

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

Remembering
Mar. 6-12

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✚ **Pedro, Carmen, & Eulalia Marcial**
The Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Barbara Guinn(Liv)**
Chris Lord

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **John Reilly**
Wife, Judy Reilly

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Edward Sierra**
Karen & Jim Colaiaco

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Tom Earley**
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

12:00pm (SP)

John Reilly
Wife, Judy Reilly

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Barbara Brown**
Sara & Faro Cottone

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✚ **Patrick O'Connor**
Helen Findlay

9:00am (SJ)

✚ **Jack Drake**
The Family

11:00am (SP)

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



Our Parish COMMUNITY

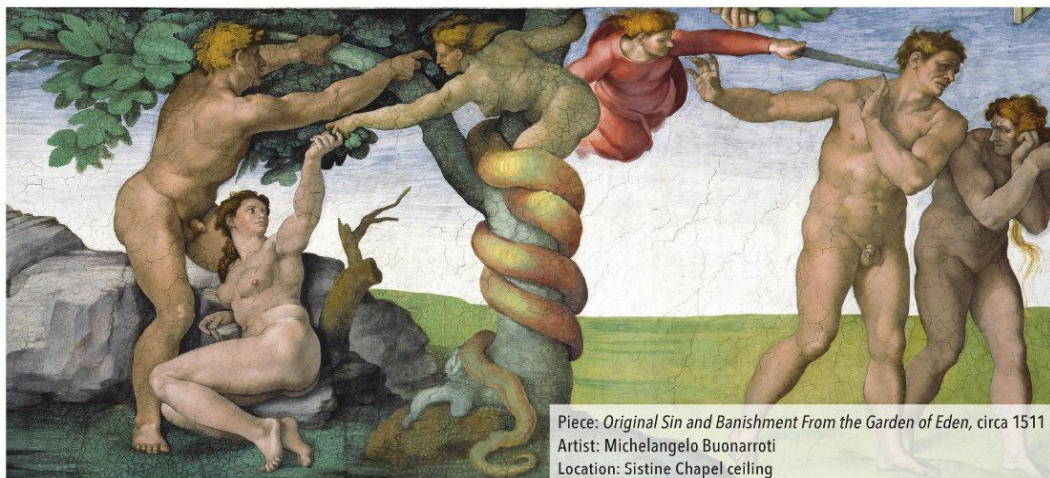
March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11



Piece: Original Sin and Banishment From the Garden of Eden, circa 1511
Artist: Michelangelo Buonarroti
Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

Sin and Redemption

One thing today's readings—and really all of Scripture—make abundantly clear is that the devil exists. He is a liar and a deceiver, just as he was for our first parents and for Jesus as well. This is good to keep in mind at the beginning of Lent. We need a conversion of heart because the devil tempts us. We are sinners. Sin is real. The story of original sin illuminates the failure of Adam and Eve, and the reading from Romans explains that that sin has reached us. In this fresco, Michelangelo paints the devil as a serpent with a human upper body to accent that the devil is a person. All humanity is wounded and weakened by sin.

Yet even if sin and the devil are realities, the good

news is that they are not the strongest realities. Jesus, as he shows us in the Gospel, is stronger than the enemy, and he shares that strength with us. We can be new creations through the salvation and forgiveness Jesus offers. His obedience can make us righteous.

During Lent, we try to purify our heart with God's grace so that we freely choose righteousness.

Our actions reveal another reality of the good news: our choices make a difference. God trusts us so much that he gives us free will and allows us to play a part in our own salvation. Accepting his grace is the first step toward victory over sin. That is why your Lenten fasts and promises are such game changers—they strengthen your will, purify your heart, and make you more like Jesus.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Have I prayed about what God wants me to give up or take on in Lent? What resolutions will help me love God more while distancing me from obstacles to his love?

"But the snake said to the woman: 'You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil'" (Genesis 3:4-5).

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 5, 2017

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30 Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests should be received no later than March 13. Please call the Parish Office to reserve.

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR WINTER

STORMS—(Daily Mass only)

We would like to apologize for any confusion with our daily Mass Schedules. It appears the best solution is for St. Joseph's to follow the School District School Closing Schedule for Daily Mass only. If there is a 2 hour delay St. Joseph's will not have Mass. This does not include Holydays. St. Patrick's will have Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesday regardless of 2 hour delays or closings. To find out if there is a delay or closing call 570-296-1800 or www.dvdsd.org

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

An emergency phone number has been established for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's parishes should you be in need of a priest for life threatening emergencies, Anointing of the sick or death. The number is (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Only messages with the emergencies mentioned above will be returned. This number is available to you on both Parishes answering machines.

