

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

Remembering
March 27-April 2

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✠ **Dick Gross**

Maryalice Starzan

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Mae Boager**

Faro & Sara Cottone

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Doris McAuliffe**

Helen Findlay

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

Communion Service

Gregory Flick

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Heater

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Carl Rutkowski**

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Reilly

12:00pm (SP)

Peter & Joan Grund

(living)

Connie & Tony

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Rose Mule**

Brother, Carmine

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Rita Recca**

The Schaffer Family

9:00am (SJ)

✠ **Frances Chase**

Michele & Neal Bensley

11:00am (SP)

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



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

To Live By Faith

Our Lenten practices are transforming our hearts to receive the love of Jesus in his passion, death, and resurrection. Today's Gospel revolves around this theme of learning to live by faith.

The apostles take for granted that the man's blindness is due to someone's sin. The Pharisees call the man a sinner, born in sin. In their self-righteousness they judge both the blind man and Jesus.

Jesus sees and judges differently. He asserts that the man's blindness was not due to a sin of his own or that of his parents and restores his sight. He challenges the wise, educated, and insightful Pharisees by saying, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains" (John 9:41).

While they can see physically, they cannot see the simple truth that Jesus is the Son of God and has the authority to heal, even on the Sabbath. They are so blinded by their "fidelity to God"—which is really fidelity to their distorted interpretation of the traditions and regulations God gave them—that they cannot see his spirit of mercy. They fail to see with eyes of faith.

Being merciful like Jesus doesn't mean merely condemning blind legalism, it means showing God's love to those in need. First we need to see as God sees. Then we need to love others and to enlighten them with the truth. Jesus heals one man's blindness in the hope of opening the minds and hearts of the Pharisees—and us today.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Dogmatic Sarcophagus*, healing of the blind man, circa 325-350

Artist: Unknown

Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Are there people or groups I blindly judge? What is at the root of these judgments? To what truths am I blind? How can I work to open my heart to these truths this Lent?

*"God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance.
The LORD looks into the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).*

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

THIRD ANNUAL MEN'S CATHOLIC CON-

FERNECE - "Be A Man: Mary's Call to BATTLE" will be held on May 6, 2017 at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 North Main St, Wilkes-Barre, Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Father Andrew Apostoli CFR of the Franciscan friars of the Renewal, EWTN host and Fatima Expert Steven Ray, a Catholic Speaker, film producer and pilgrimage leader, frequently featured on EWTN Matt Fradd, Catholic apologist and author, as well as executive director of The Porn Effect. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:00am, with main Conference and Mass from 8:00am to 2:45pm. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Cost: \$35, \$30 early bird, \$15 students, Priests / Deacons free. Register on line at: www.beamanconference.com call 570-207-2213

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR WINTER

STORMS-(Daily Mass only)

St. Joseph's will 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.dvsd.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

"SOUP-TO-GO"

The "Soup To Go" fundraiser continues 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. 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 is: **Cream of Tomato** Pick-up will be in St. Joseph's Church Hall between 4 - 6pm on March 30th. Thank you for your support!

TENEBRAE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH PORT JERVIS

All are invited to attend the Tenebrae at St. Mary's Church, in Port Jervis 50 Ball Street. The celebrations will be at 10 AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 13, 14, and 15. The traditions regarding this service go back at least to the ninth century.

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.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S MONDAY, APRIL 10TH

7:00 PM @ ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ST. VIN-

CENT'S WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th 7:00PM ST. ANN'S/

ST. JOHN NEUMANN - CONFESSIONS EVERY SATUR-

DAY FROM 10:00 -11:00AM

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

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

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

HOLY SATURDAY BLESSING OF THE FOOD @ ST. PATRICK'S 12 NOON

EASTER VIGIL @ ST. JOSEPH'S 8:00PM
(No Confessions OR 4:00pm or 5:30pm Masses)

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS @ ST. JOSEPH'S 9:00AM

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

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 2-3

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Declan Carroll
Eucharistic Minister Anna Blackman Stanley Lazarczyk
Altar Servers Mark Cavallaro Brenna Cavallaro
Sunday 9:00am
Lector Makayla Csencsits
Eucharistic Minister Carol Cordova Chuck Pike
Altar Servers Joseph Loughney Daniel Bradley
January Altar Server Of the Month: Mark Cavallaro
Milford Senior Care 3/26 Eileen Dorko 4/2 Jack Reilly



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

Drew Crine
by
The Family

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The "Soup of the Week" for this week is: Cream of Tomato

Pick will be in the church basement between 4 -6pm on Thursday, March 30th.

