

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

Remembering
July 22-28



July 21, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gn 18:1-10a

Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Angela O'Connor**
Bill & Mary Gaa

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Lou Black**
Donna & Stuart Rivera

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **For The People of St. Patrick's**

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Mitchel Babey**
(Living)
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✚ **Pat Addio**
The Family

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Mark Contreras**
The Family

SUNDAY

7:15am (SP)

For the People of Saint Patrick's

8:30am (SJ)

✚ **Anna Leiher**
& Mary Gibbons
The Family

11:00 (SP)

✚ **Seikeichi Curose**
Cathy & Ken Rosanelli

Bringing Jesus to Our Work and Prayer

Jesus enjoyed resting in the home of his friends Lazarus, Martha, and Mary because of their affection and hospitality. Martha was a big part of this hospitality because she was energetic and dedicated to making sure Jesus was cared for. Mary made him feel at home differently, as she was hungry for the Lord's teaching. She was open, interested, and attentive.

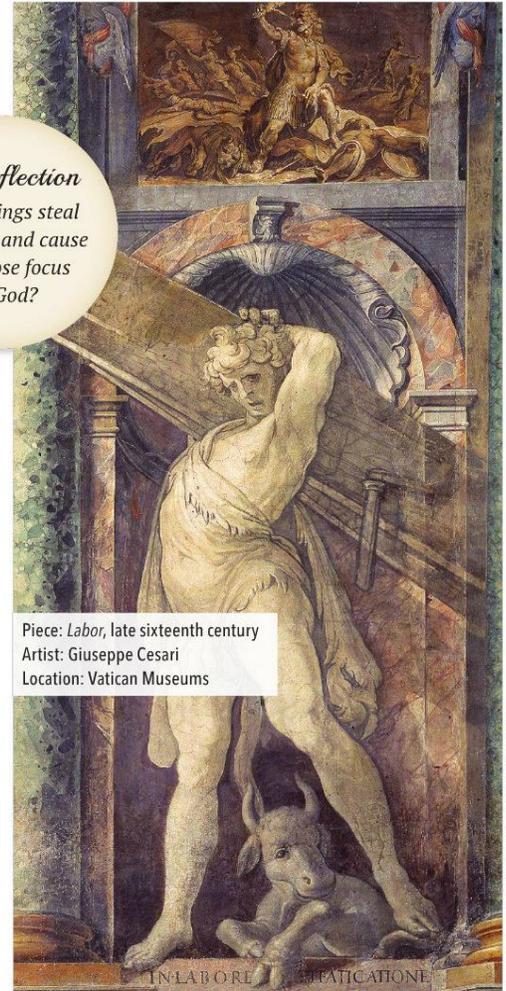
Yet on this occasion Martha is overcome with the urgent and leaves aside the important. Martha receives Christ in her home while Mary brings him into her heart. Living in relationship with Jesus always includes these two elements. Part of our love for him involves sitting at his feet in prayer. This is no doubt the "better part." Yet, serving Jesus also requires an active, busy life of work and responsibilities. Far from being an obstacle, work should be an occasion for a closer relationship with Jesus.

The key is having a unifying center to life; that center should be Jesus. He is the "why" we do what we do—whether work, play, or pray. Martha wasn't mistaken in serving Jesus' needs, but she lost focus with anxiety and worries. How to maintain this focus? First, pray regularly to remain centered. Second, don't worry about the small things at work or home. Third, frequently redirect your intention with a short, motivating motto like, "All for you, my Jesus" or "Your kingdom come!" Find one that works for you.

Let's not lose sight of the Lord of our work when doing the work of the Lord.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection
What things steal my peace and cause me to lose focus on God?



Piece: *Labor*, late sixteenth century
Artist: Giuseppe Cesari
Location: Vatican Museums

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[Jesus said,] "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

Luke 10:41-42

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.

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. call 211 and be connected to your zip code resource area in Pike County or dial directly 855-567-5341.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

Are held the 4th Sunday of every month from 1-3 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, July 27th from 6:30-9:30 at St. Patrick's Hall in Milford, the Tri-State Pregnancy Center is having a Clean Comedy Night! We will have three stand up comedians. It is \$35.00 per person, includes dinner and refreshments. BYOB. Adults only. You can purchase your tickets ahead of time by contacting Natasha Smolinski at 570-618-2756. **also...** You can mark your calendars for Sunday September 15th from 1-5 for the TSPC 9th Annual Banquet. This will be held at Best Western Inn in Matamoras. This year our theme is, "Every Child Deserves a Birthday". To sponsor a table or to RSVP please contact Natasha Smolinski at 570-491-5151 or 570-618-2756

