

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

Remembering  
Jan. 30—Feb. 5

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a

**MONDAY**

8:00 AM (SJ)

† **Robert Ewald**

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Marcial

**TUESDAY**

12:00pm (SP)

† **Judi Shaughnessy**

**WEDNESDAY**

12:00pm

† **Clare Sui (living)**

Ray & Carol Proulx

**THURSDAY**

8:00am (SJ)

† **Communion Service**

**FRIDAY**

8:00am (SJ)

† **First Friday**

**Communion Service**

**SATURDAY**

4:00pm (SJ)

† **Frances Chase**

Lily Stewart

5:30pm (SP)

† **Joseph Romano**

Donna Piazza & Family

**SUNDAY**

7:30am (SP)

† **Timothy O'Sullivan**

John & Mary Murray

9:00am (SJ)

† **Kathryn Martin**

Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

11:00am (SP)

† **For the People of**

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

## The Beautiful Beatitudes

To follow Christ is to seek lowliness, humility, mercy, and righteousness. The Ten Commandments summarize God's teaching to his people. Jesus gives us a new law that builds on the old. Before it was "You shall not..."; now it is, "Blessed are you when..." He calls us to greater happiness, greater blessing, but it comes with a challenge. Saint Augustine says that Jesus went up the mountain to preach the Beatitudes because he was preaching a higher moral doctrine: "greater precepts of righteousness."

The new law contradicts what our wounded human nature tends to think and feel. We are challenged to believe blessings can come from tears, meekness, and poverty; that living meekly leads

to strength and security. Appreciating these truths requires transforming our minds and hearts. Faith is required. Deeply desiring and living in the right does bring satisfaction. There is consolation in mourning the things that sadden Christ's heart.

If we live by the beatitudes, many will treat us more generously. We know people who are merciful, and we are quick to show them mercy. When our hearts are clean, we can see God more clearly. Those who seek and create peace are considered by all to be children of God. They are not without trials and suffering, but they are blessed and happy.

Christ calls us to store up treasures in heaven, spiritual blessings that cannot be taken away. Even if we experience difficulty, we will still receive the highest and greatest gift: the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Am I renewing my heart and mind in Christ? How do I live out the beatitudes?*

Place: *The Sermon on the Mount*, circa 1482  
Artist: Cosimo Rosselli  
Location: Sistine Chapel



*"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness"*  
(Matthew 5:10).

### 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

### **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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### **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.

### **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 (St. Joseph's Only) 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](http://www.dvdsd.org)

### **UPCOMING MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday February 1st—St. Patrick's  
No Confessions—Communion Service at  
12:00 Noon**

**Thursday February 2nd—Communion  
Service at St. Joseph's 8:00AM**

**Friday February 3rd—First Friday Com-  
munion Service 8:00am St. Joseph's**

**Saturday February 4th—No Confessions  
at St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's Masses are  
regular times at both parishes**

**Sunday, February 5—Masses are regular  
times at both parishes**

**Monday, February 6th—Communion  
Service at St. Joseph's 8:00am**

**Tuesday, February 7th—Communion Ser-  
vice at St. Patrick's—No Confessions**

**Wednesday February 8th—Communion  
Service at St. Patrick's 12:00 Noon  
No Confessions**

**Thursday—February 9th—Communion  
Service at St. Joseph's 8:00AM**

**Friday—February 10th—No Mass**

**Saturday February 11th—No Confessions  
at St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's—Masses  
are regular time at both parishes**

**Sunday—February 12th—Masses are reg-  
ular times at both parishes**

**Monday—February 13th—Communion  
Service at St. Joseph's 8:00am**

**Tuesday—February 14th—No Confessions  
at St. Patrick's—Communion Service at  
12:00 Noon**

**Wednesday—February 15—No Confes-  
sions at St. Patrick's Communion Service  
at 12:00 Noon.**

**Thursday—February 16th—Back to our  
regular schedule—Mass at St. Joseph's  
8:00am, Adoration 8:30-12:00pm**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 4-5

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Declan Carroll
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Anna Blackman Stanley Lazarczyk
<b>Altar Servers</b> Mark Cavallaro Brenna Cavallaro
<b>Sunday 9:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Makayla Csencsits
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Carol Cordova Diane Heater
<b>Altar Servers</b> Alexandra Manazza Daniel Bradley
<b>January Altar Server Of the Month: Mark Cavallaro</b>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>01/29 Eileen Dorko</b> 02/05 Lois Lazarczyk

BROTHER JUNIPER



The  
Sanctuary Candle  
burns

In Memory of  
**Lou Ghegan**

by  
Louise & Eleanor

## FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

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

## PRAYER CIRCLE

If you have a prayer request please call any of the following Prayer Circle Captains, Karen Sweeney 570-491-2228, Ann Dilger 845-856-6064, Carol Cordova 570-491-9074.

## DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PRESENTS

Nationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best selling author, Matthew Kelly, to our area on Friday, April 7th from 6:30-10:30 in Monroe, NY. Matthew will be sharing his inspirational message of how to live everyday a life with purpose and passion. Throughout his presentation he will discuss how to apply the genius of Catholicism enabling you to have a more vibrant and meaningful life. For more info about this phenomenal event visit [www.dynamiccatholic.com/](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/) events and select Passion and Purpose. Matthew will inspire you to live the life you were created to live. We have people who are willing to carpool. If you are interested call: Carol Cordova 570-491-9074.

