

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

Rememóeríng  
March 18-24

Monday  
8:00am (SJ)

✠ Joy Dzwilefsky  
Ron & Irene Yakupcin

Tuesday  
12:00pm (SP)  
✠ Una Coyne  
Phil Brennan

Wednesday  
12:00pm (SP)  
✠ Grace Maturo  
Irene & Frank DeVito

Thursday  
8:00am (SJ)  
✠ Thomas Georgalas  
Mr. & Mrs. James Colaiaco

Friday  
✠ Stations of the Cross  
5:30PM (SJ)  
7:00PM (SP)

Saturday  
4:00pm (SJ)  
✠ For the People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)  
✠ Wanda Piekarski  
Nadine Platt & Family

Sunday  
8:30am (SJ)  
✠ Grayce Ricciardi  
Jim & Karen Colaiaco

11:00am (SP)  
✠ Steven Salobedke  
Eric & Jackie Stafirny



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

## Transfiguring Our Lives through Christ

The same three apostles who are present in the Garden of Gethsemane are also at the transfiguration. On both occasions they fall asleep! But when they awake at the transfiguration, they see something totally different. They see Jesus radiant and resplendent like they had never seen him before. This revelation of his glory is meant to strengthen their faith and prepare them for seeing Jesus later, sweating blood in the agony of the Garden. Experiencing the joy and beauty of Jesus is essential to persevering through the inevitable passions we will have to undergo. Faith is not all about suffering, but about joy, love, and intimacy with Christ. Yes, love sometimes means we must suffer, but the fruit is greater intimacy. A diamond is made under great pressure and love must pass through temptations.

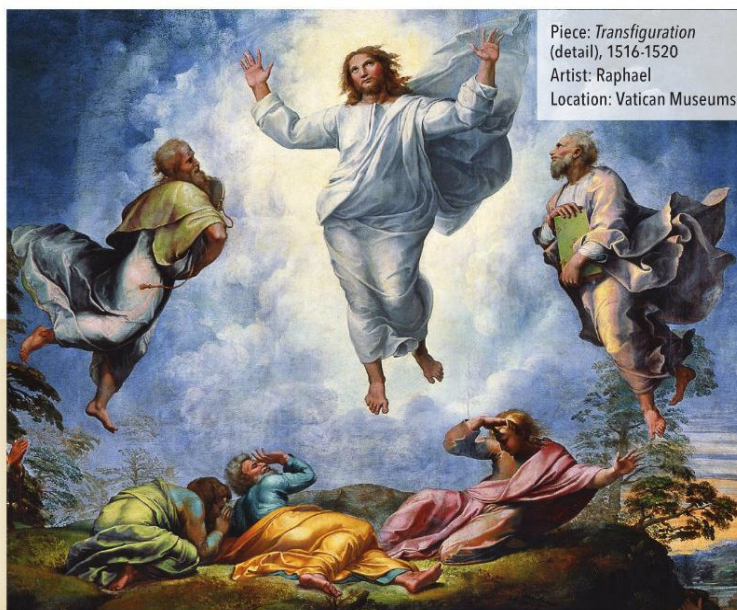
All three synoptic Gospels unite the transfiguration with Peter's profession of faith. The reality of the passion and cross

should not shake the apostle's faith, but they should realize that his exaltation can only be accomplished in the cross: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

The sufferings we see in the world, in our own past and present, shouldn't shake our faith in Jesus, either. Overcoming sin comes from embracing suffering.

Jesus is so radiant that he awakes the apostles from their slumber. May the consuming love with which we burn for Jesus transfigure us into beautiful lights that awaken this world from its slumber of faith as well.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Transfiguration (detail), 1516-1520  
Artist: Raphael  
Location: Vatican Museums

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### For Reflection

What area of your life or heart does Jesus want to transfigure into a brighter testimony for him?  
All light comes from energy consumed and transformed.  
How does that truth apply to your spiritual life?

*While he was praying his face changed in appearance  
and his clothing became dazzling white.*

Luke 9:29

### 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. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347. 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.

## **PRAY THE ROSARY FOR TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE**

Please join the 2019 Traditional Marriage Crusade in support of traditional marriage.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR NATION ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019 AT 12:00 NOON.

The local TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE ROSARY RALLY will take place at the front entrance of the Milford Court House on Broad Street. Please contact Marie Biel at 570-686-4637 for more information.

## **COLD AND FLU SEASON**

We ask you not to shake hands with the Priest, Deacons, altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers before or after Mass. During the "Sign of Peace" just use an acknowledgement to each other, like a nod or a wave. Beginning January we will not distribute the Cup of Precious Blood until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019.

God Bless, Father Joseph

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER**

March 31, 2019 from 1-3PM. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 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 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.

