

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

Rememóeríng
July 31 - Aug. 6

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Lydia Vargas**
The Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Larry Ryan**
Joeseeph & Barbara Rowan

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **James Burke**
Ed & Mary Dunn

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Gaston Ghegan Jr.**
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Yakupcin

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **Ronald Long**
The Family

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **The Moglia Family**
Emil & Arlene

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Robert Cornelius**
Wife, Catherine

9:00am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

✠ **For the People of
St. Patrick Parish**

Rags to Riches

The richly decorated portrait *The Vision of Saint Helena* by Paolo Veronese is immediately impressive. Helena, a woman of humble origins, became the wife of Constantius Chlorus (Rome's emperor from 293-306). An innkeeper's daughter in an outback town, her beauty caught the eye of the most powerful man on earth. She went from rags to riches.

Here she wears lush, Eastern fabrics with woven prints and royal colors. The gold and blue details of her dress and the valour of her crimson cape broached under her chin denote the wealth her position afforded. She rests on a high-back leather throne; an elegant textile wall covering provides a background from floor to ceiling.

The softly flowing fabrics and her serene posture exude calm and focus our attention on her tranquil face and spirit of contemplation. No matter the power, wealth, and beauty of the world surrounding her, Helena has forsaken all to pursue the true treasure she possesses as a Christian and values more than the rest. Helena traveled from Rome to Jerusalem to bring back the relics of Christ's passion. These reminders of Jesus' love for sinners became the most important treasures of Christendom.

Veronese wants to convince us that through prayer we come to understand our treasure is not found in wealth but in the glorious vestment of baptismal faith. As adopted sons and daughters of the king, we become like St. Helena: poor commoners raised to royalty! Thank God for his gift of life in Christ and allow your heart to follow the inspirations he shares with you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Vision of Saint Helena*, 1580
Artist: Paolo Veronese
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Saint Helena left the comfort of her home to search for the cross of Christ. What are you searching for? What are you willing to give up for it? Are there riches or treasures that have a stronger hold on your heart than the kingdom of God?

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44).

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

A Vigil Mass will be at St. Joseph's in Matamoras at 7:00PM on Monday evening, August 14th and Tuesday August 15th at 12:00 Noon at St. Patrick's in Milford. This is a holy day of obligation and all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass.

CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER GROUP meets at the Msgr. James Gacquin Religious Education Center, 122 Layton-Hainesville Road (Route 645) in Sandyston across from the Sandyston Municipal building on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30. Our prayer group will be using, as a spring board for discussion on prayer, a one half hour video "Crossing the Goal" (Leading Men to the Cross). Call Deacon Wayne at 973-293-3344 for more details.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

CHARASMATIC CONFERENCE

Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 35th annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of August 4-August 6. This year's theme is: "All were filled with the Holy Spirit" and we will focus on celebrating a jubilee year.

The Conference will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each afternoon. A well-stocked book/gift store will be available. Separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$65. Single-day registration is also available. Commuting and brown-bagging is encouraged, while dormitory housing and cafeteria meals are available at a moderate cost. For Registration Forms, call the CCR Office at 570-344-2214, or email ccrenewal@comcast.net

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 7

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic...It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited...There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.

Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms...However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption. There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, (reducing use of) fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. Worldwide there is minimal access to clean and renewable energy...Some countries have made considerable progress, although it is far from constituting a significant proportion. Investments have also been made in means of production and transportation which consume less energy and require fewer raw materials, as well as in methods of construction and renovating buildings which improve their energy efficiency. But these good practices are still far from widespread." (Continued in part 8)

Let us pray ... that we recognize our obligation to care for our world and all people, to share our resources with others, and to see all people as equal in the eyes of the Lord. Amen.

(To read the entire Encyclical Letter by Pope Francis, go to http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 5-6

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Stanley Lazarczyk
Eucharistic Minister Diana Sierra Larry Marcial
Altar Servers Lucas Helms Eric Cabrera-Agostini
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Janet Bright
Eucharistic Minister Jackie Padgett Diane Heater
Altar Servers Ella Carroll Lukas Schutz
JULY Altar Server Of the Month: Ella Carroll
Milford Senior Care 7/30 Jack Reilly 8/6 Carol Cordova

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
For the Intentions of
Jerome Smith

by
Debi Cotugno

SAVE THE DATE!!
ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY
SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2017.
Our Annual Tricky Tray will be in the DVHS Gym.
Doors open at 11:30 and calling to start at 2:00
*****Donations needed!*****

COFFEE SOCIAL THIS WEEKEND!!

