

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

Remembering
Nov. 18-24



November 17, 2019
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Mal 3:19-20a
2 Thes 3:7-12
Lk 21:5-19

Monday
8:00am (SJ)
Peter Kozak
Linda Kozak

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)
Marjorie Geiger
Marty, Deb & Family

WEDNESDAY
12:00pm (SP)
Beatrice Corcoran
Pat & Ken Corcoran

THURSDAY
8:00am (SJ)
All Souls Intentions

FRIDAY
No Mass

SATURDAY
4:00pm (SJ)
Deceased Members of
the Donovan & Dymeck
Families
Mary & Charles Dymeck

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

SUNDAY
8:30am (SJ)
Intentions of
John & Tina Hess

11:00 (SP)
Raymond Corcoran
Pat & Ken Corcoran

Keeping the End in Mind

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. In this Sistine Chapel fresco, Moses is punishing the rebellious Israelites who were acting as priests without being authorized by him or called by God.

This chaotic scene seems similar to what Jesus describes of the end times in today's Gospel. He warns us not to follow false prophets who will arise and claim to come in his name. He prophesies a time of war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues. Persecution will fall upon his followers, allowing them the chance to give testimony—*martyrion* in Greek. Jesus' monitions for that time are simple: do not follow false prophets or prepare a defense, but persevere instead. In the section "I Believe in Life Everlasting," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also speaks to us about the last times. We believe in heaven, hell, and a

personal, universal judgment. These last things await us all, and Jesus doesn't keep us in the dark about these realities.

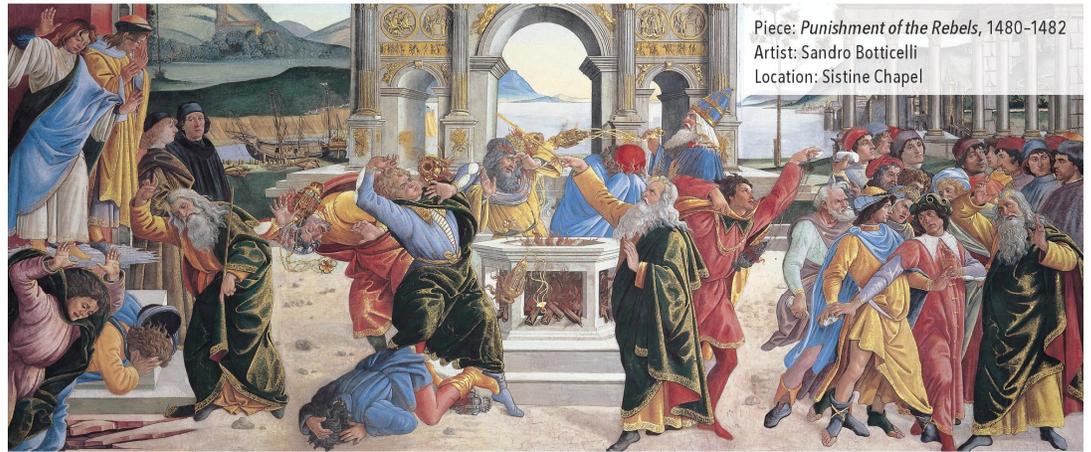
We don't know when the end times may come. But regardless, our call is to live prepared by fulfilling God's will and trusting in him. Jesus clearly wants us to be aware of the end of the world, but he doesn't want us to be overly anxious about it. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I live soberly, knowing that I am heading toward an end that is both certain and wrapped in God's mercy?

Is there anything I should adjust in my lifestyle to be better prepared for my definitive encounter with God?



Piece: *Punishment of the Rebels*, 1480-1482
Artist: Sandro Botticelli
Location: Sistine Chapel

[Jesus said,] "You will be hated by all because of my name, but...by your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Luke 21:17-19

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.

