

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

Rememóeríng
Sept 18-24

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Intentions of
Mitchell Babey**
M/M Steve Babey

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Doris McAuliffe**
The Piazza Family

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Michael Wenning**
*Dolores & Christine
McGlew*

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Rosemarie Havlicek**
M/M Steve Babey

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Jack & Betty
McElligott**
The Moglia Family

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Josephine & Vincent
Greco**
Mary Greco

9:00am (SJ)

✠ **Edward Sierra**
Jackie Tescione

11:00am (SP)

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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 17, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35

Right Judgment

Often when we think of a judge, we think of severity or cold justice. Courtroom and criminal-justice dramas—even some news coverage of major crimes and scandals—love depicting the offender as receiving his or her just rewards, with the judge or prosecutor smugly reflecting or sighing in relief.

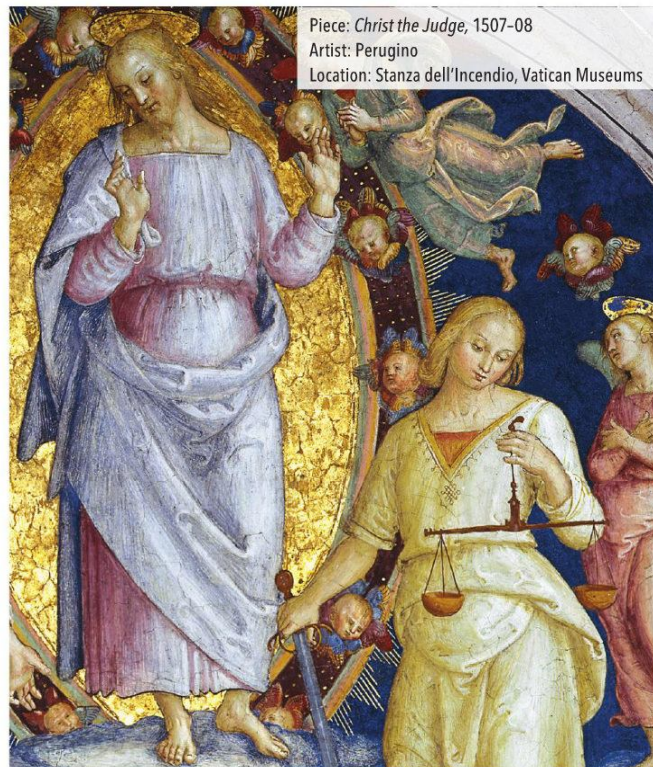
But in the scriptural sense, a judge is much more. A good judge is an educator, teacher, and parent. Good judges promote wise living and respect for authority and the law. Their tools are sometimes mercy, sometimes penance, but always prompted by love.

A better image to understand the judge's role is a parent educating his or her child. Sometimes education means letting something slide; sometimes it means holding the child accountable. Both can be expressions of love.

Today's readings caution us against selfish passions that prompt us to judge. One who has been forgiven much but is then harsh with others will be severely punished—or as Sirach puts it, God “remembers their sins in detail.”

Mercy toward others is key to the Gospel message. Some think they are good Christians because they don't steal and haven't killed anyone. They may even be active in their parish but are highly critical of others.

Remember, as Jesus said: “The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you” (Matthew



Piece: *Christ the Judge*, 1507-08

Artist: Perugino

Location: Stanza dell'Incendio, Vatican Museums

7:2). And, “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How kind, patient, and forgiving am I on a regular basis? How kind, patient, and forgiving would others say I am?

*“I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times”
(Matthew 18:22).*

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

THANK YOU!

I am so grateful for all your blessings, kindness and support shown to me for my 33rd Anniversary to the Priesthood. Being sent by God to serve you, I am truly thankful. Please be assured you are always in my prayers, Pax et Bonum, Father Al.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

On May 13, 1917 our Blessed Mother first appeared to three young children in Fatima, Portugal asking them to pray the Rosary and telling them how important it was to listen to her. This year being the 100th Anniversary of Our blessed Mother's apparition, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dingmans Ferry, has begun a Children's Rosary Prayer Group. We meet once a month on the second Saturday at 11AM for about one hour at St. Vincent's in our Chapel. All are invited and most welcome. Any questions or interest please call Marie Biel at 570-686-4637 or hoza-na3@ptd.net

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 ANNUAL APPEAL

Walk Together in the Light of Christ

Your gifts to the Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable among us through the ministries of Catholic social Services that feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need. Many more individuals in parish communities receive assistance through parish-based Social Justice Programs funded by the Appeal. Diocesan Grants were awarded to 45 parish programs this year including food and clothing pantries, monthly dinners for families in need and outreach to prison inmates.

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

10 Week session begins October 5, 2017. Cost for 10 classes is \$100.00. St. Patrick's church Office Building 111 E. High St. Beginner class at 6:00pm, Intermediate class 7:00pm. Sign up will begin at 5:30, October 5, 2017. For further information please e-mail or call Ruth Murphy rysigner@aol.com or (917) 640-9587

CHARISMATIC MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

October 8, 2017 at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Honesdale at 3:00pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Marek Wasilewski of St. John's Church in Honesdale. All are welcome! This is being hosted by the Northern Regional Charismatic Prayer Group.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 9

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems. It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right...We must be grateful for the praiseworthy efforts being made by scientists and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made problems. But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves...Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration." (Continued in part 10)

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)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 23-24

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Declan Carroll

Eucharistic Minister

Diane Heater

Paul Cavallaro

Altar Servers

Daniel Corcoran

Draven Nitecki

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Brenna Cavallaro

Eucharistic Minister

Joe Price

Chuck Pike

Altar Servers

Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher

AUGUST Altar Server Of the
Month: **Mikaela Parker**

Milford Senior Care
9/10 Lois Lazarczyk
9/24 Jack Reilly

BROTHER JUNIPER

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
For the Intentions of
Glenn R. Williams
by
M/M Glen Williams
and Family

CCD - Starts this Sunday, September 17th immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

TRICKY TRAY**ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY NEXT WEEKEND!**

Saturday, 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!*** Baskets have been placed at the front and back entrances of the Church. Please take one, fill it for our Tricky Tray and return it by Tuesday 9/19. THANK YOU.