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

This number is for a death or Anointing of the Sick only for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Parishes (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Any messages or questions left at this number pertaining to regular Office business will not be answered.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

Every first Saturday of the month, we will have First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at Saint Patrick's. We will begin at 11:30am, praying the Rosary, followed by a Communion Service and concluding with a Novena in honor to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The novena honors Mary by honoring Mary's gift of the Miraculous Medal to Christians. She gave us the gift when she appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in France in 1830. In one apparition, Mary showed her a vision, and she gave the young nun a mission to have that vision made into a medal. Mary told her that people who wear it will receive great favors, and she told her that they should wear the medals around their necks. The medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but the name was changed because of the number of miracles, healings and conversions reported by people who wore it faithfully. Please plan on joining us. **FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH—11:30AM.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Three day summer retreat at San Alfonso Retreat house, Long Branch, NJ Tuesday August 13-15. Bus leaves from Dunmore. \$350 includes meals and lodging Sponsored by St. Raphael Society Prayer Group. Please call Barbara McCarthy for more information at (570) 347-8314.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
July 27-28

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Declan Carroll</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Bill Reed</i> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
Altar Servers <i>Lukas Schutz</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Terry McDonough</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul & Cristin Cavallaro</i>
Altar Server <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Milford Senior Care 7/21 Carol Cordova 7/28 Lois Lazarczyk

COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY!

This Sunday, July 21st Immediately following the 8:30am Mass (approx. 9:30am). A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARISH PICNIC

will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24th, from 11am to 3pm at the Vocci Pavilion at Airport Park, Matamoras. The cost is \$3 per single person and \$10 per family living in the same household. Reservations and payment may be made at the sign-up table located at the front entrance to the Church now through Aug. 11th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, & assorted beverages will be provided as well as music and fun and games for all! In order to keep the cost down we are asking for donations of salads, desserts, munchies, etc. A big THANK YOU to Tom McMullen and Tom Jensen for once again making our parish picnic possible.

AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn (or more than one!) assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." (Did you know that long ago, the congregation would bring the bread and wine from their own possession? Nowadays, all you have to do is walk it reverently down the aisle.) You are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Just let an Usher know before Mass that you'd like to present the gifts, or if an usher approaches you to ask, please consider saying yes. Active participation will enrich our liturgy!

ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Altar Servers. If anyone 3rd Grade and above is interested in becoming an Altar Server please call the Parish Office or speak with Father Joseph, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Mike after Mass.

FOOD PANTRY

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

BROTHER JUNIPER



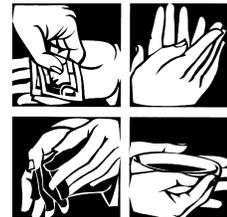
The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Grace Ann DeCarlo
By
The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

July 14, 2019
\$ 3,510.25

Last Year

July 15, 2018
\$ 3,613.75



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."

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE FLEA MARKET!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY July 20 from 9 to 4 and Sunday July 21st from 9:30 to 1. We will also be having a Bake Sale at the flea Market, so if you are a baker, please drop off your baked goods on Saturday morning July 20th. Our drop off times for donations are on the following days: Wednesday and Thursday, July 17 & 18 from 11:00am to 1:pm and 7:00pm to 8:pm. Friday, July 19, 11:00am to 2:pm only

HELP THE FOOD PANTRY! SUMMER FOOD-4-KIDS PROGRAM

begins June 14th! During the school year, many Pike County kids receive free nutritious lunches in their cafeteria. School is out for the summer. Families of low income are stretching the food budget to provide those lunches at home. The Ecumenical Food Pantry has a new program to help eligible families with school-age kids. Let's continue to support the pantry by bringing an item or two each week. Bring a can of tuna, a can of soup, a jar of peanut butter: you get the idea! A box is available in the Narthex for the food collection. Bless you for caring and sharing! P.S. We need more volunteers to help with food distribution on Friday nights. It's only once a month! If you can help, please call the Parish Center at 570 296-7451.

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Father Joseph and Deacon Tom will be having a Training Session for all Extraordinary Ministers on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00pm. If anyone is interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please join us!

JAMES PETRAKIAN

Many of you may have been wondering about James Petrakian and missing him at the Masses. After a long bout with various health issues, our friend is recuperating at Barn Hill Center in Newton, next to Newton Hospital. He is in good spirits and greatly appreciates your prayers and concern. He is looking forward to returning to St. Patrick's, and we are eager to have him back soon!