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 Annual Appeal is underway. "Serving in faith with Hope and Gratitude. Gifts made to the 2018 Appeal touched thousands of lives. 4,143 Families served in Catholic Social Services Food & Clothing Pantries, 12 Seminarians receiving tuition & living expenses, 16,555 nights of shelter & support, 104 Retired & ill Priests received care, 44 parishes using Social Justice Grants to serve countless, 15,000 Children in Religious Education \$4,500 in Catholic Schools and 118 parishes receiving support in all aspects of Parish Life, **SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS. SUPPORT THE APPEAL.**

K OF C 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. **Please note there will be no dinner in the month of December.**

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima was sculptured in 1946 by indications given by sister Lucia. The Statue was solemnly crowned on May 13, 1947 in Portugal by the Bishop of Euera. The Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Knock praesidium) at St. Patrick's Church is honored to have the blessed statue of our Lady of Fatima. Bringing the statue to parishioners homes is part our Legions spiritual works. Upon request, two members of the Legion will bring the statue to your home, welcome its' presence with a few prayers, and leave the statue with you for one to two weeks. This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lady and be inspired by her message of peace and love. Please consider this home visitation. If interested contact Catherine Umberto at (570)491-5820 or Annette Petry at (845)283-7228.

BON SECOURS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

in many areas of the hospital. If you would like to join a special group of people, with a special gift to give please contact Amy Moore, Volunteer Manager at 845-858-7162 or email Amy_moore@bshsi.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Sponsored by United Way. If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. Pike County dial directly 855-567-5341.

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.

ADVENT IS COMING

Advent, the time of preparation for the Feast of the Nativity begins on Sunday, December 1st. What will you do to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas? Join the parish adult formation team as we explore "The Eucharist in Scripture", an enlightening discussion, based on the writing of Dr. Scott Hahn, to unlock the meaning of the Holy Eucharist as revealed in the Bible. Set aside an hour or two in this busy season to enrich your mind and soul. On Tuesday evenings, December 10, and December 17 at St. Patrick's Church Hall at 7:00pm. On Sunday afternoons, December 8th, and December 15th at St. Joseph's multi- purpose room, 1:00pm. All are welcome: please plan to join us. For further information call St. Patrick's office at 570 296-7451 or St. Joseph's office at 570-491-2618.

RUNNERS NEEDED

Runners needed for the annual KRIS KRINGLE 5K race and Fun Walk on Saturday, December 7th at Matamoras Airport Park. Start time is 9am. Registration is \$20.00 if post-marked on or before December 1st (\$25 day of race: time: 7:30-8-45) First 125 to register will receive a great knitted hat! This event is sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council #13935 to benefit the Children's Disabilities Development Center and other local charities. For complete details call or e-mail Chris Brighton (Chairman) at 914-443-3571, by e-mail ibright2@optonline.net or Bill Gaa at 570-445-9551, e-mail wdg2001@gmail.com

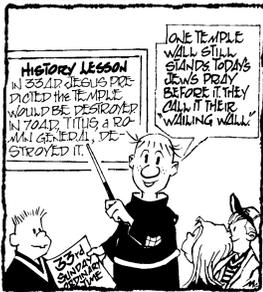
RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

January 17, 2020: Holiday Inn Express, Harrisburg East. ***Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.*** Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information, contact registration team @ 717-365-2185 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Nov. 23-24

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Declan Carroll
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers Eric Cabrera-Agostini Ella Carroll
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Larry Marcial
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server Daniel & Cole Corcoran
Milford Senior Care 11/17 Chuck Pike 11/24 Lois Lazarczyk

BROTHER JUNIPER



AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn 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.” 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. We also welcome any adults who may be interested!

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care once a month at 11:00 am. Our next scheduled Mass is Thursday, November 21st. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL OF MATAMORAS & MILFORD

will be at the front entrance to the Church selling their Annual Lottery Calendar Booklets for 2020. Cost is \$20.00 per booklet. These numbered booklets are good for the whole year and you win \$\$ according to the daily lottery number. This is a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! Stop by their table before or after Mass!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$40,000.00. to date , \$33,807.00. 85% of our appeal goal has been achieved due to your kindness and generosity. To those of you who have pleased, THANK-YOU! Those of you who have not pledged, please consider. This helps support Catholic, Social Services, Clergy formation, Parish Life and Ministry just to name a few.

