

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

Remembering
June 25-July 1

MONDAY
8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Matthew Cocozello & Evelyn Kyle**
Lee Kenney

TUESDAY
12:00pm

✠ **Vincent DePalma**
Joseph & Barbara Rowan

WEDNESDAY
12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Angela Gleason**
Sara & Faro cottone

THURSDAY
8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Jack Shannon**
Jack & Dorean Reilly

FRIDAY

12:00pm (SP)
For The People of St. Patrick's

SATURDAY
4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Nancy Prestimonaco**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Cullen Leisenheimer**
Joseph & Barbara Rowan

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ **For the People of St. Joseph's Parish**

7:15am (SP)
Louis Black

Stuart & Donna Rivera

11:00am (SP)

✠ **Margaret Swart** *The Vogel Family*

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 24, 2018

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (B)

Is 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

God's Mission for Us

When an artist begins a painting, she or he has the end result in mind. The final result, the inspiration, is what sets the artist in motion. Aristotle called this ideal the "final cause" because it was the first thing in mind (the inspiration) and the last to be realized (the final product).

When God gives life to a human at the moment of conception, he does so with a final mission in mind for that child. He gives life freely, but not without a plan.

You and I are not the result of a coincidence or a chain of chemical reactions. We began at the heart of a loving, purposeful God. God willed you and wants you! You are who you are because of God's infinite love. He created you as a unique and divinely designed human being. His purposeful hand reached out and lifted you into existence just the way you are.

Yet your creation is not merely in the past but a reality that touches you now. God holds you and keeps you in every moment of your life. With every breath and movement, God is sustaining you. Your life is a loving project of God today.

Like St. John the Baptist who was created and called to be Jesus' cousin and prepare the way for him, so you have a call to prepare the way for Jesus to enter your world. How you do that in your lifetime as well as how you do that today is something unique to you. Your life has a mission! What is it? —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have a strong sense of God's mission for my life?

What might be some of the elements?

How have I benefited from other people who have been generous with their own mission?



Piece: *The Baptism of Christ*, circa 1482
Artist: Pietro Vannucci
Location: Sistine Chapel

*Before birth the LORD called me,
from my mother's womb he gave me my name.*

Isaiah 49:1

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

FAREWELL FATHER VITO COFFEE SOCIAL WITH THE PARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. PATRICK'S

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LIFE LINE SCREENING

Coming to St. Patrick's Church Hall on Thursday, August 9, 2018. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-888-653-6450 to schedule your appointment and receive a special \$10.00 discount. You may also register on line at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

DEANERY CHOIR

The Deanery Choir was on the monthly calendar for June 24th. This was postponed after the calendar was printed. We apologize for this.

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).

ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISHES!!

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled this year.

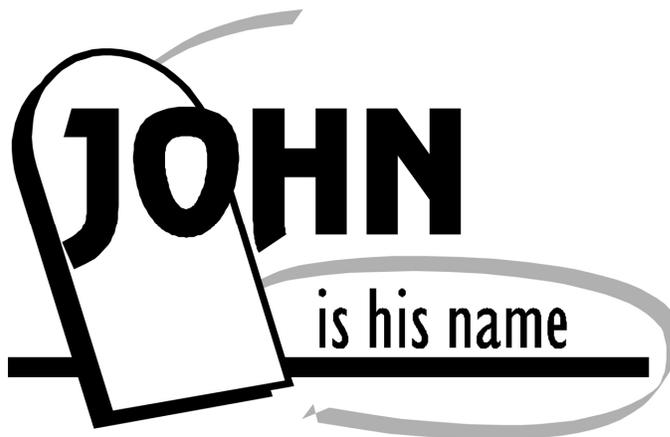
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION



If you forgot to turn your Baby Bottle in, you may drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your continued support!



The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
June 30–July 1

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul & Cristin Cavallaro</i> <i>Diane Heater Jackie Padgett</i>
Altar Servers <i>Mark Cavallaro</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Terry McDonough</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Neal & Michele Bensley,</i> <i>Jack Reilly Diana Sierra</i>
Altar Server <i>Ryan & Eric</i> <i>Schanzenbacher</i>
Milford Senior Care <i>6/24 Jack Reilly</i> <i>7/1 Carol Cordova</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



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ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, July 13, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team D). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. 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

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Our Parish Service Ministry is reaching out to all parishioners who may be in need of our help. If you need or know a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appt, please call the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

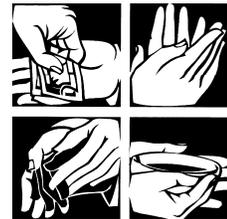
The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Alan Peters
by
The Family

Weekly Offering

June 17, 2018
\$ 4063.75

Last Year

June 18, 2017
\$3917.05



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 MASS SCHEDULE

Starting June 3rd and continuing through Columbus Day weekend, there will be at 7:15am Mass on Sunday morning.

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

After many years of good and faithful service, Jeanne Hoffman has decided to step down as leader of the St. Patrick's Group. Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—thogan@ptd.net or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday, July 20th at 6:30.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

The next scheduled Mass for the Residents of Belle Reve is Wednesday, July 18, at 2:30pm

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE Have you liked our Facebook Page At Saint Patrick's Milford PA? [facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA-276881409441280/](https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA-276881409441280/)

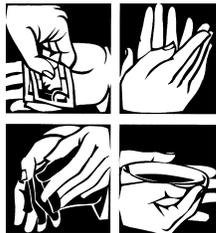
Have you followed us on Twitter? (@stpatmilfordpa):[Church of St Patrick \(@stpatmilfordpa\) Twitter](https://twitter.com/stpatmilfordpa)

