

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

Remembering
April 2 - 8



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 1, 2018

Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

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

TUESDAY

12:00pm

☩ **Laura Moglia Caloger**
Mother and Father

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

☩ **Teresa Costantino**
Faro & Sara Cottone

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

☩ **Intentions of the Stead & Smith Families**

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

☩ **For The People Of St. Joseph's Parish**

5:30pm (SP)

☩ **Teresa Costantino**
Ray & Carol Proulx

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

☩ **John Sybrandy**
Dorean & Jack Reilly

11:00am (SP)

☩ **For The People of St. Patrick's**

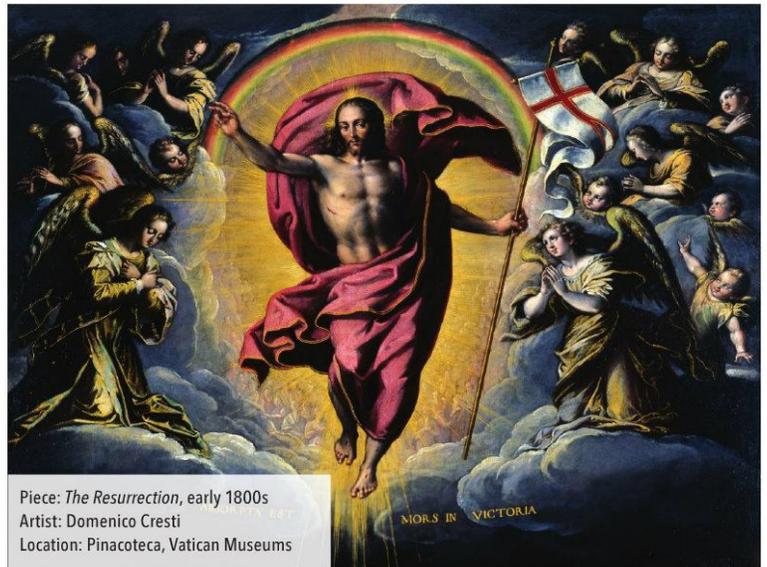
Victory!

Fr. Lorenzo Ricci, SJ, placed this painting in the chapel commemorating the spot outside Rome where Ignatius had a vision confirming his desire to ask the pope to found the Jesuit order. It's significant because Fr. Lorenzo enthroned this painting as a symbolic act just before the order was suppressed throughout the Portuguese and Spanish Empires. It was one of their darkest hours.

We all have dark moments in our histories. It seems death will swallow us; that God has abandoned us, and there is no solution. The darkness in the painting suggests just that—the world of darkness and despair without the light of Christ. The soldiers sleep, the cold world waits below, and a once-strong trunk is dry and sapped of vigor.

Above, the beautiful Christ figure is surrounded in light, while he hoists the victory standard: the blood-red cross of martyrdom set upon the pure white of resurrection. He, like a new Moses, is leading them into the promised land of eternal life.

These contrasting scenes of darkness and light are the message of the painting and of the resurrection itself. Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene had locked themselves at home, engulfed in darkness, fear, and sadness. The next morning they arrive to the tomb only to find it open and the body of their beloved



Piece: *The Resurrection*, early 1800s
Artist: Domenico Cresti
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

Savior gone. Victory was being won even as they slept.

Entrust your ways to the Lord and he will act. God is at work winning your salvation! Do not let hope be vanquished! Hold on. Trust in him. Victory is right around the corner!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I trust in Christ's power, which I cannot see, more than the problems that I can see?

Do I believe God is a good Father and only permits that which leads to greater glory for both of us?

Think of what is above, not what is on earth.

Colossians 3:2

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

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Holy Spirit, at work in our lives

and in the lives of our ancestors,

You created the Church at Pentecost

and made it a sacrament of Jesus for the world.

We thank you for creating

the Diocese of Scranton 150 years ago

and rooting it in faith, hope and love.

We marvel at the journey you have traveled

with our bishops, laity, religious and priests.

Continue to strengthen us as one family.

Give us the clarity to focus on the things

that last:

-faith in you and the Gospel

-hope in the Resurrection

-and the love of our God.

Amen

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?

St. Vincent de Paul Church's Grief Ministry is a faith based support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one.

A six-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help.

All meetings will be held in the Sun Room of the St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Monday April 16th, 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th and 21st from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information please contact stvgriefgroup@att.net or call the parish office at 570-686-4545. Please join us for various faith based presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

It's Vacation Bible School Time. It will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Milford. The date is July 9-13th from 9am—12:00pm. Monday-Friday. Due to the Diocese Safe Environment protocols we now have to have everyone from the age of 14 and up complete the necessary clearances in order to volunteer. This process can take up to 6 weeks to complete. If you are interested or even think that you might be interested please contact Jo-Marie Totten 570 296-7451 or patsdre@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.

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).



