

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

Remembering
April 29-May 5



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter
or Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)
Acts 5:12-16 / Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13,
17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

✦ **John J. Scialdone**
Mickey Baldanzi

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)

✦ **Communion Service**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✦ **Communion Service**

THURSDAY
8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Communion Service**

FRIDAY
12:00

1st Friday Communion Service
Sacred Heart of Novena

SATURDAY
4:00pm (SJ)

✦ **William Fontana Sr. & William Fontana Jr.**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

✦ **Darrin Hickswa**
Patrick & Cheryl McCarthy

SUNDAY
8:30am (SJ)

✦ **The Intentions of Kyle Goodman** (*Living*)
The Bradley Family

11:00 (SP)

✦ **Joseph Kelsch**
Marguerite Magnavito

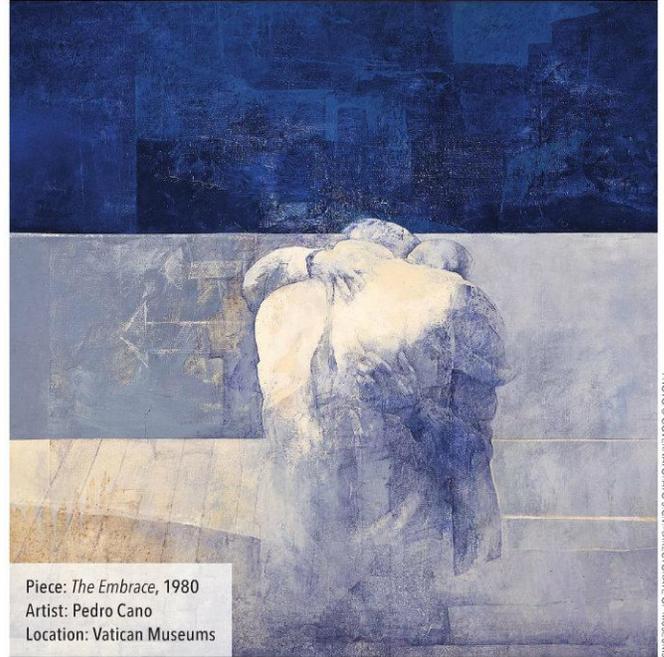
Saved by Christ's Merciful Love

We're not defined by our weakness, but created for greatness! Look at David, Paul, and the sinful woman. David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he wrote Psalms and was Jesus' ancestor. Paul killed one of the first deacons, Stephen, yet became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles. The sinful woman's misdeeds were public, yet what is most remembered is her repentance and love.

Sin is not the last word. God's recreating mercy is. God's mercy asks for a response so all that transformative power can be unleashed in us. The only thing that stands in the way of God's renewal rushing in and totally transforming us is our own lack of acceptance.

Sin wants to stand in the way of this good news. The evil one tries to convince us that we are too sinful; that salvation and happiness might be for others, but certainly not for us.

But David, Paul, and the sinful woman didn't let that sinister message sink in. David was moved to repentance by Nathan's words. Paul accepted that he wasn't saved by his religious fervor or condemned for his errors. He was saved by letting Christ's merciful love embrace him. The sinful woman refused to be defined by her poor choices. She tearfully made penance at Christ's feet, and this act



Piece: *The Embrace*, 1980
Artist: Pedro Cano
Location: Vatican Museums

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of her brokenness gave off a consoling aroma that filled the house.

Let the power of Christ's love be unleashed in you by forgiving yourself and others. Then your weakness will be the first step toward the greatness God has in store for you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Are there any past errors that I am letting define me?
What stands in my way of a greater experience of Christ's mercy?*

[Jesus said,] "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

John 20:22-23

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

April 28, 2019 from 1-3PM. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Jesus taught us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. But who is our neighbor? Have you ever asked yourself that question? Jesus gives us many examples in the gospels, but sometimes our understanding is clouded by modern-day practices and our own busy lives. There are answers to that question, even today, found with the Seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Please go to the USCCB website to learn more at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-socialteaching/upload/catholic-social-teaching-handout-adult-digital.pdf>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 High Point Golf Club. Registration 10-11:00AM, Putting contest at 11:00Am. Shotgun Start 12:00 Noon. Lunch on Course, dinner at Erie Trackside after Golf, Scramble format. Assorted golf Prizes & Contests. \$100.00 per golfer is paid by May 10thth (\$120.00 after. Contact Benny Marasa at 570 296-5564 or Steve Riordan (845) 629-3642 for more information.

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.

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).



TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER "BOOMERANG"

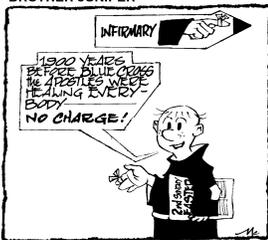
The Baby Bottle Boomerang is a simple, fun and easy way to raise money for your local non profit pregnancy and family crisis center-Tri State Pregnancy Center. All you do is put in your loose change (from your couch, cars, or even laundry) and place it in the Baby Bottle! The Boomerang starts Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day. This helps us keep all our services free and to be able to give away free baby items, such as diapers and wipes. Bottles will be displayed at the entrances of the Church. Questions? Call Natasha Smolinski at 570-491-5151.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 4-5

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Anna Blackman</i> <i>Tom McMullen</i>
Altar Servers <i>Eric Cabrera Agostini,</i> <i>David Marcial,</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Chuck Pike</i> <i>Carol Cordova</i>
Altar Server <i>Lukas Schutz</i> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i>
Milford Senior Care 4/28 Chuck Pike <i>5/5 Debbie Roa</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns for the

John Codichini

By

Catherine Westfall

CCD SHOWCASE

will be held today Sunday, April 28, downstairs in the Church Hall immediately following the 8:30am Mass. Come join the CCD Students as they celebrate the CCD year!! There will be refreshments!

ALTAR & ROSARY

Meeting on Monday, May 6th at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. All women in the parish are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion Class who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday May 5th here at St. Joseph's.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for their Red White and Blue Raffle after masses. This is our 4th year. Thanks to every one for your support and generosity we have raised over \$6000 in the first three years. Proceeds from this raffle benefit the Special Olympics Area P and Vetstock (supports local Veterans). The drawing is on May20th and you don't need to be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 dollars. Thank you for supporting these local charities.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of every Month at 11:00 am. The next scheduled Mass is Thursday, May 9th. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, May 19, 2019. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, May 1 from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

ST. MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS

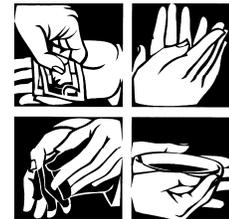
is now accepting registrations for the 2019-20 school year. Children must turn three years old by December 1, 2019 for the Pre-K 3 class, and four by December 1, 2019 for the Pre-K 4 class. Classes meet 2, 3, or 5 days a week full and half day programs available. Call Eileen Carmody 845-858-4208 for more information.

Weekly Offering

Last Year

Easter 2019
\$ TBA

Easter 2018
\$ 4780.00



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."



7:15 MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

7:15 Mass will resume at St. Patrick's Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th and will continue through Columbus Day Weekend.

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, May 15th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening May 10th at 6:00pm.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE thank you for your continued support with our monthly bake sales. The next Bake Sale date will be Mother's Day Weekend, May 11 & 12 following the Masses.

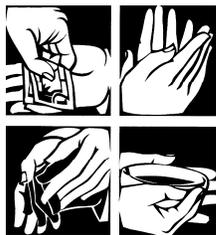
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Holy Communion will be Saturday, May 4th at 11:00. There is a practice Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00pm in the church.

On Sunday, May 5th St. Patrick's will be doing the May Crowning following the 11:00 Mass. This is the last day of Religious Ed. And all students are encouraged to come to this Mass. There will be ice-cream following the May Crowning.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE May 4-5

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers Midge Currier, Pat Boyle
Altar Servers Jason Lecina, Carli Lock, Sophia Mullen
Sunday 11:00am Easter
Lector Joe Dooley
Communion Ministers Ray Weeks, Linda Coffey
Altar Servers Riley Mapes, Abby & Anna Vogel



Weekly Collection

April 14, 2019 TBA

April 21, 2019 TBA

Easter Collection TBA

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
April 14, 2019

\$ TBA

April 21, 2019 TBA

Year to Date July '18- Current
\$31,377.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of 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.

KID'S KORNER

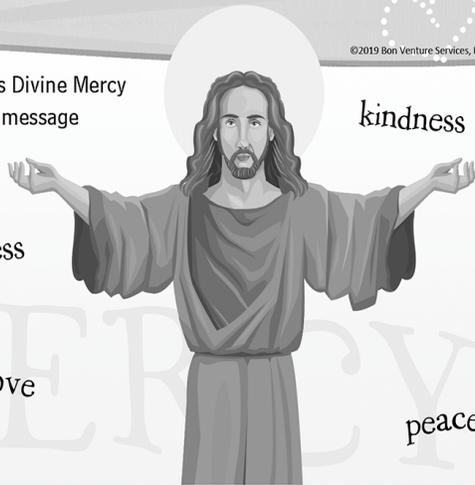
Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) | John 20:19-31

When Jesus appeared to His disciples the first and second times following His Resurrection, He was merciful. He offered them peace, kindness, love and forgiveness.

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The Second Sunday of Easter (the week after Easter) is always Divine Mercy Sunday as requested by Jesus to St. Faustina. Today's gospel message introduces the Sacrament of Penance and forgiveness.

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

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Calendar

Monday

APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:23-31

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

APRIL 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

MAY 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

MAY 2

St. Athanasius,

Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

Friday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,

Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14

Saturday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

MAY 5

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Rev 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19 or

Jn 21:1-14

Daily Prayer

This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours, if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? Our challenge might be to give up enough control in our lives to simply ask God for help and a growing trust.

What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of

"the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from God to fall into his forgiving embrace.

Dear Jesus, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.

I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed."

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