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars. The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 8th from 12:30-4:00pm. Check future bulletins for more details.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE July 27-28

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Jack Boyle
Communion Ministers Pat Boyle, Donna Hersca
Altar Servers Carli Lock, Sophia Mullen
Sunday 7:15am
Lector Joe Dooley
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Diane Dennis
Communion Ministers Linda Coffey, Annette Petry
Altar Servers Riley Mapes, Brooke Nielsen



Weekly Collection

July 14, 2019

\$2647.00

This time last year \$2,704.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

July 14, 2019

\$ **TBA

**These figures will now be a week behind as our Bulletin deadline has changed.

Year to Date July'18- Current

\$39,986.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

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

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.

Mary sat in **quiet listening** to Jesus, while her sister Martha **bustled about serving** Jesus and His disciples food and drinks. Both women were focused on Jesus, but hearing the Word of God, Jesus said, was most important. [*Bustle*: To hurry busily and briskly]

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KEEP A GOOD BALANCE

Some days we are like Mary, spending quiet time with Jesus. Other days we are like Martha, serving God by helping others.

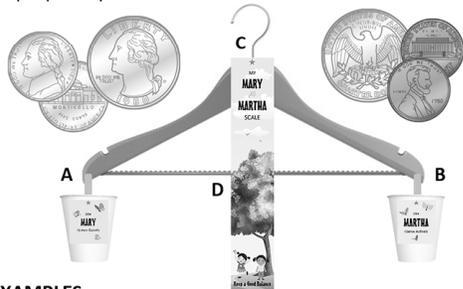
Let's make a Mary and Martha scale, and measure how we spend time with Jesus.

YOU WILL NEED

1 clothes hanger (plastic or wire) • 2 cups (same size plastic or paper) • Scissors, tape, crayons/markers • Coins as weights (nickels work great, but you can use pennies/quarters as long as you always use the same size coin).

DIRECTIONS

- Color and cut out pieces A, B, C.
- Tape A & B to top edge of each cup.
- Tape top edge of cup (at star) to each end on bottom edge of hanger by looping tape over hanger and back onto cup.
- Tape C to center/upper part of hanger as shown and secure at point D.
- Hang your new scale in a place where it can move freely.
- Each time you focus on Jesus, put a coin/weight into the proper cup.



EXAMPLES

Coin into Mary cup

- Reading about Jesus
- Praying to Jesus
- Listening to gospel

Coin into Martha cup

- Being an Altar Server
- Singing in the choir
- Assisting family or friends

What else can you do to be like Mary and Martha?

A Good Deed - Donate your coins each week to charity/church

Tape to top of hanger

★
MY
MARY
&
MARTHA
SCALE

A
★
Like
MARY
I Listen Quietly

B
★
Like
MARTHA
I Serve Actively

Remember — Keep a good balance! Both sides are important in being a good disciple.

Keep a Good BALANCE

Calendar

Monday
JULY 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday
JULY 23
Weekday
Ex 14:21-15:1
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday
JULY 24
Weekday
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday
JULY 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Friday
JULY 26
Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 20:1-17
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday
JULY 27
Weekday
Ex 24:3-8
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday
JULY 28
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:20-32
Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

Daily Prayer

These weekly guides offer us an opportunity to practice being "contemplatives in action." For us busy people, it is possible to pray - "to lift our minds and hearts to God" - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

Every morning this week, we can begin our day with a brief conversation with our Lord that expresses a desire that comes from within us and is shaped by the scriptures this week. We might say, "O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow." I may pray: "Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today." Or we might ask, "Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the close-

ness you offer me as I do so." Perhaps, we can pray, "Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my children. Help me to trust that not everything I say or do will seem to work, but that you will take care of them and allow my efforts to be fruitful."

Throughout each day, we can repeat and refine these desires and prayers in our hearts. Each thing we do, each person we relate to, each request that is made of us will help us say this or that expression of gratitude or request for grace.

The practice comes in having this ongoing conversation and connection with our Lord in the background of our day - in the brief in between times: in the shower, while getting dressed, on the way to work, while walking to a meeting, during a meeting, while shopping, as we transition from any part of our day to the next. It all comes together as we take a brief bit of time at night, before we go to bed, to say thanks for the graces we have received, for the opportunity to feel connected and know that we are not alone throughout the day. Sometimes, we'll ask the same thing for several days. At times, we'll notice a pattern in what we are asking for and what we experience ourselves as receiving. In this very simple way, with just a little focus and practice, we will find a pearl of great value - a growing relationship with our Lord that transforms our spirits in the midst of our busy lives.