Thank you for your support! Next week: Manhattan Clam Chowder

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Again this year the Lily's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorializing. The offering per flower will be \$20.00. Special large YELLOW envelopes are available at all entrances to the church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelope into the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish office. **Deadline is April 10th** A list of the Memorials will appear in the April 15th Easter Bulletin. Please note that your monthly envelope packet has included an "Easter Flower Donation Envelope" returning this flower envelope helps defray the cost of flowers in general and does NOT reserve a Lily. **ONLY THE YELLOW ENVELOPES** provided at the entrances to the Church are for Lily Memorializations.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

St Joseph's Altar and Rosary Society will be holding The ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH on Sunday, April 9th immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. Sign ups will be in the Vestibule of the church before and after Masses this weekend March 25th & 26th and next weekend April 1st & 2nd. The price will be \$10 per family (immediate family), and \$3 for a single person.

BOOKCASE

For Lent maybe you would like to read a good Catholic book or listen to a good Catholic CD? Check out our supply of materials in the bookcase in the main entrance of the church.

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
March 19, 2017
\$ 3116.25(1st)
\$ 497.00 (2nd)

Last Year
March 20, 2016
\$ 3911.70 (1st)
No second collection

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

Mass at Belle Reve will be the 3rd Wednesday of every Month at 2:30pm.

LENTEN SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

April 10th the Religious Ed. Program will be doing the annual Lenten Soup & Bread Supper at 5:30 in the Church Hall. All are invited Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

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DEEPEN YOUR FAITH...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.

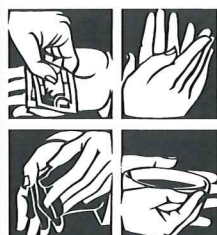
IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Margaret McShane, Charles Buldo and Peter Kenny** who recently passed away. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 1-2, 2017

Saturday 5:30pm	
Lector	John Wroblewski
Communion Ministers Sara Cottone, Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca	
Altar Servers Pamela Larry, Nicole Traxler	
Sunday 7:30am	
Lector	Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers Arlene & Dean Quirk, Colleen Sheldon	
Altar Servers Jacob Fortunato, Dean Pedone	
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	Diane Dennis
Communion Ministers Pat Corcoran, Angela Gleason, Ray Weeks	
Altar Servers Isabella & Vincent Saski	



Weekly Offering
March 19, 2017
 \$ 2,698.00
Last year
March 21, 2016
 \$4,372.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
March 19, 2017
 \$1,162.00
 Year to Date July 16' - Current
 \$38,349.04
 Goal for the Year \$100,000
 Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle
 burns in memory of a
Joseph Umberto
 requested by
 Wife, Catherine

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.

Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent | John 9:1-41

A man, born blind, was healed by Jesus. The blind beggar's eyes were opened to our world but also, more importantly to Jesus - the Light of the World. When the townspeople did not believe Jesus healed the blind man, Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" John 9:35 The man replied, "I do believe, Lord", and he worshiped Him. John 9:39

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Believe... Jesus is the light of the world

He shines the light of His love on us so we don't live in darkness or sin.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



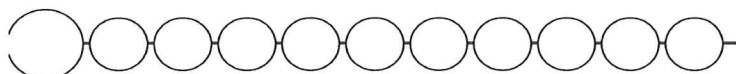
Life	Importantly
Heart	Jesus
Lent	Born
Love	Worshiped
Darkness	World
Believe	People
Man	Town
Light	Healed
Shine	Blind
Eyes	Lord

J E S U S H E A R T B E S
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The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery - The Carrying of the Cross

Think about how Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the cross.

The blind man is no longer living in the dark - he has new eyesight and in his heart a new life in Jesus, he says, "I do _____, Lord".



People call struggles or difficult life situations a "cross to bear". Believe that Jesus, the Light of the world, will help you like he helped & healed the blind man. How can you be like Jesus & help others?

This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory to the Father.

The Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, forgive, to be generous to? With whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. It isn't grace to "beat up on" ourselves. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we see that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

Calendar

Monday

March 27

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

March 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

March 29

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

March 30

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

March 31

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

April 1

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

April 2

Fifth Sunday

of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

Daily Prayer this Week

The readings this week make it very clear that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. This week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined. Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness to a desire. If we can feel an attraction, any sign that the Lord is possible, drawing us closer, that the Lord can work within us - no matter what assistance or fear we might also be experiencing. We have to do is act on one of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us become more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any assistance we might have.