

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

Rememóeríng
March 12-18

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Edward O'Donnell
Louise & Eleanor

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ Doris McAuliffe
Helen Findlay

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Peter Saunders
Ken & Pat Corcoran

THURSDAY

✠ NO MASS

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Eustacio Vargas
The Family

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Kevin Walsh
Joseph & Barbara Rowan

✠ Stations of the Cross

5:30pm (SJ)

6:30pm (SP)

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ Jack Drake
The Family

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Louis Strinati
Wife, Eva

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ For The People Of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

✠ Annie Catalano
Her Daughters



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

Healed Through His Wounds

Jesus refers to the story that Michelangelo painted into a corner of the Sistine Chapel. It is about the time the Chosen People were attacked by serpents and many were dying. God instructed Moses to place two serpents on a staff and lift it up over the people. All they had to do was look at the serpents to be miraculously healed of their bite wounds.

We have all been bitten by sin. This can be our own self-destructive choices and attitudes, or we can be victims of other's sins. Yet sin and suffering doesn't need to have the last word. We can overcome if we choose to look at Christ crucified and learn his lesson of love. Jesus teaches us to not be defined by our ugly choices or the wounds we suffer. Our wounds and weaknesses can become the place of our healing. Jesus wants to heal us. That is why he let himself be lifted up!

To embrace this healing is simple yet challenging. First it requires simple faith to believe you are loved by the Father, no matter what. Second we need a constant, often-denied effort on our part to sincerely repent and work with

God's grace to transform self-limiting attitudes and habits into virtues.

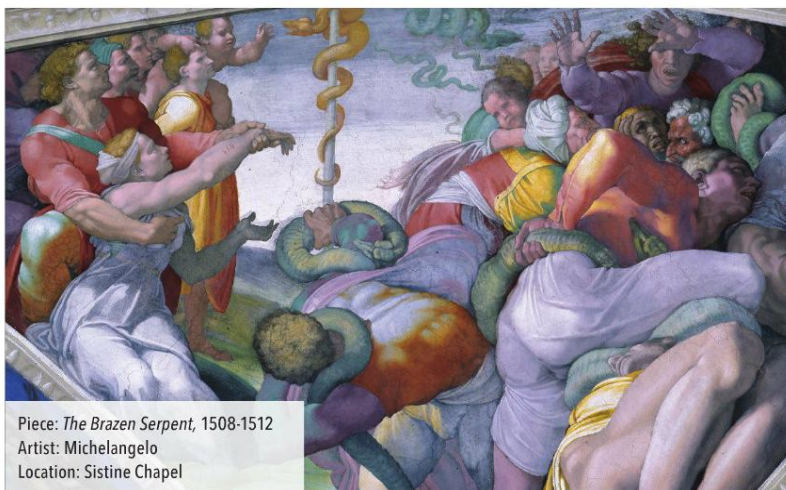
Even if you feel dead in your transgressions now, Jesus has already secured your path to life. Grace awaits you. The first step is to accept the love from he who is lifted up with arms outstretched to receive you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have any unspoken beliefs that, in some way, I am unlovable?

Do I need to repent from whatever attitudes or actions distance me from that love?



Piece: The Brazen Serpent, 1508-1512
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Sistine Chapel

[Jesus said,] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."
John 3:14

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

RECONCILIATION

Monday's 6:30—7:00PM at St. Joseph's

FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT

8:00AM at St. Joseph's

12:00 NOON at St. Patrick's

**There will be NO 8:00AM Mass on Thursday's at
St. Joseph's during Lent**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY EVENINGS 5:30PM at St. Joseph's

6:30PM at St. Patrick's

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:30PM at St. Joseph's

GOOD FRIDAY

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

2:00PM at St. Joseph's

HOLY SATURDAY

BLESSING OF FOOD

12:00 Noon at St. Patrick's

EASTER VIGIL

8:00PM at St. Patrick's

**No afternoon Confessions
NO 4:00pm or 5:30pm Masses**

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Father John Boyle from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Dingman Township will be hosting a trip with Collette Travel to **The Alpine Countries-Austria-Germany-Switzerland October 11-23, 2018** *13 DAYS—17 MEALS Double \$4,199 Single \$4,649. Book Now and Save \$200 per person. Brochures are now available!! Please contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish office at 570-686-4545 to request a brochure.

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

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 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling the Parish Office and leaving your name and phone number no later than March 18th.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

For St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Holy Spirit, at work in our lives

and in the lives of our ancestors,

You created the Church at Pentecost

and made it a sacrament of Jesus for the world.

We thank you for creating

the Diocese of Scranton 150 years ago

and rooting it in faith, hope and love.

We marvel at the journey you have traveled

with our bishops, laity, religious and priests.

Continue to strengthen us as one family.