FATHER AL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

fatheral@ptd.net

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

"SOUP-TO-GO"

Again St. Joseph's Church will have the "Soup To Go" fundraiser during Lent. A different homemade soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms have been placed at all entrances at St. Joseph's Church. You may also call St. Joseph's Parish Office 570-491-2618 and place an order. 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" this week will be: **Cream of Broccoli Cheese** Pick-up will be in St. Joseph's Church basement between 4 -6pm on Thursday, March 9th. Thank you for your support!

TRICKY TRAY

Port Jervis Business and Professional Women's Club presents the 16th Annual Stars of Tomorrow Tricky Tray Fundraiser. March 11th at Port Jervis High School 10 Rte 209 ,Port Jervis NY. Doors open at noon calling begins at 2:00pm. Free admission, children welcome. Tickets \$1 per sheet, with a chance of \$200 cash prize. More than 275 baskets/gift certificates, raffle table, 50/50, special table and super special table. Proceeds to fund scholarships for high school seniors. Call 845 858 7892 for questions/information. Snow date March 12,2017.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

MASS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

8:00AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

12:00 NOON @ ST. PATRICK'S

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY'S

6:30PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

7:00PM @ ST. PATRICK'S

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

CONFESSIONS MONDAY'S

5:30—6:00PM ST. JOSEPH'S

6:30—7:00 PM ST. PATRICK'S

TUESDAYS DURING LENT AT 6:30

AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON DIFFERENT SAINTS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH. PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHURCH. THE FIRST FOCUS WILL BE ON OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL ON MARCH 7TH. COME FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT AND REFLECTION.

~~~~~HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE~~~~~

HOLY THURSDAY - EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

GOOD FRIDAY - THE PASSION OF THE LORD 2:00PM AT ST. PATRICK'S

HOLY SATURDAY BLESSING OF THE FOOD 12:00PM AT ST. PATRICK'S

EASTER VIGIL AT ST. JOSEPH'S 8:00PM (no Confessions or 4:00 or 5:30 Masses)

EASTER SUNDAY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S 9:00AM

MASSES AT ST. PATRICK'S 7:30 & 11:00AM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 11-12

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Stephanie Fells

Eucharistic Minister

Bill Reed

Stanley Lazarczyk

Altar Servers

Ella Carroll

Mark Cavallaro

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Diana Sierra

Eucharistic Minister

Cristin Cavallaro

Paul Cavallaro

Altar Servers

Alexandra Manazza

Brenna Cavallaro

February Altar Server of
the Month: **Daniel Corcoran**

Milford Senior Care
3/5 Lois Lazarczyk

3/12 Jack Reilly

BROTHER JUNIPER



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

Joseph Morstatt
by
The Bensley Family

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The “Soup of the Week” for this week is: Cream of Broccoli Cheese.

Pick will be in the church basement between 4 -6pm on Thursday, March 9th. Thank you for your support! Next week: *Vegetarian Vegetable Bean*

PRAYER CIRCLE

If you have a prayer request please call any of the following Prayer Circle Captains, Karen Sweeney 570-491-2228, Ann Dilger 845-856-6064, Carol Cordova 570-491-9074.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Vito will celebrate Mass at Milford Senior Care on Thursday, March 9th at 9:30 am. The Mass will be for Irene Pallo Musyt requested by Bill & Mary Gaa. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PRESENTS

Nationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best selling author, Matthew Kelly, to our area on Friday, April 7th from 6:30-10:30 in Monroe, NY. Matthew will be sharing his inspirational message of how to live everyday a life with purpose and passion. Throughout his presentation he will discuss how to apply the genius of Catholicism enabling you to have a more vibrant and meaningful life. For more info about this phenomenal event visit www.dynamiccatholic.com/ events and select Passion and Purpose. Matthew will inspire you to live the life you were created to live. We have people who are willing to carpool. If you are interested call: Carol Cordova 570-491-9074.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19th is the Feast Day of St Joseph our Patron Saint. We will be holding a pot luck dinner to celebrate on Sunday, March 19th starting at 5:00. Come and join us for good food and fellowship. A Sign-up sheet is at the main entrance of the church to let us know: how many will be joining us, if you can help set up, and what you will be bringing - vegetable dish, meat dish or dessert.

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! Should a Monday Mass be cancelled due to inclement weather, Coffee and Conversation will be held after 8:00am Mass on Thursday.

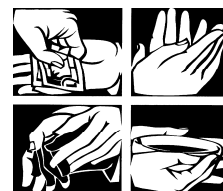
FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 31st from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering
February 26, 2017
