

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

Remembering
Sept 4 - 10

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

John Sybrandy

Mr. & Mrs. Neal Bensley

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Jane Gentsch

Claire Collins

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Madolyn McCarthy

Patrick & Family

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

James & Irene Vito

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

For The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

Charles & Ray Abbott
The Moglia Family

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

Celebrant's Intentions

9:00am (SJ)

Lance Dragone

Jacki Tescione

11:00am (SP)

For

The People of
St. Patrick's Parish



September 3, 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

The Salvation He Offers

Once Peter is called “the rock” for his faith, he turns around and dissuades Jesus from the cross. Jesus responds sternly: “Get behind me, Satan!”

Jesus reveals two important things here. First, that Satan exists. Satan is very interested in going unnoticed, yet Jesus calls him out and makes Peter (and us) aware. The Bible is full of references to the devil. Popular culture also has focused on evil spirits—fascinated as it is with the occult, vampires, and the like. It seems to bear evil out more (and profit more from it) than some Catholics in the pews!

The second truth is that Satan can influence our thinking. I’m not referring to diabolical possession, which is a reality, but the more common temptations to lower our aspirations and to conform our thinking to a faithless perspective.

The painting *Satan Before the Lord* by Corrado Giaquinto, which depicts Satan asking and receiving permission to

tempt Job, focuses on this reality of evil. Satan knows our hearts and finds just the right strategy to lead us away from God. It usually involves one of the vices (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, or pride). Just like when Satan tempts Peter, he wants us to reject the demands of the cross, for he knows the cross is the instrument of his demise.

When God permits temptations to assail us or the effects of evil to touch our lives, we should respond humbly, as Job and Peter did. If God permits evil, it is only because he trusts us to love him sincerely—not just for the blessings he sends, but because of the salvation he offers.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Satan Before the Lord*, mid-eighteenth century
Artist: The Circle of Corrado Giaquinto
Location: Pinacoteca, Room XV, Vatican Museums

For Reflection

How are you tempted by the enemy of your soul? Are you ever convinced you aren't being tempted at all? How can you approach those persons, places, or things that normally tempt you with humility to God?

“Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (Matthew 16:23).

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

CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Meets at the Msgr. James Gacquin Religious Education Center, 122 Layton-Hainesville Road (Route 645) in Sandyston across from the Sandyston Municipal building on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30. Our prayer group will be using, as a spring board for discussion on prayer, a one half hour video "Crossing the Goal" (Leading Men to the Cross). Call Deacon Wayne at 973-293-3344 for more details.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

On May 13, 1917 our Blessed Mother first appeared to three young children in Fatima, Portugal asking them to pray the Rosary and telling them how important it was to listen to her. This year being the 100th Anniversary of Our blessed Mother's apparition, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dingmans Ferry, has begun a Children's Rosary Prayer Group. We meet once a month on the second Saturday at 11AM for about one hour at St. Vincent's in our Chapel. All are invited and most welcome. Any questions or interest please call Marie Biel at 570-686-4637 or hoza-na3@ptd.net

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

ANNUAL MUSICIANS MASS

A Mass of Thanksgiving for all liturgical musicians will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. This liturgy is a wonderful opportunity for choir members, choir directors, cantors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists to offer praise and thanks to God for their musical talent as they begin a new season of music ministry. The singing at the liturgy will be embellished with the Diocesan Festival Choir, the Cathedral organ and instrumentalists. All are cordially invited to attend. A light reception sponsored by the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, please contact David Baloga at the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Diocese of Scranton continues its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement by hosting a Retreat on Friday & Saturday, Sept. 15-16. This Golden Jubilee Retreat will be held at the Villa of Our Lady in Mount Pocono. The retreat will be led by Bob Valiante the Coordinator of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton. Retreatants can commute for all or part of the retreat, or can stay overnight at The Villa. The main program will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, and conclude at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. The registration for the retreat includes three meals on Saturday. For additional info, contact the office of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, P.O. Box 3306, Scranton, PA 18505 phone 570-344-2214; email crenewal@comcast.net. Note that the preliminary deadline for registrations is August 25th but local registrations will still be accepted as long as openings remain.

REKINDLE THE FLAME!!!

For couples who already have made a Marriage Encounter. Our next meeting will be held at St. John Neumann's Rectory on Tuesday, September 5th from 7 pm to 9 pm. For more information call 570-775-1647

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 7

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic...It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited...There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.

Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms...However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption. There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, (reducing use of) fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. Worldwide there is minimal access to clean and renewable energy...Some countries have made considerable progress, although it is far from constituting a significant proportion. Investments have also been made in means of production and transportation which consume less energy and require fewer raw materials, as well as in methods of construction and renovating buildings which improve their energy efficiency. But these good practices are still far from widespread." (Continued in part 8)

Let us pray ... that we recognize our obligation to care for our world and all people, to share our resources with others, and to see all people as equal in the eyes of the Lord. 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)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
September 9-10

HAPPY 33rd ANNIVERSARY FATHER VITO!!

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Bill Reed</i> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
Altar Servers <i>Ella Carroll</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
Sunday 9:00am
Lector <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Cristin Cavallaro</i> <i>Paul Cavallaro</i>
Altar Servers <i>Joe Loughney</i> <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
AUGUST Altar Server Of the Month: <i>Mikaela Parker</i>
Milford Senior Care 9/3 <i>Carol Cordova</i> <i>9/10 Eileen Dorko</i>



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
For the Intentions of
William & Rita Carroll
by
Declan & Mary Carroll & Family

COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY! - Immediately following the 9:00am Mass. Come help celebrate Father's Anniversary!!

CCD - Starts Sunday, September 17th!!! If you haven't registered your child please pick up a registration form at the entrances to the Church.

ST. JOSEPH'S JR CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Or want to become a better singer? Please join our choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:00 until 6:55pm. The Jr. Choir sings at the 9:00am Mass on Sundays. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of great service to our church and community. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to join. Please see Mrs. Bradley at 4:00pm Mass on Saturdays or call her at 845-754-3620.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Our Parish Service Ministry is reaching out to all parishioners who may be in need of our help. If you personally have needs or know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call to lift spirits or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

BOOKCASE

Don't forget to check out the new selection of books in the bookcase located in the vestibule of the church. All are Free but of course donations are welcome!

TRICKY TRAY SAVE THE DATE!!

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY will be held SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2017. Our Annual Tricky Tray will be in the DVHS Gym. Doors open at 11:30 and calling to start at 2:00 ***Donations needed!*** Baskets have been placed at the front and back entrances of the Church. Please take one, fill it for our Tricky Tray and return it no later than September 17th. THANK YOU.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

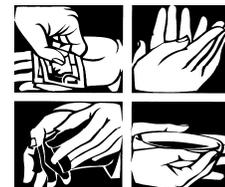
Every Monday in the Rectory after the 8:00am Mass. Come join Father Vito and discuss current events, Church happenings, or anything on your mind. All are invited!

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 29th, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering
August 29, 2017
\$ 3280.00 (1st)
\$ 485.00 (2nd)

Last Year
August 28, 2016
\$ 3203.75 (1st)
\$ 535.00 (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."



IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Louis Black who recently passed away. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen

ALTAR SERVERS

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office 570 296-7451 and your name will be added to list. A few practices will be scheduled in the near future. This practice is also for any present Altar Servers who would like a "refresher course". Thank you.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC SIGN UP NOW!!

Sign ups for the Parish Picnic are going on now before and after all the Masses. Thanks for all who are volunteering. If you have any questions, please e-mail Margie Neff at margieneff@yahoo.com

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

First Day of Religious Ed. Is September 10,2017 at 9:30.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

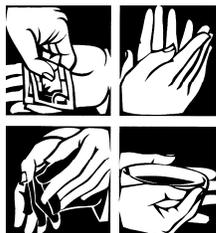
A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non- baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, such as Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Members are needed and always welcome! Come join on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance of the Church Hall. We are currently working on baby blankets for Lehigh Valley NICU. Come and join us!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 9-10

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)	
Lector	<i>Joe Casmus</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Pat Corcoran, R. & V. Sequeira</i>	
Altar Servers	<i>Carli Lock, Nicole Traxler</i>
Sunday 7:30am	
Lector	<i>Ray Proulx</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Donna Hersca, Arlene & Dean Quirk</i>	
Altar Servers	<i>Rioger Neff, Sean Rinkel</i>
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	<i>John Wroblewski</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Angela Gleason, Ray Weeks</i>	
Altar Servers	<i>Vincent & Isabella Sasaki</i>



Weekly Collection
August 27, 2017
\$2,608.00
Last year
August 30, 2016
\$3,780.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
August 27, 2017
\$ 1,293.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$9,600.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Robert Lamatina
requested by
Angelina Yanick*

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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Gospel Today Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 16:21-27

The message Jesus had for His disciples is the same for us today. Being a follower of God requires love, strength and difficulty. When we follow Jesus, He is with us and hears our prayer when we need help.

