

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

Remembering  
July 29-Aug. 4



July 28, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gn 18:20-32

Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13

**Monday**  
**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Rosemary Havlicek**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey*

**TUESDAY**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Joseph A. Lynott, Sr.**  
*Cathy & Ken Rosenelli*

**WEDNESDAY**

**12:00pm**

✠ **Wanda Piekarski**  
*Nadine Plate and Family*

**THURSDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Robert Kopec**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Ron Yakupcin*

**FRIDAY**

**12:00PM (SP)**

**1st Friday Communion Service**

**SATURDAY**

**11:30am (SP)**

**Novena & Communion Service**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **Special Intention of Dan & Marilyn Bradley**

**5:30pm (SP)**

✠ **The Moglia Family**  
*Emil & Arlene*

**SUNDAY**

**7:15am (SP)**

**Julia Cardona**  
*Ben Cardona*

**8:30am (SJ)**

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

**11:00 (SP)**

✠ **The People of St. Patrick's**

## Praying to Our Good, Good Father

Learning to pray well is perhaps the most important skill we can learn. It's one thing that will carry us through life, all the way to heaven. We might as well get good at it!

Jesus was often found praying, but if he was God, why was this necessary? Certainly he prayed as a model to us. But he also prayed to have a fuller human experience of the love of his Father. He prayed because he wanted to, not because he needed to. Even amid the demands of his mission and the looming cross, Jesus showed us prayer as a way to receive spiritual strength and to experience his Father's love.

This "being caught up in love" was

evident to those who watched Jesus pray. Looking at him, the apostles longed to experience what he experienced, so they asked him "teach us to pray." He began, "Our Father..."

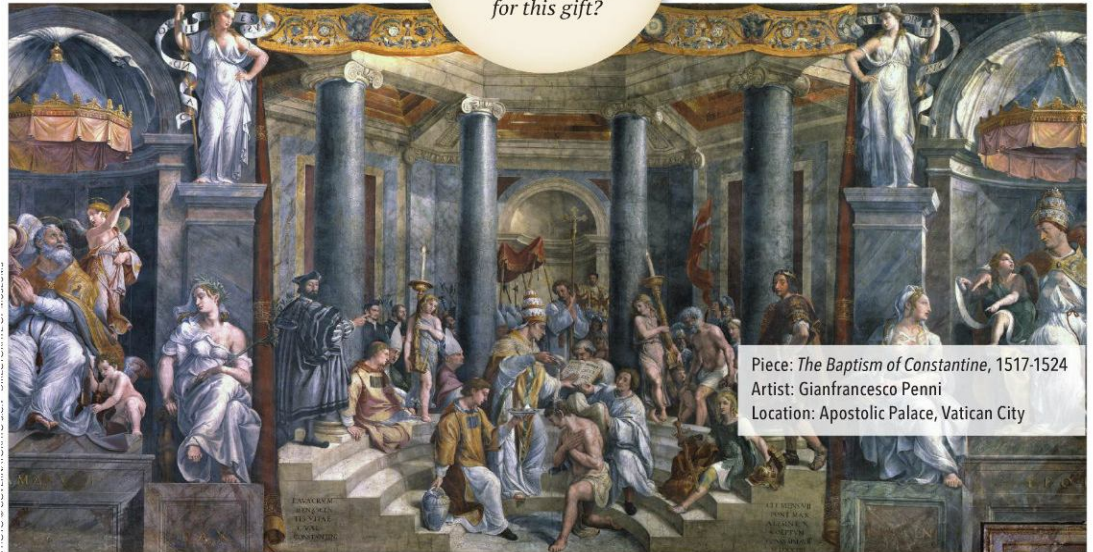
When we pray we're not in dialog with a demanding commander but with a caring, protecting Father. He is a good, good Father. The last thing he wants to see is his children suffering or in want. He wants to provide exactly what we really need—not necessarily what we put about! Our role is to trust and abandon ourselves into his hands through prayer.

This is where the life of grace comes in. Grace—God's fatherly love shared with us at baptism and which continues through the help of his Holy Spirit—is our greatest treasure. One way to grow in prayer is to ask yourself what will help this grace, this God-shared love, grow in your heart.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*In baptism I became a child of God. Do I give thanks enough for this gift?*



Piece: *The Baptism of Constantine*, 1517-1524  
Artist: Gianfrancesco Penni  
Location: Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

*[Jesus said,] "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."*

### 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.

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

37th annual conference at the University of Scranton will be held the weekend of August 2 - 4! We focus our conference this year on healing, noting Pope Francis' words "Jesus is the Good Shepherd...the One who heals". The conference will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music and worship. A well-stocked book/gift store is available to all. Early bird registration for the entire weekend is \$50, increasing on July 23rd to \$65. Special tracks are available for Children and Youth at a reduced rate. Single or partial day registration is available. Visit our website [www.ccrscranton.org](http://www.ccrscranton.org) for more info or contact us as [ccrconference@comcast.net](mailto:ccrconference@comcast.net) or 570-344-2214. All are welcome!!

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. 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**

Are held the 4th Sunday of every month from 1-3 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

### **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.**

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.**

On Saturday, August 4th and every first Saturday thereafter, we will have First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at Saint Patrick's. We will begin at 11:30am, praying the Rosary, followed by a Communion Service and concluding with a Novena in honor to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The novena honors Mary by honoring Mary's gift of the Miraculous Medal to Christians. She gave us the gift when she appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in France in 1830. In one apparition, Mary showed her a vision, and she gave the young nun a mission to have that vision made into a medal. Mary told her that people who wear it will receive great favors, and she told her that they should wear the medals around their necks. The medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but the name was changed because of the number of miracles, healings and conversions reported by people who wore it faithfully. Please plan on joining us.

