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

# Rememderinζ Jan. 15-22

#### SUNOAY JAN. 15 11:00am (SP) Julio Saavedra, Sincenzo, Caterina &

Alfonso Bono

CDONÒAY 8:00 AM (SJ) P Matias Delgado Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

TUCSOAY 12:00pm (SP) Timothy Greeves and Deacon Cliff Jorgenson Their Families

TDURSOAY 8:00am (SJ) P Dick Gross Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

#### FRIDAY

#### No Mass

SATURÒAY 4:00 (SJ) 9 Jay Rose Mr. & Mrs. Declan Carroll

5:30pm (SP) Couise & Emil Moglia The Family

> SUNOAY 7:30am (SP) Stephen Dorniak Daughter, Susanne

9:00am (SJ) **Robert Ewald** Susan Skidmore

11:00am (SP) <sup>↑</sup> For the People of St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parishes



#### January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Is 49:3, 5–6 1 Cor 1:1–3 Jn 1:29–34

# New Life

his fresco by Perugino, Michelangelo's art teacher, is found on the wall of the Sistine Chapel. Like the other frescoes in this sacred space, this panel contains multiple scenes. The central scene is the baptism of Jesus. The viewer clearly sees Jesus standing in the water, with John the Baptist next to him, pouring water over his head. God the Father is

above, ready to declare

that this is his beloved Son. The Holy Spirit comes down upon Jesus in the form of a dove. It was the Spirit who helped John know that this was the Messiah, the one sent by God to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Piece: Baptism of Christ, circa 1482

Artist: Pietro Vannucci (Perugino)

Location: Sistine Chapel

After his baptism, Jesus is sent out to preach and teach. The fresco reveals that Perugino has read his Bible: the scene to the right Jesus is shown preaching to the multitudes. John the Baptist's mission changes, too. He goes from preparing for the coming of the Messiah to following and testifying about him. This is what the baptized do: the new life we are given calls and strengthens us to offer that new life to others.

At our baptism, we were sanctified, forgiven our sins, incorporated into the body of Christ, and given

a mission to share this baptism with others. In fact, the last words of Jesus before his ascension were, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20).

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

How willing am I to share about Jesus and what he means to me? Do I have family or friends in doubt about baptizing their child? How can I kindly encourage them?

"T saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him.... Now T have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:32, 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. 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 immediate danger of death. It is a help and comfort to the living. If a parishioner is homebound or

## MARRIAGE HELP

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you, Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration Required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

# **RIGHT TO LIFE BUS TRIP FREE!**

(Donations accepted ) The Knights of Columbus from St. John Neumann has a bus trip planned on Friday, January 27th and has extended their invitation to us for those who would like to go. Fr. John Ryan will do a 4:00AM Mass at St. John Neumann and the bus will leave immediately following the 4:00AM Mass and will plan on leaving Washington around 4:00PM. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

## 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.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of communitybased preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Patrick's on February 7, 2017. five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139) with our member discount). All 5 screens take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10.00 discount off any package priced about \$129.00. Please call 888 653-6441.

