was willing to take the worst the world had to offer in order to offer us the very best.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“Holy Mother Church teaches us to end [our days] with an examination of conscience, through which we review what has happened; we thank the Lord for every good... [and] think again of our failings.” —Homily, December 31, 2014



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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 hospitalized, please contact your Parish Office.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's parishes are taking a journey through the bible. Our guide is the renowned biblical scholar Jeff Cavins. There are eight half-hour video presentations followed by discussion. The journey began on Wednesday, October 26 at St. Patrick's. Optional study materials are available for about \$20.00. For information please contact Ray Proulx at 570 296-7645 or proulx@ptd.net. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th from 9 - 3pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall. Craft Vendors, Bake Sale, Raffles, and Flea Market. Breakfast and Lunch will be available. Come do some early Christmas Shopping!

THE SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - CARE FOR CREATION PART 3 -

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si", Pope Francis writes of the teachings from Saint Francis of Assisi, the namesake he chose when he was named Pope. "...Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically...He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he...was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He...lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast...He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace...To him each and every creature was a sister united to him by bonds of affection. That is why he felt called to care for all that exists...Such a conviction cannot be written off as naive romanticism, for it affects the choices which determine our behaviour. If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously...What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (Wis 13:5); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world" (Rom 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty...Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." 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)

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Thanksgiving Day— November 24th

Mass Thursday, November 24th at St. Joseph's 9:00AM

The Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th

Vigil Mass Wednesday, December 7th at St. Patrick's 7:00PM

Mass December 8th, at St. Joseph's 8:00AM

Christmas Eve Masses

Mass Saturday, December 24th at St. Joseph's 4:00PM

Mass Saturday, December 24th at St. Patrick's 6:00PM and 10:00PM

Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25th

Mass at St. Joseph's 9:00AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY

We will follow our normal weekend Mass schedule.

Offices will be closed between Christmas and New Year's

WINTER STORMS-(Daily Mass only) Both Parishes will follow the Delaware Valley School District closings. If there is a 2 hour delay or a school closing there will be no daily Mass. This does not include Holydays. To find out if there is a delay/closing call 570-296-1800 or visit the Delaware Valley School District Website 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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

"TEXT TO GIVE WEEKEND"

This weekend you can make a donation to the Diocesan Annual Appeal via text message. Simply Text the word "Appeal" to the number 91999. You will receive a message back with a link to a website. Tap on the link and follow the instructions. Your Annual Appeal gift supports Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in School & Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education & Support, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media and Communication. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
November 19-20

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Stephanie Fells
Eucharistic Minister Jackie Padgett Jack Reilly
Altar Servers Eric Cabrera-Agostini Lukas Schutz
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Anna Blackman
Eucharistic Minister Bill Reed Diana Sierra
Altar Servers Joseph Loughney Mikaela Parker
October Altar Server Of the Month: David Marcial
Milford Senior Care 11/13 Carol Cordova 11/20 Eileen Dorko

BROTHER JUNIPER



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of
Dick Gross

by
The Bensley Family

COFFEE SOCIAL - TODAY! following the 9:00am Mass. All Welcome!!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION - Do you have a favorite book that you read to your kids or grandkids? Would you generously share a new copy with a child in need? St. Joseph's CCD students are putting their faith into action as they collect new children's books for distribution to local charities and organizations. Please consider donating a new children's/young teen's book, a monetary donation or a gift card (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc.). Book Donation boxes are located at the front entrance of the Church and the Rectory back porch. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope. The kids will be sorting, wrapping, and packing the books on November 20th. Thank you for supporting our parish kids as they take on this wonderful service project! ****NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEKEND****

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Altar & Rosary Society will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 19th from 9 - 3pm in our downstairs Church Hall. Craft Vendors, Bake Sale, Raffles, and Flea Market. Breakfast and Lunch will be available. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Flea Market may bring them to the Church on Tues., Wed., 11/15, 11/16, 11/18 from 6:30 - 7:30pm. PLEASE only clean saleable items (NO clothing, electronics, or large furniture). Bake Sale Items can be dropped off either Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - The Parish Council would like to express our appreciation to our parishioners for taking part in the survey, which was completed in December, 2015. As our parish has been in transition, the council would like you to know that the responses are being reviewed. The goal is to summarize the responses and report back to the parish within the next two months. The Parish Council is currently seeking to fill several vacant seats left by members who have fulfilled their appointed terms. If you or any parishioner that you know may be interested in being nominated or would like more information, please contact Carol Cordova at (570) 491-9074 or mcb4413@hotmail.com **The next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday, November 14th 6:30 pm in the Rectory.**

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE - Father Vito will celebrate Mass at Milford Senior Care Thursday, November 10th at 9:30 am. Family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Held 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!

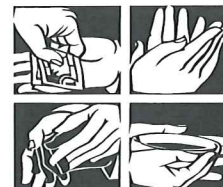
FOOD PANTRY - Our next food pantry will be Friday, December 16th from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

ANNUAL APPEAL - Goal \$40,000, Pledged as of 11/7 \$23043.00 - 58%

Weekly Offering
November 6, 2016
\$ 3313.51 (1st)
\$ 618.00 (2nd)

Last Year
November 8, 2015
\$ 4048.78 (1st)
\$ 610.00 (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."