**ANNULMENT PROCESS** In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570) 207-2246 to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

## **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.**



## **LENTEN / EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday Evenings

5:30 PM (SJ)

7:00 PM (SP)

### **CONFESSIONS**

"The Light Is On" every Monday during Lent

5:30PM - 6:15PM (SJ)

6:45PM - 7:30PM (SP)

Regular Confessions Saturday's 3:00PM (SJ)

Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30AM (SP) and following the 5:30PM Mass Saturdays (SP)

### **COMBINED PENANCE SERVICE (SP)**

Monday, April 15th at 7:00PM

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

Evening of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM (SP)

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

The Passion 2:00PM (SP)

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Blessing of the Food 12:00PM (SP)

### **EASTER VIGIL 8:00PM (SJ)**

### **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

8:30AM (SJ)

11:00AM (SP)

### **24HOUR LENT EUCHARIST ADORATION**

March 29 following the Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Please check future bulletins for any additional services that may be added during the Lenten Season.



# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 23-24

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Stanley Lazarczyk
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b> Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Janet Bright
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>Altar Server</b> Mark Cavallaro Ella Carroll
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>3/17 Carol Cordova</b> 3/24 Lois Lazarczyk



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns for the

**Grayce Ricciardi**

By

Doreen & Jack Reilly

## WE WELCOME BACK THE PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH!!

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society, Sunday, April 14 after the 8:30am Mass. Sign-ups will begin next weekend in the Vestibule and continue through April 7th. Cost is \$3.00 per person or \$7.00 per family and must be paid at sign-up.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS** - Want to do something different to enrich your spiritual life this Lent? Join Deacon Thomas Spataro during the Lenten Season on Tuesdays, March 26, April 2 and April 9 at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, as he continues his weekly enlightening discussions based on Bishop Robert Barron's series "The Mass". All are welcome! For more information call St. Patrick's Parish Office at 570 296-7451

**ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY** - Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 22, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

**ST. MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS** - Is now Accepting Preschool Registration for the 2019-20 School Year. St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center in Port Jervis offers affordable, quality Catholic preschool education for children of all denominations. Small class sizes will help focus your child's attention on adjusting to new situations in a warm, loving, safe, and encouraging environment. Children explore, think, pray, and talk through dramatic and free play, story time, and art. Little Lambs is now accepting registrations for the 2019-20 school year. Children must turn three years old by December 1, 2019 for the Pre-K 3 class, and four by December 1, 2019 for the Pre-K 4 class. Classes meet 2, 3, or 5 days a week. There are full and half day programs available. For more information please call 845-858-4208 or **visit [littlelambseclc.com](http://littlelambseclc.com)**.

**5th "Be A Man Catholic Men's Conference"** - What is Truth? In these difficult times, the world asks what Pontius Pilate asked 2000 years ago. What is Truth? The world thinks "Man is the measure of all things". This conference will remind us that God is the measure of all things and His truth is revealed in His son Jesus Christ. The Conference will be held April 27, 2019 from 8am-3pm at Holy redeemer High School 159 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Registration is necessary and may be done on-line at [www.BeAManConference.com](http://www.BeAManConference.com). Questions about the registration, please call 570-207-2213.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT MADONNA #114** - is hosting a "Ladies Tea Party" Saturday, April 6th 12:00—3:00pm at St. Marty's Church Hall, Port Jervis. \$15.00 per Lady, Young Ladies \$7.00. Floral Headband/ Springtime Hat Contest, Raffle, & 50/50. RSVP to Laura Nicolette 973-293-3523 by March 25th.

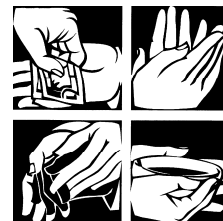
Weekly Offering

**March 10, 2019**  
\$3829.50

Last Year

**March 11, 2018**  
\$3955.50

*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."**

## ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS GROUP

WELCOME SPRING! We will resume meeting weekly starting Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2:00pm (weather permitting). The group meets in the Parish hall (use side entrance) from 2 to 4pm on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome. We supply the yarn and needles. Please come and join us as we make articles for various outreach programs.

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon, March 20th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS

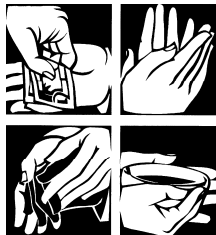
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## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE NEXT WEEK-

**END!** Please plan on baking one of your favorite desserts or cookies to donate toward the bake sale. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be ever at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And the rains fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you, May God hold you  
Ever in the palm of His hand  
May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be ever at your back  
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Weekly Collection  
March 10, 2019  
\$TBA

This time last year  
\$2,356.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
March 10, 2019  
\$ TBA

Year to Date July '18- Current  
\$19,769.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000  
Thank you for your generosity!

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 23/24

#### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** Jack Boyle

**Communion Ministers**

**Altar Servers**

Brooke & Bennett Nielsen

#### Sunday 11:00am

**Lector** Diane Dennis

**Communion Ministers**

**Altar Servers**

Abigail & Anna Vogel

Please call the office to make arrangements to have a candle burn in memory of a loved one.

**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

Second Sunday of Lent | Luke 9:28b-36

On the mountain, Simon-Peter, James and John saw Jesus transform to a dazzling bright light, like the rays of the sun!

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Upon seeing Jesus, Moses and Elijah, the apostles were filled with the light of faith.



Find and write here the missing letters not found in the sun...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

Let our eyes be open to the light of God's power and love as we **FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.**

God is my \_\_\_\_\_ and salvation!

Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission .<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/>

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, husband of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

### Wednesday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

### Friday

MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Sunday

MARCH 24

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

## Daily Prayer

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life.