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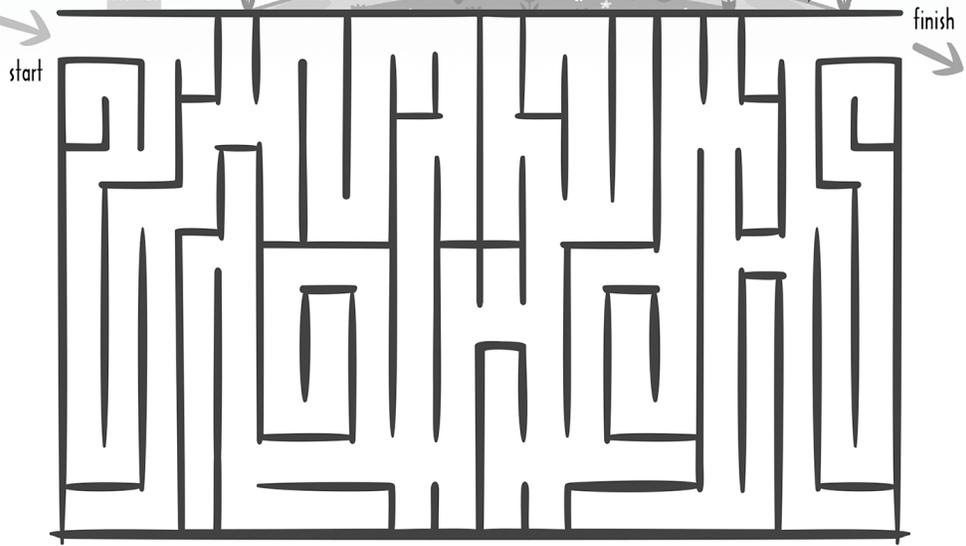
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
...follow Me.

For the Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father's glory, and then He will repay everyone according to his conduct.

Matthew 16:27



Matthew 16:24



Do not be afraid to follow God's way!

Peter had a hard time accepting God's way - Jesus had to remind him God and man do not think alike (Peter was thinking like a man).

What do you have trouble accepting?



Calendar

Monday

September 4
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13-18
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

September 5
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

September 6
Weekday
Col 1:1-8
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

September 7
Weekday
Col 1:9-14
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

September 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 1:21-23
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

September 10
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Daily Prayer

As we get into this pattern of letting the readings interact with the desires of our hearts, one week flows into the next. So, we begin this week continuing to reflect on the purpose of our lives. We can measure our resistance to self-denial for the sake of loving others more and ask for the Lord's healing and grace.

Our pattern of finding intimacy with our Lord in the unique context of our busy, complicated days begins with a morning moment of focus, the earlier the better. Soon after we wake up, we can pause briefly to give a faith filled shape to our day. While making coffee, starting a load of wash, taking a shower, getting dressed, we can begin our day with the Lord, begin our day in a relationship. At first, it may take practice to replace what usually goes on in our heads and hearts, with this kind of prayerful desiring. It can quickly become a very natural way to anticipate, plan and prepare for our day.

Reading this guide over the weekend or early in the week helps, as does reading the Daily Reflection for the day. But these resources work best when they provide a support for our inner conversation with the Lord as we go through the real experiences, relationships, conflicts and challenges of our day. Then the scriptures, the unique details of our lives, and the desires of our hearts simply come together in an ongoing

dialogue with the Lord that takes place in the background of our days and shapes our choices and reveals deeper desires.

This week, we might ask Jesus to confront the demons that seem to dominate the upcoming week. We may have many mothers-in-law or friends that need healing that we can entrust to the Lord's care. We might experience discouragement in our work, with our spouses or parents or in our jobs or ministries. We can take those discouragements and use them as an opportunity to ask the Lord to show us his power there. And, when we are tempted to feel unworthy or to be humbled by the task ahead, we can let Jesus call us again to follow him. Perhaps this week we will feel the call to a real renewal, to not just keep trying to pour new wine into our old wineskins but to ask the Lord to make us new, and ready for the new calls, new graces he is offering us. With the smallest of efforts, we can find a few moments every evening to look back on these days of connecting with our Lord, and to express our gratitude for his presence and the new freedom and graces we are receiving.

By Saturday, we might find ourselves turning to Mary to ask for the graces we need from our Lord. "I thank God for your life, Mary. Please place me with your Son."