### **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, August 14th 7:00pm Vigil (SP)

Thursday, August 15th 8:00am (SJ)

### **FIRST FRIDAY**

There is a Communion Service with the Sacred Heart Novena at St. Patrick's on the First Friday of every month at 12:00 Noon. Please plan to join us.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Three day summer retreat at San Alfonso Retreat house, Long Branch, NJ Tuesday August 13-15. Bus leaves from Dunmore. \$350 includes meals and lodging Sponsored by St. Raphael Society Prayer Group. Please call Barbara McCarthy for more information at (570) 347-8314.

### **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](http://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  
Aug. 3-4

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Chuck Pike</i> <i>Jack Reilly</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostini</i> <i>Lukas Schutz</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Carol Cordova</i> <i>Jackie Padgett</i>
<b>Altar Server</b> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>7/28 Lois Lazarczyk</b> <i>8/4 Chuck Pike</i>

## PARISH PICNIC

will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24th, from 11am to 3pm at the Vocci Pavilion at Airport Park, Matamoras. The cost is \$3 per single person and \$10 per family living in the same household. Reservations and payment may be made at the sign-up table located at the front entrance to the Church now through Aug. 11th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, & assorted beverages will be provided as well as music and fun and games for all! In order to keep the cost down we are asking for donations of salads, desserts, munchies, etc. A big THANK YOU to Tom McMullen and Tom Jensen for once again making our parish picnic possible.

## AN INVITATION

Fr. Joseph encourages all parishioners to take a turn (or more than one!) assisting in the offertory procession during Mass. The Church teaches that it is "a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful." (Did you know that long ago, the congregation would bring the bread and wine from their own possession? Nowadays, all you have to do is walk it reverently down the aisle.) You are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Just let an Usher know before Mass that you'd like to present the gifts, or if an usher approaches you to ask, please consider saying yes. Active participation will enrich our liturgy!

## ALTAR SERVERS

**We are in need of Altar Servers.** If anyone 3rd Grade and above is interested in becoming an Altar Server please call the Parish Office or speak with Father Joseph, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Mike after Mass.

## FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, August 16th from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

## COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, August 18th. 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.



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In Memory of  
**Rosalia Altadonna**  
By  
The Bensley Family

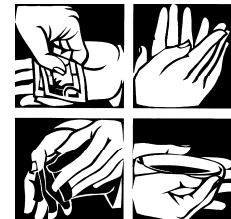
### Weekly Offering

July 21, 2019  
\$ 3184.25

### Last Year

July 22, 2018  
\$ 3468.00

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."**



## HELP THE FOOD PANTRY! SUMMER FOOD-4-KIDS PROGRAM

begins June 14th! During the school year, many Pike County kids receive free nutritious lunches in their cafeteria. School is out for the summer. Families of low income are stretching the food budget to provide those lunches at home. The Ecumenical Food Pantry has a new program to help eligible families with school-age kids. Let's continue to support the pantry by bringing an item or two each week. Bring a can of tuna, a can of soup, a jar of peanut butter: you get the idea! A box is available in the Narthex for the food collection. Bless you for caring and sharing! P.S. We need more volunteers to help with food distribution on Friday nights. It's only once a month! If you can help, please call the Parish Center t 570 296-7451.

## PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars. The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 8th from 12:00-5:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person, \$25.00 a family. Tickets can be purchased after the Masses starting July 20th through Sept. 1 in the Narthex. Sign up sheets for volunteers to set up and clean up and to help sell tickets are on the table in the Narthex. Music by DJ Productions, BBQ, desserts, games, tricky-tray and 50/50. Come one! Come all! A fabulous way of meeting your church family Any questions, please contact Bernadette 570-296-5307 or by email [bernieod2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bernieod2002@yahoo.com)

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph on Wednesday August 21st 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, August 23rd at 6:00pm

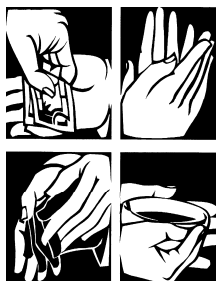
**SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE** Have you liked our Facebook Page at Saint Patrick's Milford PA?

<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA-276881409441280/>

## Have you followed us on Twitter?

(@stpatmilfordpa):[Church of St Patrick \(@stpatmilfordpa\) | Twitter](https://twitter.com/stpatmilfordpa)

We have over 670 total followers on our combined social media! We will love to have you follow us for announcements, updates, spiritual posts and tweets and more.



Weekly Collection

July 14, 2019

\$2,893.00

This time last year \$2,704.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

July 14, 2019

\$ 1,367.00

Year to Date July' 19- Current  
\$1,367.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000  
Total collected for the year 2018 \$39,986.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 3-4

<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Joe Casmus
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Dean & Arlene Quirk
<b>Altar Servers</b> Caterina Catizone, Nicole Traxler
<b>Sunday 7:15am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Tom Hogan
<b>Communion Ministers</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Cheryl McCarthy
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Ray Weeks, Midge Curreri
<b>Altar Servers</b> Abby & Anna Vogel

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**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.**