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE FLEA MARKET

Saturday, July 21st from 9-4 and Sunday July 22nd from 10-1pm. This will be the 10th annual Flea Market for People Helping People! This is one of their major fundraisers for the year and provides them with extra money to help the less fortunate get through the holidays and winter months. Your generosity is always appreciated. Clean out your closets, basements and garages, one man's junk is another one's treasure. Drop off times are Wednesday July 18th and Thursday July 19th from 11 to 1 and 7pm to 8pm. Friday, July 20th the group will be accepting donations from 11 to 2. There is an insert in this week's bulletin describing the items they can not accept.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE June 30-July 1st

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Ray Proulx
Communion Ministers Janet Finnerty, Arlene & Dean Quirk
Altar Servers Carli Lock, Abigail Vogel
Sunday 7:15am
Lector David Stine
Communion Ministers Karen Loeschorn, Donna Hersca
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers Ray Weeks, Annette Petry, Catherine Umberto
Altar Servers Caterina Catizone, Jason Lecina



Weekly Collection
June 17, 2018
\$ 2666.00
This time last year
\$2,965.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
\$800.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$40,268.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Teresa Costantino
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.

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist | Luke 1:57-66, 80

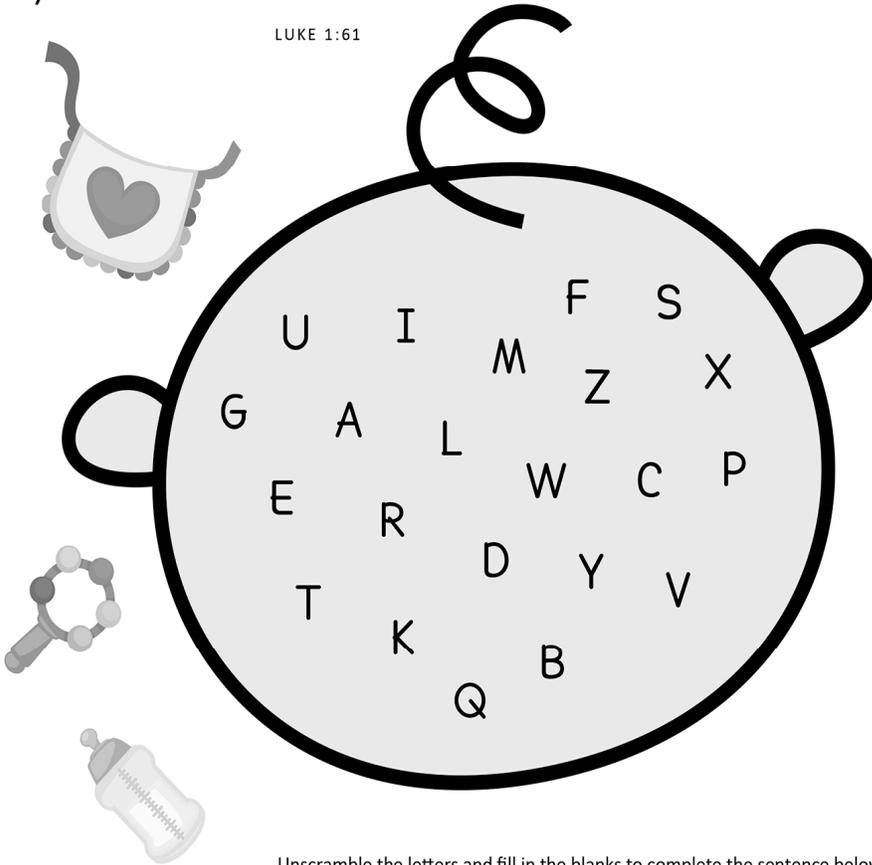
They wanted to call him Zechariah, after his father, but Elizabeth's husband wrote on a tablet, "His name is John." Immediately he spoke, blessing God, and the people became afraid. All who heard of the incident knew that the hand of the Lord was with John.

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They said to her, "No one among your relatives has that name."

LUKE 1:61

Find and write the missing letters (from A to Z) not found below...



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

"His name is _____."

Calendar

Monday

June 25

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5-8,

13-15a, 18

Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

June 26

Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21,

31-35a, 36

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

June 27

Weekday

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3

Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

June 28

Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8-17

Mt 7:21-29

Friday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul,

Apostles

Acts 12:1-11

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Saturday

June 30

Weekday

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19

Mt 8:5-17

Sunday

July 1

Thirteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43 or

5:21-24, 35b-43

Daily Prayer

Most of us know that having faith is more about confidence and trust in the Lord than it is about theological understanding or assent to truths. The biggest barrier to our more complete following of our Lord in faith is fear. This is a wonderful week to ask our Lord to heal us so that we can not be afraid and just have faith in him as we place our faith in his calming presence.

We can begin each day, sitting or standing at the edge of our bed and, in 30 seconds, simply name our desire. "Lord, thank you for this day. Please heal my fears. I want to place my trust in you more completely. Be with me in the tough stuff today." When we are in the shower or while getting dressed, as we are heading to work or doing laundry, when we are walking down a hall to a meeting or even at a store shopping, we can expand on our prayer - again, briefly and in a friend to friend conversation with our Lord. "Dear Lord, I'm going to be facing several things today that

feel like storms at sea. Don't let me lose sight of your presence with me today. Give me courage and an inner peace to do what you call me to do."

The phrases from Matthew's Gospel can work their way into our week so easily in this context. "Lord, let me know your love and mercy, that I might treat those I'm now judging with more of the love and mercy you show me." "Lord, it feels like you are inviting me to take a narrower path today than the one I usually take, following the way everyone around me goes. Help me choose your way with greater freedom and peace."

There is a real and sustaining joy that accompanies this sense of intimacy with our Lord, in the midst of our daily, busy lives. It seems right to take a few moments each night to express our thanks to the Lord for the gifts of the day.

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