BAPTISMS

We would like to welcome into the Christian faith community of Saint Patrick's **Leah Ford**, daughter of Brett and Nicole Andidero who was baptized this weekend. God Bless you Leah.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve on November 18th at 4:00pm. **Volunteers needed. Friday, November 11th at 11:00AM at Food Pantry for Shoprite delivery, Wednesday, November 16th at 10:00AM at Food Pantry to bag Thanksgiving Meals, Friday, November 18 Distribution of meals from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. This is earlier than a regular Friday due to Thanksgiving next week.**

CONFESSIONS AT ST. PATRICK'S

Tuesday and Wednesday Confessions will be at 11:00. Saturday, Confessions will be at 2:00pm.

ALTAR SERVER OF THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Congratulations to **Adam Sandonato** as the recipient of this month's Altar Server Award.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

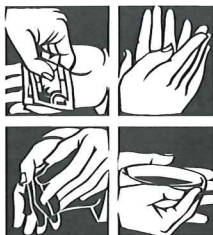
The next bake sale is the weekend of November 19 and 20th. If you would like to bake something for the sale, please drop off your dessert before any Mass you plan on attending. Also- a reminder to all PHP members, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 in the Parish Office to sort the Thanksgiving food.

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.

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Weekly Offering
November 6, 2016
TBA Next Week
Last year
November 3, 2015
\$4,426.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
November 6, 2016
TBA Next Week
Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$24,452.27
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Ray Proulx
Communion Ministers Linda Coffey, Pat Corcoran, Donna Hersca
Altar Servers Mikaela Larry, Riley Mapes
Sunday 7:30am
Lector John Wroblewski
Communion Ministers Karen Loeschorn, Arlene & Dean Quirk
Altar Servers Samantha Becker, Jakob Fortunato
Sunday 11:00am
Lector 5th Grade Student
Communion Ministers Jeanne Ryan, Ray Weeks
Altar Servers Olivia & Pamela Larry
<i>The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Rosemary & Jack Walsh requested by Rosemary</i>

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.

Before Jesus comes again the earth will see great unrest. Jesus reminds His followers to remain faithful and "not a hair on your head will be destroyed."

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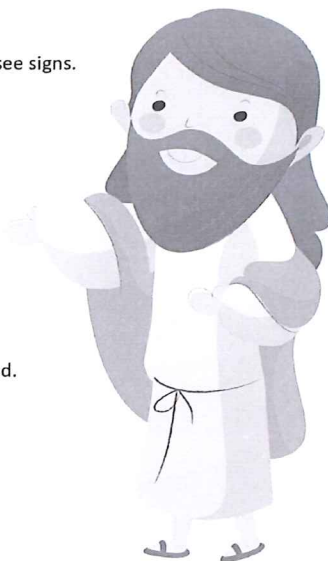
Fill in the blanks with the bold and underlined words above. Match the sentence number to the number's below and write the starred letter in the blank to see Jesus' command.

Stand firm, and you will win life.

- 1) Today is the Gospel of _____ ★ _____ LUKE 21:19
- 2) As Catholics we are _____ ★ _____ of Jesus.
- 3) We know Jesus will come _____ ★ _____.
- 4) _____ ★ _____ Jesus comes, we will see signs.
- 5) The _____ ★ _____ will see unrest.
- 6) The unrest will be _____ ★ _____.
- 7) _____ ★ _____ tells us what to do.
- 8) "Not a _____ ★ _____ on your head will be destroyed."

Jesus said, "Remain

_____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 8 _____ 6 _____ 5 _____ 4 _____ 7 _____ 1 _____



Daily Prayer this Week

Monday
NOVEMBER 14
Weekday
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 15
Weekday
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 16
Weekday
Rv 4:1-11
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday
NOVEMBER 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 5:1-10
Lk 19:41-44

Friday
NOVEMBER 18
Weekday
Rv 10:8-11
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday
NOVEMBER 19
Weekday
Rv 11:4-12
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday
NOVEMBER 20
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

Making changes in c
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allow Jesus to be w
us in the

Where do we start? W
a small prayer. In tho
tiny pockets of time di
ing our week, when i

travel, ride to work, do dishes or even in the shower, we can make these reflective moments to ask for help. Just as Jesus ask the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" he is asking us the same question

What do we want Jesus to do for us? Where do we want to make changes in the patterns of our lives? What changes are we afraid to make?

Dear Jesus, I ask for your help. Heal my fears. You have asked how you can help me and I am afraid to answer. I know what changes need to be made in my life but it seems overwhelming. Help me to open my heart to what you are asking - and to who I now need. Be with me when I don't always know how to live in these new patterns and give me the humility to keep asking you for help over and over.

Let me feel your presence in my life and that will give me the strength and courage I need to live my life more faithfully.

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