Immediately following the 9:00am Mass in the Multi-purpose Rm.
All are Welcome!!

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, August 20, 2017. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

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!

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, August 25, 2017 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Vito celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of every Month at 11:00 am. (August 10th) Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

Weekly Offering
July 23, 2017
\$ 4309.15 (1st)
\$ 486.00 (2nd)

Last Year
July 23, 2016
\$ 3679.00 (1st)
\$ 559.00 (2nd)

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 PARISH PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE! September 10th at 12:15pm we will have our parish picnic on grounds of St. Patrick's. Volunteers needed and sign ups are in the narthex **and We all know everyone likes to be a winner!** Please consider creating a "Tricky Tray" basket for our parish picnic. Here are some possible ideas: "Back to School," "Baseball Lovers Basket," "Car Care Kit," "Halloween Fun," "Lottery Tickets," "Gardener's Delight," "Chef's Kitchen Items," "Italian Festa," "Mexican Fiesta," "Crafty Person's Corner," "Chocolate Lover's Delight," "Pet Care Essentials," "Outdoor Grilling Tools," "Tea Lover's Delight," "Basket of Cheer,"... Please sign up the Tricky Tray Sheet in the narthex or Contact Carol or Ray Proulx at 570 296-7645 or proulx@ptd.net.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC
SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Religious Formation registration is underway for the 2017-18 school year. Please stop by the office for an application or contact Jo-Marie Totten 570-296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. We are also in need of a few teachers for next year. If you enjoy working with children and would like to share your faith and the love of Jesus with them please contact Jo-Marie Totten at the numbers provided.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, July 28th at 6:00pm. Volunteers are still needed. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and leave your name.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith, **Kaisley May Conklin**, daughter of Joshua and Kerry Kinlin Conklin who was baptized here at St. Patrick's last week. God Bless you Kaisley.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Gladys Wood, mother of Valerie DiMatteo, who recently passed away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 5-6

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Janet Fin-nerty, Jeanne Ryan

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Jason Lecina

Sunday 7:30am

Lector David Stine

Communion Ministers

Clorinda Alfano, Donna Hersca, Rosemary Walsh

Altar Servers

Rily Mapes, Dana Stroup

Sunday 11:00am

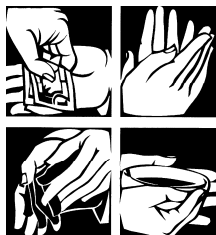
Lector Diane Dennis

Communion Ministers

Angela Gleason
R. Sequiera, Ray Weeks

Altar Servers

Carli Lock, Abigail Vogel



Weekly Collection

July 23, 2017

\$3092.00

Last year

July 26, 2016

\$4,223.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

July 30, 2017

\$ 1220.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current

\$50,055.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle

burns for

**Mary Jane Woods &
Priscilla Roth**

requested by Catherine
Umberto

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 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:44-52

Jesus tells us nothing we could ever own on earth is more valuable than the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as the Apostles gave up their earthly possessions and followed Jesus, we can share our earthly possessions with others.

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The Grace of God is a Great Treasure.

Grace is a gift God gives us! With His love, protection and blessing we can help others, and share ourselves and our talents.

Our parents/guardians show us God's love and grace every day when they take care of us. What can you do for your family & friends today, to show them your love?

Pretend you are the treasure chest and your talents are your treasure. What does God want you to share with others?



Don't forget you are one of God's great treasures on earth!



Cut out treasure chest, fold in half and tape tabs to back of chest. Cut out & put in treasure strips, share with someone.



SHARE SOMETHING YOU LEARNED AT SCHOOL

HELP A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

SHARE YOUR ART OR MUSIC TALENTS

PUT AWAY YOUR THINGS / HOUSEWORK / CLEAN UP

HELP PREPARE / CLEAN UP A MEAL

WORK IN THE GARDEN / YARD

PRAY FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS SICK OR TROUBLED

↓ Fill in your own talents ↓

Calendar

Monday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

August 2

Weekday

Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

August 3

Weekday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

August 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 5

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8-17
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

Daily Prayer

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background

times throughout the day will take no "extra" time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, "Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today." Or, "Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today." While in the shower or driving to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying "thank you" every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.

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