\$ 3251.50 (1st)

Last Year
February 28, 2016
\$ 3512.03 (1st)
\$ 603.00 (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."

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Beginning March 15th Mass will be the 3rd Wednesday of every Month. Please note there is no Mass at Belle Reve in February.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

We are looking for parishioners to join our Pastoral Council to renew and implement our pastoral plan. Please see Father Vito if interested.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH...The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Scranton invites everyone who is 18 or older to participate in an upcoming Cursillo weekend. The weekend, which is held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. The next Cursillo weekend for men will be held March 30-April 2, 2017 and the next Cursillo weekend for women will be held October 5-8, 2017. A Cursillo weekend is similar to a retreat, with time devoted to listening to talks on Christian spirituality, plus lots of discussion, and daily Mass. It's a very special weekend aimed at deepening your relationship with Jesus and helping you to be a more active disciple of His. For further information, contact Ray or Carol Proulx at 296-7645 or by e-mail at Proulx@ptd.net. Or check out their website at <http://scrantoncursillo.homestead.com/>

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

New members are needed and always welcome. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance) of the Church Hall. We are currently working on blankets for veterans, prosthetics for cancer survivors, baby items for the Tri-State Pregnancy Center, chemo caps and more. For more information please contact Pat Santini at (570) 296-9469.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE

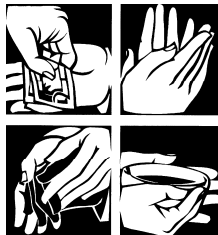
Is schedule for the weekend of March 11 & 12th. Please consider baking one of your favorites desserts, cookies, or whatever your specialty may be. You may drop your donated baked goods off prior to the Mass you are attending. Thank you for all you do to help this ministry.

ATTENTION MOMS OF PRESCHOOL AGED CHILDREN.

Did you know there's a group just for you here at St. Patrick's? A mothers' group will be meeting on the first and third Wednesday of every month in the church hall from 9:30 to 11:00am. Come join us for some fellowship with other moms as we encourage each other in our ministry of motherhood! Our next meeting will be held on March 15th.

ALTAR SERVERS

Please remember to find a replacement if you can not serve on your selected Mass. If you are having trouble finding a replacement, please call the office.



Weekly Offering
February 26, 2017
\$ 2,969.00
Last year

February 23, 2016
\$4,761.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 26, 2017
\$1,256.00

Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$37,187.00.04
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 11-12, 2017

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Linda Coffey, Sara Cottone,
Rosemary Walsh

Altar Servers

Nicholas
Dinos, Adam Sandomato

Sunday 7:30am

Lector David Stine

Communion Ministers

Clorinda Alfano, Karen
Loeschorn, Colleen Sheldon

Altar Servers

Mikaela & Pamela Larry

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Angela Gleason, Ricardo &
Veronica Sequeira

Altar Servers

Vincent & Isabella Saski

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
William & Carolyn*

Borokus

*requested by
Stan & Arlene Dutkus*

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.

To begin His ministry Jesus prayed, fasted and avoided sin as He spent 40 days in the desert praying to God. He believed the Holy Spirit would be with Him.

Monday

March 6

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

March 7

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

March 8

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

March 9

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

Friday

March 10

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

March 11

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

March 12

Second Sunday

of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

Daily Prayer

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to realign our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

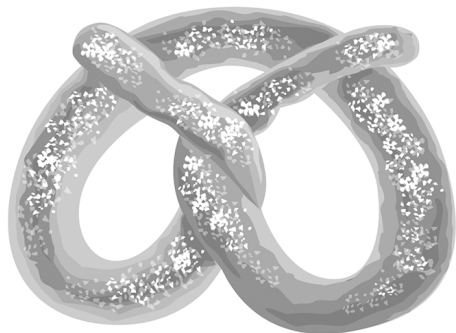
As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or

Believe... in the power of prayer

Pretzels shaped like praying arms remind us of the rewards of our prayers.

Eat a pretzel after your prayer this week.



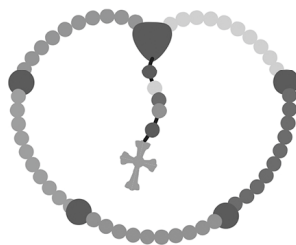
Dear God,
This week I pray for these people I love.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Add as many people as you want to the list.

The First Sorrowful Mystery - The Agony in the Garden

Think about this mystery before praying.
In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed to God about what was to take place.



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Think about Jesus praying to God, "Thy will be done".

kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the background about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

*Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site:
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