

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

Rememóring
Sept. 23-29

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Patrick "Mickey" Reilly
The Balch Family

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Patricia Moore
Joe & Ruth Casmus

Wednesday

12:00pm

✠ The Martorana Family
Ray Weeks

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

✠ John Vecchia
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Yakupcin

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Marge Tonkin
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Mary Burgos
The Family

Sunday

7:15am (SP)

✠ Olympia Contreras
Ben Cardona

8:30am (SJ)

✠ For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00 (SP)

✠ For The People of
Saint Patrick's



September 22, 2019

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

Be Worthy of the Trust Given You

This marble statue by the baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini commemorates the life of Pope Alexander VII. It sits above the *porta della preghiera*—the side door of St. Peter's Basilica—and it shows the Pope kneeling in prayer. The Pope was known to prayerfully reflect on his death, and supported many beautification projects in Rome.

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own.

When speaking of this, Jesus places the emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous. People who first win the trust of others only to misuse it by taking advantage of them violate their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: "Man is a wolf to man."

So be worthy of the trust your family, clients, and others place in you. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Tomb of Pope Alexander VII, 1671-78

Artist: Gian Lorenzo Bernini

Location: St. Peter's Basilica

For Reflection

Am I a trustworthy servant with the authority and gifts I have received?

Do I look more for my own progress and protection, or that of others?

[Jesus said,] "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

Luke 16:10

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.

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.

WELCOME BISHOP BAMBERA!

This Sunday, 9/22, we warmly welcome our Bishop Joseph Bambera as he celebrates Mass at our Parishes.

8:30am at St. Joseph's and 11:00am at St. Patrick's.

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.

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 make a note that September 29th and is the 5th Sunday of the month. The Knights will be having their dinner on the 5th Sunday of September. The time will be the same, 1:00-3:00pm.**

FIRST FRIDAY

There is a Communion Service with the Sacred Heart Novena at St. Patrick's on the First Friday of every month at 12:00 Noon. Please plan to join us.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

The first Saturday of every month Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be held 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.

HEALING SERVICE

St. Thomas the Apostle will be hosting a Healing Service Sunday, September 29th at 3pm 210 Route 206, Sandyston, NJ (973) 948-2296 Mile Marker 124.5

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.

HURRICANE DORIAN DONATIONS

As Hurricane Dorian continues to impact the southern United States, you may have already seen some of the heartbreaking images from the Bahamas where the Category 5 storm made landfall on September 1, bringing record wind, rain and storm surges. We pray for all our Bahamian brothers and sisters who have been affected by Hurricane Dorian. We ask Our Lord to be with the responders and rescue crews and that all those in harm's way be given the help they need. If any parishioners are looking for ways to help, donations are being accepted by Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA. Supporting these organizations will help people through the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Dorian and will continue to help them as they work through the long process of recovery.

Online donations for

Catholic Relief Services can be made at <https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-dorian>

Catholic Charities USA at

<https://app.mobilecause.com/form/RTKRvQ?vid=1snqm>

Thank you for your consideration in promoting this humanitarian response.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

In September, a new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in find 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 Penance, 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. We meet on Sunday afternoons for one hour. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

2019 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

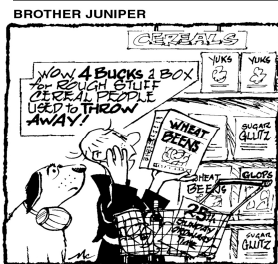
Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on October 12, 2019 at 12:00noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at the Milford Courthouse on Broad St. Please contact Marie Biel at 570 686-4637 for more information.

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 Annual Appeal is now underway. "Serving in faith with Hope and Gratitude. Just for an example the 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 \$ 4,5000 in Catholic Schools and 118 parishes receiving support in all aspects of Parish Life, **SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS. SUPPORT THE APPEAL.**

Sept. 28-29

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Declan Carroll</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Bill Reed</i> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
Altar Servers <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i> <i>Ella Carroll</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul & Cristin Cavallaro</i>
Altar Server <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Drawen Nitecki</i>
Milford Senior Care 9/22 Lois Lazarczyk <i>9/30 Carol Cordova</i>



The Bensley Family

The weekend of September 28-29 Fr. Gabriel Romanelli, IVE has been selected by the Diocese of Scranton to visit our parish along with St. Joseph's parish in Matamoros. Rev. Romanelli is a member of The Institute of the Incarnate spreading Catholic Faith around the world from the funds collected from these mission appeals.