FOOD PANTRY

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

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, December 22nd. A variety of foods will be available including “no sugar added” foods! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Donna Holmberg
By
The Bensley Family

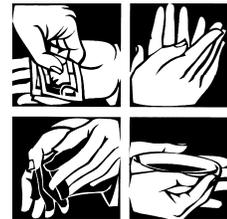
Weekly Offering

November 10, 2019
\$ 3583.80

Last Year

November 11, 2018
\$ 3341.00

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."

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$35,000.00. to date , \$23,376.00, 66% of our appeal has been achieved due to your kindness and generosity. To those of you who have pleased, THANK-YOU! Those of you who have not pledged, please consider. This helps support Catholic, Social Services, Clergy formation, Parish Life and Ministry just to name a few.

SAINT PATRICK'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Christmas is just a few weeks away, and planning has begun for the Saint Patrick's Music Ministry! We are looking for some voices to join us for our Advent/Christmas liturgies. ***This can be a short term commitment that will require just a few weeks of rehearsals.*** Rehearsals for these liturgies will begin in early November. Please speak to Rich Gherardi, our Director of Music, or one of our Music Ministers following any of the Masses.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, November 20th at 2:30.

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP

If you would like to find out more about our Group, please call the Parish Office 570-296-7451. We meet Wednesday's in the Church Hall from 2-4. Beginners welcome!

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE THANKSGIVING

We are collecting food for the Thanksgiving food Baskets. Letters went home recently to all the Religious Ed students and parishioners can also participate in the food drive as well. There is a box in the Narthex specifically for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity. We will be meeting to fill the baskets for Thanksgiving on December 19th at the Parish Center at 6:30. **The Bake Sale will be next weekend, November 23rd and 24th. Also, that weekend the Angel Tree will be placed in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up an ornament to purchase a Christmas present for that individual.**

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan at tchogan@ptd.net. Or 570 296-6224.

MANY THANKS

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who donated candy for our Halloween distribution this year. Approximately 700 children and adults visited our church on Halloween this year. The committee handing out candy received many thanks and even a "God Bless from the children."

MINISTRY SCHEDULE Nov. 23-24

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers Nicholas Dinos, Riley Mapes
Sunday 7:15am No Mass
Lector
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Joe Casmus
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers Brooke & Bennett Nielsen



Weekly Collection

November 17, 2019

TBA

This time last year
\$3,029.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

November 17, 2019

\$TBA

Year to Date July'19- Current
\$18,290.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Ashley Allen
requested
by
Friends

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 21:5-19

Jesus says we must persevere - to persist despite obstacles. It is not always easy to follow God's will, but the rewards are wonderful - everlasting happiness in Heaven!

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HEAVEN

EVERLASTING HAPPINESS WITH JESUS

The image below is like the road of life - different paths crossing over and under (our obstacles) and open intersections offering us new directions. With crayon or marker, choose a direction and follow to the finish. Follow over and under the crossovers, but only change direction at the open intersections.

Repeat with new colors, as many times as you can find new ways to reach the finish... Heaven.