Give us the clarity to focus on the things

that last:

-faith in you and the Gospel

-hope in the Resurrection

-and the love of our God.

Amen

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 17-18

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Declan Carroll</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Bill Reed</i> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
Altar Servers <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Jackie Tescione</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul & Cristin Cavallaro</i>
Altar Servers <i>Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher</i>
Milford Senior Care 3/11 Carol Cordova <i>3/18 Debbie Roa</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Agnes Rhodes
by
M/M Glen William
& Family

LENTEN "SOUP-TO-GO"

"Soup To Go" fundraiser! A different soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. Cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms are at all entrances to the 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 Thursday, March 8th: **Cream of Tomato** Pick up is in the church basement between 4 -6pm. Thank you for your support!

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 18, 2018 we will celebrate our patron Saint, St Joseph! There will be a special 8:30am Mass followed by a brunch. The brunch will be catered with a special St. Joseph's table which will include donated homemade breads and sweets. There is no cost for the brunch but we will be asking for a donation which will go to "St. Joseph's Center" located in Scranton, Pa. "St. Joseph's Center honors the core values of Care, Concern, Compassion and Commitment. Through pregnancy, family and adoption services; outpatient therapy; and extensive residential and community-based programs for children and adults diagnosed with intellectual disability, St. Joseph's serves hundreds of people throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania on a daily basis. Sign up sheets are at all entrances.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Again this year the Lily's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorializing. The offering per flower will be \$20.00. Special large YELLOW envelopes are available at all entrances to the church. Fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelope into the collection basket or at the Parish office. Deadline is March 19th. A list of the Memorials will appear in the April 1st Easter Bulletin. Please note that your monthly envelope packet has included an "Easter Flower Donation Envelope" returning this flower envelope helps defray the cost of flowers in general and does NOT reserve a Lily. ONLY THE YELLOW ENVELOPES provided at the entrances to the Church are for Lily Memorializations.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every Monday in the Rectory after the 8:00am Mass. Come join Father Vito and discuss current events, Church happenings, or anything on your mind. All are invited!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

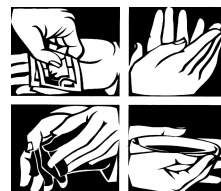
The food pantry would like to start a new team to help with daytime distribution. We need help Fridays 12 - 2pm. Please call or just show up. Thank you for your continued support.....Clare Nied

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 23rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering
March 4, 2018
\$ 3051.00

Last Year
March 5, 2017
\$4055.85

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 DAY ANNUAL DINNER

Tickets are sale now before and after Masses. We are still looking for many volunteers, to cook, clean up, decorate and set up. Many hands make light work. LET'S DO THIS!

MEMORIAL MASS CARDS

For those of you who have placed a Memorial Mass Card on the Cross for the month of November, please call the parish office to make arrangements to pick your cards up.

KNIGHTS' SOUPER BOWL A GREAT SUCCESS! T

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's K of C fundraiser for the "Hands of Hope." Because of your generosity, we have been able to give over \$1,000.00 to help the homeless of Pike County! Thank you!

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Angela Gleason** who died this past week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

Meet Wednesdays from 2-4 in the Church Hall Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We knit and crochet for many agencies throughout the area. Please come and join us! Can't knit or crochet?, We can help!!!

EASTER LILY/FLOWER MEMORIALS

This year the Lilies and Flowers that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost will be \$15.00 per plant. Special Yellow envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelopes into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline for your response is March 19th. A list will appear in the Easter Bulletin.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 17-18

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector

Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Janet Finnerty, Annette Petry, Pat corcoran

Altar Servers

Sean Rinkel, Dana Stroup

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

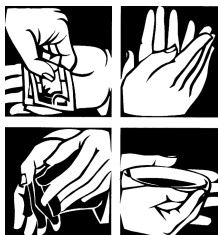
Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Colleen Sheldon, Catherine Umberto, Ray Weeks

Altar Servers

Caterina Catizone, Nicole Traxler



Weekly Collection

March 4, 2018

\$ TBA

This time last year

\$3,222.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

March 4,, 2018

\$ TBA

Year to Date July '17 - Current

\$30,741.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

The Sanctuary Candle will

burn in memory of

John McCarthy

requested by

Jo-Marie & Bill Totten

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3: 16

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus
Only
Son
World
Light
Save
Darkness
Everyone
Through

Love
Believes
Eternal
Life
Truth
Sight
God
Send

J	E	H	O	L	W	S	I	L	T	E	T
E	H	X	I	B	A	N	I	I	H	O	R
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Calendar

Monday

March 12

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

March 13

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

March 14

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

March 15

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

March 16

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

March 17

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

Daily Prayer

The gospels this week make it very clear toward the end of the week that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to?

From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. But it is not a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

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