

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

Remembering
Feb. 20-26

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✠ Communion Service

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ John Reilly

Wife, Judy

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm

✠ Edward Petry

Albert Dal Pan

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Jane F. Ewanciw

Eleanor Witkowski &

Louise Piccirillo

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ First Friday

Communion Service

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Julius Tenke

Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Steven Dutkus

Charles & Mae Catalano

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ Peter Gangarosa

Ed & Mary Higgins

9:00am (SJ)

✠ For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

✠ For the People of
St. Patrick Parish

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

Accentuating the Positive

Hate is a passion that can take over a person's heart in a short amount of time. God knows this, and he challenges us to avoid hate and holding grudges. In the law that Jesus preached, we are not even allowed to hate our enemies or persecutors. That is radical!

It is easy to let injuries build up over time. Eventually we find ourselves far away from those we should be closest to or those we once loved. This separation starts in our thoughts and settles into our hearts and behavior. Hate grows, and if it isn't controlled and redeemed, it can pull us down.

We don't have to hate, be angry, or carry grudges if we don't want to. Our hearts and minds can be filled with God's grace. We can work on three levels to

For Reflection

Michelangelo paints three figures pulling the sinner down. Which three passions weigh down my heart?

How can I use human and spiritual means to point my heart and mind in a healthier, God-focused direction?

overcome hate and anger: visual, verbal, and physical. When angry thoughts invade your mind, look up (visual), speak the truth to yourself (verbal), and change your posture (physical). This helps alter self-destructive thought patterns and helps us refocus our heart and mind. Add these natural means to the supernatural means of calling on God's grace, of receiving the sacrament of penance, and of taking moments of

prayer to see and speak his truth over a situation.

We are God's temple. His spirit of peace, mercy, and serenity needs to reign inside us. That means getting rid of negative, hateful, and hurtful thoughts toward ourselves and others. Don't let them pull you down!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Sinner*, detail of
The Last Judgment, circa 1536
Artist: Michelangelo Buonarroti
Location: Sistine Chapel altar wall

*"You shall not hate any of your kindred in your heart....
Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your own people.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:17-18).*

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

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.

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR WINTER

STORMS-(Daily Mass only)

We would like to apologize for any confusion with our daily Mass Schedules. It appears the best solution is for St. Joseph's to follow the School District School Closing Schedule for Daily Mass only. If there is a 2 hour delay St. Joseph's will not have Mass. This does not include Holydays. St. Patrick's will have Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesday regardless of 2 hour delays or closings. To find out if there is a delay or closing call 570-296-1800 or www.dvsd.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.

FATHER AL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

fatheral@ptd.net

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

"SOUP-TO-GO"

Again St. Joseph's Church will have the "Soup To Go" fundraiser during Lent. Soup will be available for sale beginning the week of Ash Wednesday, March 1st. A different soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms have been placed at all entrances at St. Joseph's 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 "Soup of the Week" for Ash Wednesday, will be: **New England Clam Chowder**. Pick-up will be in St. Joseph's Church basement between 4 -6pm on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for your support!

TRICKY TRAY Port Jervis Business and Professional Women's Club presents the 16th Annual Stars of Tomorrow Tricky Tray Fundraiser. March 11th at Port Jervis High School 10 Rte 209, Port Jervis NY. Doors open at noon calling begins at 2:00pm. Free admission, children welcome. Tickets \$1 per sheet, with a chance of \$200 cash prize. More than 275 baskets/gift certificates, raffle table, 50/50, special table and super special table. Proceeds to fund scholarships for high school seniors. Call 845 858 7892 for questions/information. Snow date March 12, 2017.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 1, 2017

MASSSES 8:00AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

12:00 NOON @ ST. PATRICK'S

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WITH LITURGY
OF THE WORD**

7:00PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

AND ST. PATRICK'S

**THERE WILL BE MASS EVERY FRIDAY
DURING LENT**

8:00AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

AND

12:00 NOON @ ST. PATRICK'S

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE
FRIDAY EVENINGS**

6:30PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

AND

7:00PM @ ST. PATRICK'S

**THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE WILL BE IN
FUTURE BULLETINS**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 25-26

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Larry Marcial
Eucharistic Minister William Fells Anna Blackman
Altar Servers David Marcial Lucas Helms
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Tom McMullen
Eucharistic Minister Joe Price Diana Sierra
Altar Servers Daniel Corcoran Robert McMullen
February Altar Server of the Month: Daniel Corcoran
Milford Senior Care 2/19 Carol Cordova 2/26 Eileen Dorko

BROTHER JUNIPER



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

Kevin Cunningham
by
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Heater

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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/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.

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**, Amount Pledged as of 1/23 27,583.00 - **71%**

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

There will be No Coffee and Conversation this Monday. Coffee and Conversation will resume next Monday, February 27th.

COFFEE SOCIAL

This weekend after the 9:00am Mass in our multipurpose room. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

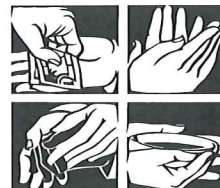
FOOD PANTRY

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

Weekly Offering
February 12, 2017
\$ 2454.25 (1st)
\$ 578.00 (2nd)

Last Year
February 14, 2016
\$ 3947.75 (1st)
\$ 364.00 (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 welcome into the Christian community of faith **Olivia Mae Dutkus**, DAUGHTER OF Sean and Nicole Dutkus who was baptized here at St. Patrick's last weekend. God Bless you Olivia.