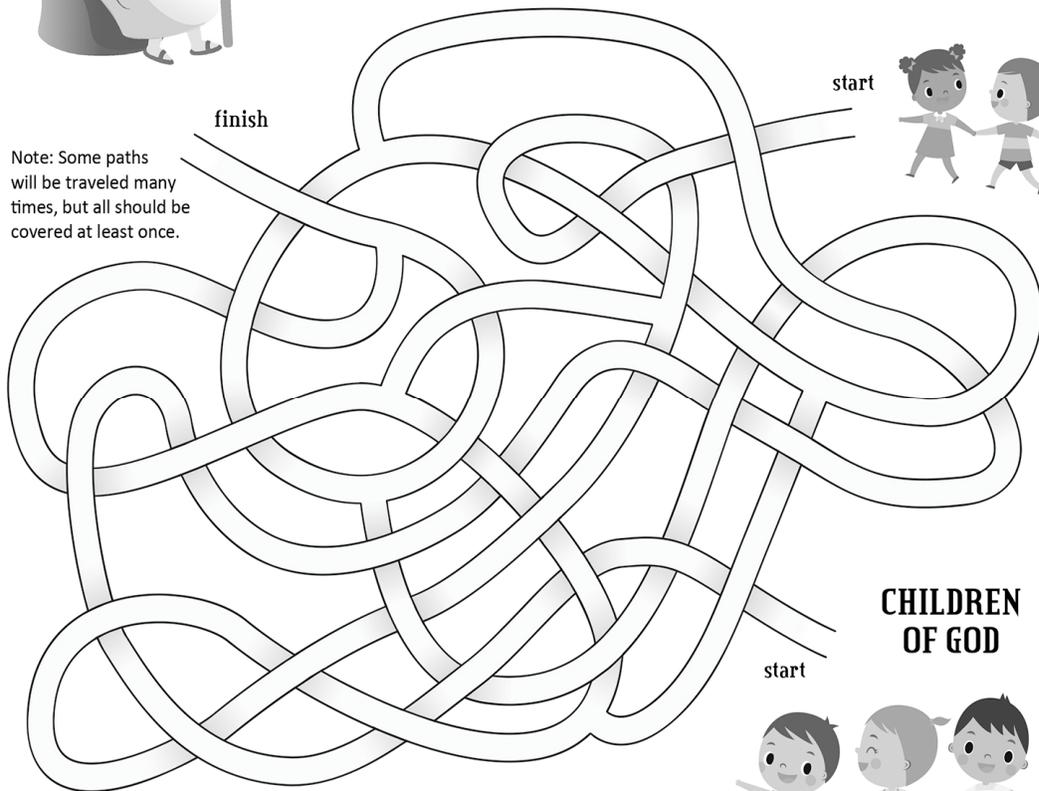


finish

start



Note: Some paths will be traveled many times, but all should be covered at least once.



CHILDREN OF GOD

start



Look at the colorful options life offers when following life with Jesus!

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43,
54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

2 Mc 6:18-31
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 2:15-29
Lk 19:41-44

Friday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1-13
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

Daily Prayer

We can easily spend this week asking for the grace to use the gifts we've been given. We want to recognize that we have gifts, and that they are, in fact, gifts. We didn't "earn" them; we were entrusted with them. We can reflect upon the potential each gift has and how we might develop and use each gift we have more completely - in loving, in making a difference on behalf of the poor in our world.

Each morning this week, as soon as our feet hit the floor, and while we are washing up and getting dressed, we can have our own version of the following brief conversations with our Lord. These simple prayers can shape our desiring throughout the day, as these longings in our heart grow deeper and interact with the events, encounters and opportunities in our lives.

"Dear Lord, throughout this day, help me count the ways you love me." "Lord, thank you for being so generous to me. I forget the gifts you have given me. Be with me today, so that I might be grateful and use my gifts well." "Loving Father,

today I'm grateful for my parents, for the opportunities I've had up to this day, and for the special privilege this day brings to serve my family and to try to make a difference in this world. Be with me and keep me hopeful and patient, generous and free today." "Dear Jesus, I spend too much time in a tree, above the conflicts, keeping myself pretty safe. Give me the courage of your presence with me today, so that I might take more risks in loving. There are going to be some hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned people crossing my path today. Guide me in loving better. The cry of the poor in our world seems so overwhelming. Help me listen better and imagine what I might do to make a difference, with your help."

Each night, with these prayers in our hearts all day, we can easily give thanks for the experience we were given of intimacy with our God in the midst of our busy days.