## RETREAT

being offered by the Jesuits, February 3,4,5. All are welcome! For more information please call John Sybrandy 570-491-4495.

## OPEN HOUSE ST. MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS

Monday, January 30 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 info contact director Eileen Carmody at 845-858-4208 or [littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com](mailto:littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com)

## 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.

## COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, February 19th. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

## FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, February 24th from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

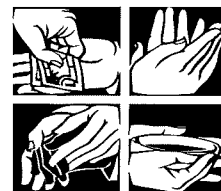
## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend's 2nd collection will be for CCHD. Thank you for your generosity! To learn more about CCHD visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection)

Weekly Offering  
January 22, 2017  
\$ 2630.01 (1st)  
\$ 424.00 (2nd)

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year  
January 24, 2016  
\$2589.18 (1st)  
\$414.00 (2nd)  
(Major Snow Storm)



**"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....**also beginning in March 15th Mass will be the 3rd Wednesday of every Month. Please note there is no Mass at Belle Reve in February.**

## EUCCHARISTIC 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

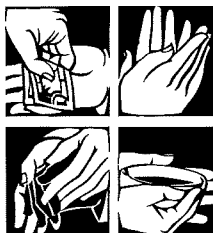
## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

It's easy to remember : **SOUP FOR THE SOUPERBOWL!** Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the St. Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church! Take a can of soup, any kind, wrap a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it to Mass on Sunday, February 5, 2017 and deposit it in the special boxes near the doors. All soup and dollars will be used for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Help feed the Hungry...bless you for caring and sharing! **ALSO...**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SALE** on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th they will be sponsoring their FIFTH annual 'SOUPer bowl' fundraiser featuring delicious homemade soups from area chefs. The soup is sold by the quart and is available for take-out after all the Masses at St. Patrick's Church in Milford on Saturday, February 4th (5:30 Mass) and Sunday, February 5 (7:30) and 11:00 Mass). Proceeds from this event go to "Pike County Hands of Hope" for the Homeless. Last year's response was outstanding! The Knights look forward to your continuing support for this worthy cause. Once again, THANK YOU !

## 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  
January 22, 2017  
TBA  
Last year  
January 19, 2016  
\$4,481.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
January 22, 2017  
TBA  
Year to Date July 16' - Current  
\$33,315.04  
Goal for the Year \$100,000  
Thank you for your generosity!

<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Dolores McGlew</i>
<b>Communion Ministers</b> <i>Donna Hersca, Colleen Sheldon, Rosemary Walsh</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Jason Lacina, Carli Lock</i>
<b>Sunday 7:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>David Stine</i>
<b>Communion Ministers</b> <i>Arlene &amp; Dean Quirk</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Nicole Traxler, Abigail Vogel</i>
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Diane Dennis</i>
<b>Communion Ministers</b> <i>Linda Coffey, Pat Corcoran, Ray Weeks</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Dean Pedone, Dana Stroup</i>
<i>The Sanctuary Candle burns for <b>Edna &amp; Emile Rover</b> requested by Jeanne Hoffman</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.**

# The Good News

FREE

FREE

Jesus wants us to be happy. Jesus teaches happiness to all in His Sermon on the Mount.

In His sermon today Jesus teaches us a good way to live.

*This is what Jesus says:*

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

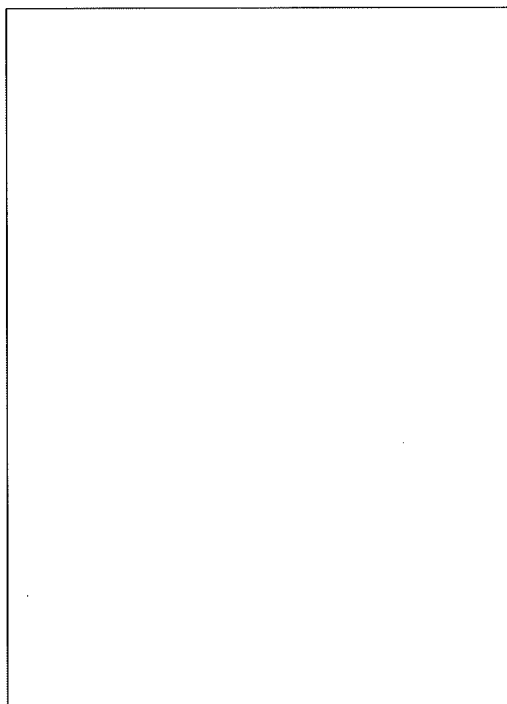
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Draw a picture of yourself in the newspaper, then share and talk to someone about what you drew.



This is \_\_\_\_\_, happily living The Beatitudes.

Living the message in The Beatitudes, gives happiness to everyone - ourselves, those around us and especially Jesus!

## Calendar

### Monday

January 30

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

January 31

St. John Bosco,

Priest

Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday

February 1

Weekday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

February 2

The Presentation of  
the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Friday

February 3

Weekday

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

February 4

Weekday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday

February 5

Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

## Daily Prayer this Week

*The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, we can ask the Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.*

*Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments this week when I plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of our part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, perhaps again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become "my" sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.*

*This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in my life. It may be the reason we don't ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be enough for us.*

*the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.*

*this week, like so many, can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called - placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others, rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforted by his presence. We can "come away with him" for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.*

*When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.*

*Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site  
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