### **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.

### 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.dvsd.org

## THE SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - Care for Creation, part 5

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si", Pope Francis writes about what is happening to our common home (Earth) and why we are called to action. He writes, "Let us review...those questions which are troubling us today and which we can no longer sweep under the carpet. Our goal is...to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it." The Pope begins with a review of the issue of pollution. "Some forms of pollution are part of people's daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths...There is also pollution that affects everyone, caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agrotoxins in general.. (There's also) pollution produced by residue, including dangerous waste ... Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses (and other sites). The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth...Frequently no measures are taken (to change) until after people's health has been irreversibly affected. These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish. To cite one example, most of the paper we produce is thrown away and not recycled. It is hard for us to accept that the way natural ecosystems work is exemplary: plants synthesize nutrients which feed herbivores; these in turn become food for carnivores, which produce significant quantities of organic waste which give rise to new generations of plants. But our industrial system, at the end of its cycle of production and consumption, has not developed the capacity to absorb and reuse waste and by-products. We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them. A serious consideration of this issue would be one way of counteracting the throwaway culture which affects the entire planet, but it must be said that only limited progress has been made in this regard." We, as individuals and Christians, can take action just by following the old mantra "reduce, reuse, recycle". If your town doesn't recycle, ask the leaders why not, and until they change, find a place to bring your recyclables. Minimize use of chemicals at home, in the garden, and at work. Change from a throwaway mentality - don't buy the latest then toss something usable when you can still use it or donate it. Donate used items to the parish flea market, or thrift shops, like "Calling All Angels" in Milford or the Salvation Army, that donate portions of their proceeds to the poor. And reduce consumption: ask if you really need it before you buy it. And we can all contact our leaders, at every level, to tell them to support conservation efforts, or oppose actions that harm our communities and planet. Perhaps small steps, but the overall impact is exponential if everyone does it!

Let us pray ... that we recognize our obligation to care for our world and all people, to share our resources with others and not waste what we have, and to see all people as equal in the eyes of the Lord. Amen.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE January 21-22

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Anna Blackman

**Eucharistic Minister** Jackie Padgett Jack Reilly

#### Altar Servers

Eric Cabrera-Agostini Daniel Bradley

Sunday 9:00am Lector

Jackie Tescione

**Eucharistic Minister** Neal Bensley Makayla Csencsits

#### Altar Servers

Joseph Loughney Mikaela Parker

**December** Altar Server Of the Month: Lucas Helms

#### Milford Senior Care 01/15 Jack Reilly

01/22 Carol Cordova



The Sanctuary Candle <sup>bums</sup>

In Memory of

Joseph Favenger by Mr. & Mrs. Declan Carroll & Family

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

# **COFFEE SOCIAL** Today after the 9:00am Mass All Are invited!

# FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

will be held Friday, February 3rd at 8:00am at here at St. Joseph's.

# **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, then Coffee and Conversation will be held after Mass on Thursday.

# **RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE**

Monday, January 23 from 1—6pm downstairs in the Church Hall. **The American Red Cross has a significant blood shortage and is issuing an emergency request for eligible blood and platelet donors.** Hectic holiday schedules for many regular blood donors contributed to about 37,000 fewer donations in November and December. Snowstorms and severe weather have also impacted supplies. More than 90 blood drives were forced to cancel in December, resulting in thousands of uncollected donations . **PLEASE consider donating and giving the "Gift of Life".** 

# **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

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! St. Joseph's Parish Goal **\$40,000**, Amt. Pledged as of 1/9/17 27,393.00 - **68%** 

# FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, January 20th from 6 - 8pm (Team D). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

# **OPEN HOUSE ST. MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS**

In celebration of Catholic School Week, St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center in Port Jervis invites current, prospective, and alumni families to attend an Open House on Monday, January 30 from 5-7pm. Snow date is Monday February 6. Visit classrooms, meet with staff, shop our Scholastic Book Fair, and learn how Little Lambs is raising standards in Catholic education. Little Lambs will begin accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year at Open House. For more information, parents of prospective students are encouraged to contact director Eileen Carmody at 845-858-4208 or littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com

# COURT MADONNA ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Sunday, January 15th. Doors open at 12 noon. Drawing begins at 2:00pm. Tickets are 25 for \$1. For more information contact: Debbie Di Toto at 856-8996 or Barbara Drew, Chairperson 856-2624.

Weekly Offering January 8 2017 \$4818.40 1st \$470.00 2nd December 25, 2016 \$8804.00 Thank you for your generosity! Last Year January 10, 2016 \$3731.00 1st \$518.00 2nd December 25, 2015 \$ 10,942.00



"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."



# ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

**DINNER** Anyone wishing to start a committee to organize the annual St. Patrick's Dinner, please call the parish office to make arrangements to set up meetings to plan for our annual event.

# MASS AT BELLE REVE

The Mass for Belle Reve has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 18th at 2:30. The monthly calendar does not reflect this change. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. PATRICK'S

All are invited and encouraged to spend some quiet time with the Lord away from the noise and pressures of our hectic world. Participants are asked to sign up for one hour or half hour time periods. Sign-up sheets are near the entrance of the church. Adoration will follow the 12:00 Noon Mass on Wednesdays until 3:00PM

## HELP THE FOOD PANTRY

Please check future bulletins for our "Souper Bowl" details.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve on January 27, 2017 at 6:00pm.

## PILGRIM VIRGIN

The original Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was sculpted by Jose Lledim in 1946 following indications given to him by sister Lucia. It was solemnly crowned on May 13, 1947 in Portugal and from that day has traveled around the world promoting the message of peace and love. The legion of Mary here at St. Patrick has a replica of this statue and parishioners may have the Pilgrim Virgin "visit' their home. Anyone interested may contact Catherin Umberto 570 491-5820.

## 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.

> Weekly Offering Janua,ry 8, 2016 \$3214.00 *Last year* January 12, 2016 \$5, 742.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory January 8, 2017 \$1,130 Year to Date July 16' - Current \$332,524.04 Goal for the Year \$100,000 Thank you for your generosity! MINISTRY SCHEDULE January 21-22

#### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** Dolores McGlew

Communion Ministers

Sara Cottone, Janet Finnerty, Jeanne Ryan

**Altar Servers** Sean Rinkel, Nicole Traxler

Sunday 7:30am

**Lector** David Stine

**Communion Ministers** Clorinda Alfano, Angela Gleason, Karen Loeschorn

**Altar Servers** Jakob Fortunato, Adam Sandonato

Sunday 11:00am

**Lector** John Wroblewski

**Communion Ministers** Linda Coffey, Pat Corcoran, Ray Weeks

**Altar Servers** Samantha Becker, Roger Neff

The Sanctuary Candle burns for **Joanna Chudowolski** 

Teresa & Ron Glindmeier

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.

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John Baptist	N	D	R	В	R	L	Н	F	R	0	М	J	А	Mk 3:1–6 <b>Thursday</b>	the context of the real cir- cumstances of our lives.
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Jesus	S	V	L	т	Е	S	т	I	М	0	Ν	Y	В	Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12	don't have time to pray." But if we change our focus
Revealed Lamb	L	Е	S	G	v	В	L	т	А	К	Е	S	S	Friday	to the moments we have free, we find ourselves sur-
God Holy	W	N	N	J	Е	S	U	S	I	G	N	С	Р	January 20 Weekday	prised at the time we really do have. There are dozens
Spirit	A	0	A	т	A	G	L	Т	N	J	0	Н	1	Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19	of times in all of our days during which our minds are
From Heaven													'	Saturday	occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last
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Dove	Е	Н	A	L	Е	Ν	G	A	Y	R	Ν	Z	I	<i>Virgin and Martyr</i> Heb 9:2–3, 11–14	sation with someone, hav- ing an imaginary argument
Remain Baptize	R	Y	С	А	D	L	0	Н	Е	В	R	I	Т	Mk 3:20–21	with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of
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Chosen One	Y	Е	А	н	L	N	0	Y	R	А	V	Р	Р	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	we choose. If we choose to
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Away Sin	IN				п	C		п		L	IVI			1 Cor 1:10–13, 17 Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17	forms our lives.
World	Y	W	Н	Ν	I	Т	S	I	Т	Ρ	A	В	S		It all begins with our morn-

first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious that what we do this day responds to his call to us to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk with God about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific in this or that set of events.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

Dear Lord, at times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today. What are the opportunities to preach your Word today? Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division? Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.

http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/

ings. This week, when we