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

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

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

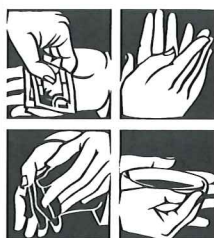
SUPER GENEROUS SOUPER BOWL

We collected 124 soup cans and \$175.00 over the Super Bowl weekend. This bountiful collection will provide soup for many sessions at the Ecumenical Food Pantry on Friday evenings. The money goes to the Pantry to purchase more food items. We are grateful to all who helped in this effort. May God bless you for caring and sharing! Please continue to remember the Pantry and bring a food item each week as you come to Mass. We serve about 40 families each week. Winter is harsh, and the need is great!

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.

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 10 Week session begins march 16, 2017. Cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. Classes being held at St. Patrick's Church Office, 111 E. High St., Milford. Beginner class starts at 6:00 and Intermediate Class starts at 7:00pm. Sign up will begin at 5:30 Mach 16th. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy Rysigner@aol.com or (917) 640-9587.



Weekly Offering
February 12, 2017
\$1,879.00
Last year
February 14, 2016
\$3,671.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 12, 2017
\$34,789.04
Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$34,613.04
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 25-26

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Ray Proulx
Communion Ministers Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty, Colleen Sheldon
Altar Servers Vincent & Isabella Saski
Sunday 7:30am
Lector David Stine
Communion Ministers Karen Loeschorn, Rosemary Walsh, Clorinda Alfano
Altar Servers Dean Pedone, Abigail Vogel
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Diane Dennis
Communion Ministers Angela Gleason, Ricardo & Veronica Sequira
Altar Servers Olivia & Mikaela Larry

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved

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.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:38-48

As Jesus continues His Sermon on the Mount, He tells us to love and pray for everyone and be forgiving to those who hurt us.

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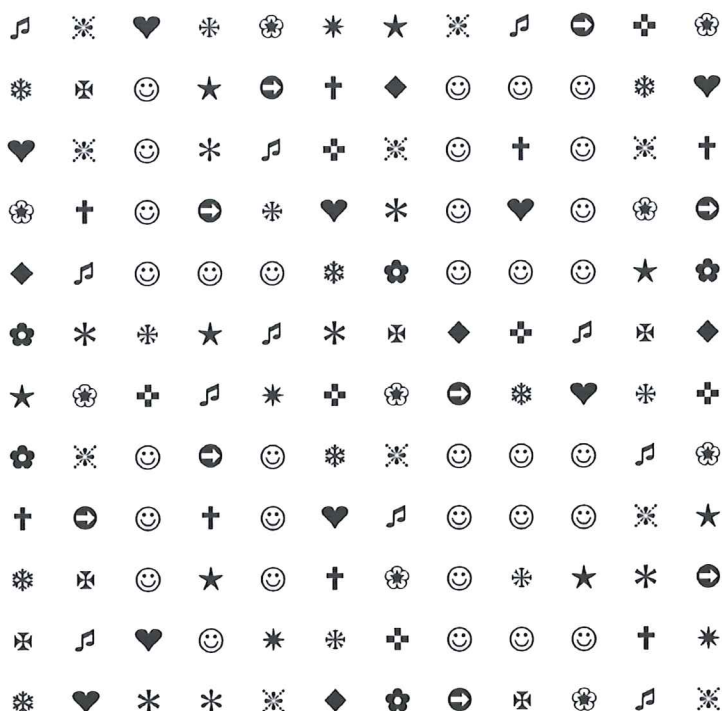


Be like God our Father
who always loves and
forgives His people.



Find the word
hidden among
all the symbols...

HINT...
Color the
smiley faces ☺



Calendar

Monday

February 20

Weekday

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

February 21

Weekday

Sir 2:1-11

Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

February 22

Chair of St. Peter,

Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Thursday

February 23

St. Polycarp,

Bishop and Martyr

Sir 5:1-8

Mk 9:41-50

Friday

February 24

Weekday

Sir 6:5-17

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

February 25

Weekday

Sir 17:1-15

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

February 26

Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 49:14-15

1 Cor 4:1-5

Mt 6:24-34

Daily Prayer this Week

This week we see Jesus healing and teaching his disciples about the challenges of following him.

As we go through each week, in the smallest moments of the day, we can beg God for strength and courage in our lives. As we awaken in the morning, sort laundry or do the dishes, we can change our attitudes toward the chores and see them as sacred moments of invitation from the God who loves us with such faithfulness and compassion.

Dear Lord, you know how I need healing. As you have healed so many others, please touch my heart and help me to open my life to your love and healing. Offer me the love and healing you offer me. I know that only if I could trust in you more, it would change my life.

"I do believe! Help my unbelief!" Let me turn all my apprehensions over to you. I beg you to give me the wisdom and courage I need to trust more and be less fearful. Teach me to feel your presence deeply in my life so I can stop clinging to my lack of courage.

and my fear. Let me release anything that holds me back from your love and the embrace of the freedom you offer me.

We can find the healing we so deeply want simply by asking God for it and then living as if we have received it. It is not about the amount of time we spend, but about an awareness of God's presence in our lives. Believing and trusting in that love and grace, we can find the humility to say, "I'm sorry" to someone we have hurt. We can take a moment to write a note or an e-mail telling a suffering friend we are praying for them.

And all day long, as we run our errands or sit at our desks, we can take a moment to say "Thank you" to the God on whom we have such an utter dependence and who loves us with such abundance.

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