The Catholic Community of St. Joseph



MINISTRY SCHEDULE
April 7-8

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Stephanie Fells
Eucharistic Minister <i>Diane Heater, Chuck Pike, Jackie Padgett, Diana Sierra</i>
Altar Servers <i>Daniel Corcoran Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Janet Bright
Eucharistic Minister Anna Blackman, Makayla Csencsits, Neal & Michele Bensley
Altar Server Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher
Milford Senior Care 4/1 Chuck Pike 4/8 Carol Cordova



*The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
**Margaret & Archie
Davis**

by
The Family*

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!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

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

Our next food pantry will be Friday, May 4, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

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.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

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

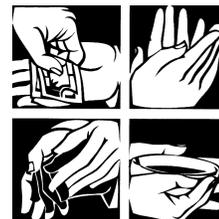
**The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference
of the Diocese of Scranton**
Saturday, June 23, 2018 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Byron Complex, The University of Scranton

Featuring:
 Judy Landrieu Klein: Faith Through It All
 Father Richard McAlear: Ministry of Hope and Healing
 Music by "His Own"
Mass Celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera
 Megan Murphy: Host

For information or to register:
dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference

Weekly Offering
Easter 2018
\$ TBA

Last Year
Easter 2017
TBA



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."

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

Meet Wednesdays from 2-4 in the Church Hall Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We knit and crochet for many agencies throughout the area. Please come and join us! Can't knit or crochet?, We can help!!!

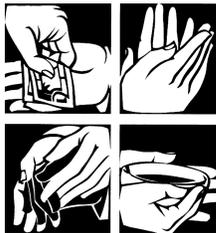
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FOOD PANTRY

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LEGION OF MARY TO PRAY FOR YOU As one of the works of The Legion of Mary, we would like to pray for peoples' intentions. These prayers would be in conjunction with our rosary at our weekly meetings, the Leion of Mary rosary before Mass and our own personal rosaries to strengthen the cause for the Beatification of the Servants of God Frank Duff and Alphonus Lambe and Venerable Edel Quinn. After Easter, there will be small prayer boxed available in the vestibule by the statue of St. Patrick and in the narthex for anyone to drop their intentions into. These intentions will be gathered and prayed for weekly. If you or anyone experience any blessings as a result of these prayers, the Legion would be interested in knowing. Please write the blessin in a note and put them in the prayer box. Thank. The Legion of Mary says the rosary at 11:20 before the Tuesday and Wednesday Mass. We would love to have you join us.



Weekly Collection
Easter Collection
\$ TBA
This time last year

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
Easter Collection
\$TBA
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$32,854.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000

MINISTRY SCHEDULE April 7/8

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)
Lector <i>Cheryl McCarthy</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Colleen Sheldon, Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca</i>
Altar Servers <i>Caterina Catizone, Jason Lecina</i>
Sunday 11:00am
Lector <i>Diane Dennis</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Ray Weeks, Annette Petry, Catherine Umberto</i>
Altar Servers <i>Vincent & Isabella Saski</i>



*The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Teresa Costantino** requested by **A Friend***

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.

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone removed. Without entering, she ran back to Simon Peter and the other disciple and told them what she saw. They followed the way to the tomb and found it empty except for the burial cloths in separate places.

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Follow the Risen Christ

"Whoever serves me must follow me."

John 12:26



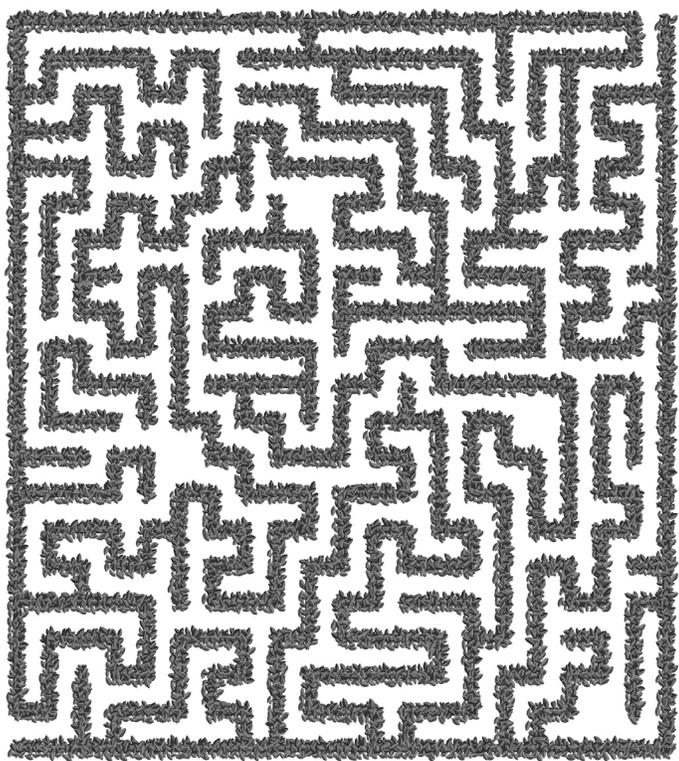
END

- Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and ____ .
 - saw the stone removed
 - saw the tomb empty
 - folded the burial cloth
- When Mary of Magdala told Simon Peter what she saw, he ____ .
 - went to find all the disciples
 - went to the tomb alone
 - went to the tomb with the other disciple Jesus loved
- The burial cloths, one for Jesus' head and the others for His body were ____ .
 - missing
 - rolled up together
 - rolled up, but placed separately

Resurrection...

The rising again of Jesus after the crucifixion.

An act of returning from death to life.



Follow Mary of Magdala to Jesus' tomb.

BEGIN

Calendar

Monday

April 2

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

April 3

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

April 4

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

April 5

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Friday

April 6

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

April 7

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

April 8

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Daily Prayer

We now begin a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord for the next seven weeks - when we mark the Ascension forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the

context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewed these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.