KAIROS

- One of our parishioners, Terry McDonough will be serving on a prison retreat weekend Oct. 12 thru Oct. 15, 2017 in Shawangunk State Correctional Facility in Wallkill, NY. Kairos is like Cursillo but geared to the incarcerated who need to know that God loves them and that they are not forgotten by their Christian brothers and sisters. Be a part of it by signing up for a prayer time slot or by supplying some packaged cookies or by making a financial contribution. Terry can be reached at (570) 491-5548. Thanks for your support.

ST. JOSEPH'S JR CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Please join our choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:00 until 6:55pm. The Jr. Choir sings at the 9:00am Mass on Sundays. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to join. Please see Mrs. Bradley at 4:00pm Mass on Saturdays or call her at 845-754-3620.

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 personally have needs or know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call to lift spirits or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, October 8th. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

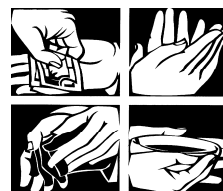
COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Every Monday in the Rectory after the 8:00am Mass. Come join Father Vito and discuss current events, Church happenings, or anything on your mind. All are invited!

FOOD PANTRY - Our next food pantry will be Friday, September 29th, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering
September 10, 2017
\$ 3055.21(1st)
\$ 481.00 (2nd)

Last Year
September 11, 2016
\$ 3641.42 (1st)
\$ 483.35 (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."

THANK YOU!!!

PARISH PICNIC

A big thank you to all who came out to be part of our 2017 Parish Picnic! We had over 165 in attendance! We also thank all of our many volunteers who so generously gave their time and talents. It was a wonderful day of great food, music, singing and dancing! A wonderful tricky tray and fun games.

ALTAR SERVERS

Deacon Mike is having a practice for all new Altar Servers and those already serving (if they feel they would like a refresher course) on Sunday, September 24th at 3:00 in the Church.

NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

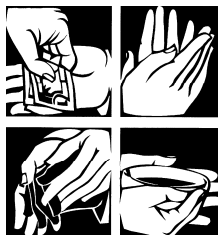
A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non- baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, such as Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

MINISTRY FAIR

The Pastoral Council is planning a Ministry Fair the weekend of September 30-October 1. Representatives from 10 parish groups will be available after all Masses to answer questions and explain what their group does. Please think about signing up to help in one or more of these ministries. Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 23-24

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)	
Lector	<i>Jack Boyle</i>
Communion Ministers	<i>Donna Hersca, Colleen Sheldon</i>
Altar Servers	<i>Dana Stroup, Abigail Vogel</i>
Sunday 7:30am	
Lector	<i>David Stine</i>
Communion Ministers	<i>Dean & Arlene Quirk</i>
Altar Servers	<i>Carli Lock, Nicole Traxler</i>
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	<i>Joe Casmus</i>
Communion Ministers	<i>Ricardo & Veronica Sequiera</i>
Altar Servers	<i>Isabella & Vincent Saski</i>



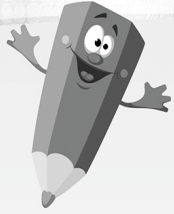
Weekly Collection
Sept. 10, 2017
\$3,624.00
Last year
September 12, 2016
\$4,198.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
Sept. 10, 2017
\$ 1,162.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$12,126.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Michalina Romano
requested by
John & Donna Piezza*

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says there should be no limit to the times we forgive, from our hearts, those who treat us unfairly.

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JESUS REMINDS US TO BE FORGIVING

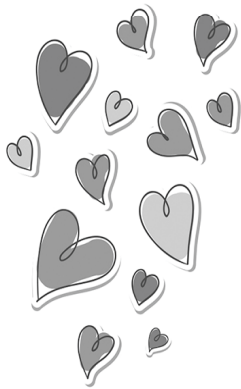
Think of
someone you
need to forgive.

What symbol
would best show
what you are feeling?

Love, peace, hugs &
kisses or prayer; or are
you just proud to be in
America.

Design and color your own
FORGIVENESS FLAG.

With the symbols below, or
your own ideas, design a
larger flag on a separate
piece of paper and
hang it in a
window.



Forgive from
the heart flag



American flag



Peace flag



Praying hands flag

Calendar

Monday

September 18

Weekday

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

September 19

Weekday

1 Tm 3:1-13

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,

Priest, and Paul Chông

Ha-sang, and Companions,

Martyrs

1 Tm 3:14-16

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

September 21

St. Matthew,

Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Friday

September 22

Weekday

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina,

Priest

1 Tm 6:13-16

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

September 24

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

Daily Prayer

Who among us hasn't wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.

These days, the news stories are centered on war and conflict, and on financial collapse centered on greed. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways - in the Sudan, in sub-Saharan Africa and in the Middle East. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week's readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God's love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free.

We could ask the Lord this week to help us assess what we really need. Do riches become a trouble for us? Do anxieties and the pleasures of life choke my reception of the Word? Can we ask for the desire to walk through our days with trust in Jesus' power to heal, to bring what is dead to life? Each of us can make this daily desire request and reflection very concrete. And, as we prepare for the weekend, we can begin reflecting on how happy I am that God is merciful and generous, even toward those that I don't think "deserve" it.

As we begin each day with a desire, we can end each day with gratitude for what we received.

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