"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."

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP

We would like to thank everyone for your generous donations of yarn and supplies. Currently we are not accepting any donations at this time. If you would like to find out more about our group, please call the Parish Office. We meet Wednesdays in the Church Hall from 2-4. Beginners, experts and those who would like to learn are welcome to join!

MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY

If anyone would like to add the name of a loved one, family member or friend to a list to be prayed for, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Intentions will be placed in the bulletin once a month.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

The monthly bake sale is scheduled for Columbus Day Weekend, October 12 & 13 after all the Masses. Please stop by and purchase something to take home to your family and also consider baking something to donate.

ALSO!!! Holiday Kickoff meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th in the Parish Center at 6:30. New members are welcomed!

PARISHPAY/WESHARE ON-LINE GIVING If you are interested in participating in the on-line giving program, please call the Parish Office for more information.

RESPECT LIFE

October is "Respect Life Month" We are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning of life to its end and at every point in between. During this month, we are asked to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Saint Patrick's will have a Respect Life Holy Hour on Sunday, October 20th following the 11:00 Mass. Join us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, silent reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

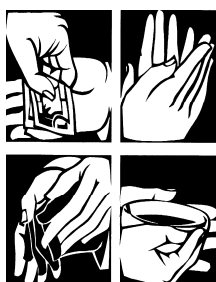
FOOD PANTRY

Saint Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening September 27th at 6:00pm.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES The weekend of September 28-29 Fr. Gabriel Romanelli, IVE has been selected by the Diocese of Scranton to visit our parish along with St. Joseph's parish in Matamoras. Rev. Romanelli is a member of The Institute of the Incarnate spreading Catholic Faith around the world from the funds collected from these mission appeals.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 28-29

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Joe Casmus
Communion Ministers Annette Petry, Catherine Umberto
Altar Servers Brooke & Bennett Nielsen
Sunday 7:15am
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Tom Hogan
Communion Ministers Arlene & Dean Quirk
Altar Servers Catherina Catizone, Nicole Traxler



Weekly Collection

September 15, 2019

\$1,996.00

This time last year
\$2,097.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

September 15, 2019

\$1,027.00

Year to Date July'19- Current
\$13,350.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

The Sanctuary Candle may be reserved for 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.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

- Circle your answers and talk about them -

1 If you eat more than your share...

YES, it was me -
I ate all the cookies.

or

NO, I don't know who
ate all the cookies.

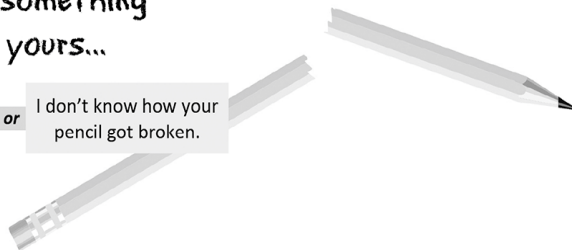


2 If you break something that is not yours...

SORRY, I broke your
pencil by accident.

or

I don't know how your
pencil got broken.



3 If you find property that is not yours...

I saw my friend / classmate
drop this, I am glad to return it.

or

I like this, I might
keep it for myself.



Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 29

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

Daily Prayer

When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, as Paul calls the Colossians to do, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us his love. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. We can beg for the grace to forgive others. This journey each day might take us into specific patterns, habits, ruts we're in. We may even want to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, in preparation for celebrating the upcoming Sunday's readings.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. Whose faults do I pay most attention to? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold

forgiveness? If we begin each day, asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions, throughout our day, our days this week will show us deeper places where the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy.

From the beginning of the week, we might ask Mary to gently guide us to trust her Son's love and to be more tender in loving those people her Son invites us to forgive and be a source of healing.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus' followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect, but because he saw in us something that he could heal and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples.