

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

Remembering  
Aug. 28 - Sept. 3

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 27, 2017

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

### MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Father John Murray

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

### TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Dolores Kremer

Ray & Carol Proulx

### WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Kevin Cunningham

Rosemary Walsh

### THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Father Kenny

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

### FRIDAY

COMMUNION SERVICE

12:00pm—St. Patrick's

### SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ For The People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Antoinette Walsh

Dale & Pat Greeves

### SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ Theodore Buchanan  
and Judith Buchanan

Barbara buchanan

9:00am (SJ)

✠ 33rd Anniversary of  
Ordination of  
Rev. Alfred J. Vito

11:00am (SP)

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Piece: *The Throne of Saint Peter*, 1647-53  
Artist: Gian Lorenzo Bernini  
Location: St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City



## Upon This Rock

Saint Peter's Basilica is built on the tomb of Peter, which literally serves as the rock on which the church is built. Peter states his faith, acknowledging Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, in the name of the other apostles. In reply, the Lord reveals his intended mission for Peter: to become the visible foundation of the Church.

This account also tells us that Peter's act of faith did not come through "flesh and blood," that is, through his human abilities, but through a particular revelation from God. By contrast, right afterward, as Jesus foretells his passion, death, and resurrection, Peter "began to rebuke him," denying that this would ever happen (Matthew 16:22). Jesus scolds him in return.

Peter shows his human weakness and what he is: a stone along the path on which men can stumble. In this scene, the drama of each soul and the history of the papacy and Church itself are anticipated. There is the joint presence of divine assistance by which the papacy constitutes the Church's foundation throughout history, and human weakness, which is also evident through the centuries and can be transformed only through abandonment to God's action.

In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly promises the forces of evil will not prevail. Prophets such as Jeremiah (1:18-19) were threatened only by human enemies, whereas Peter will have to be defended from a supernatural evil. Jeremiah receives a promise that affects him as a person and his prophetic ministry; Peter receives assurances concerning the future of the Church and the new community founded by Christ "upon this rock."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*For Reflection* Peter's mission is to confirm the faith of the other apostles. How willing are you to let the pope, Peter's successor, confirm your faith today? What are you doing to ensure your faith is built on a solid foundation?

*"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).*

### 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

### **CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Meets at the Msgr. James Gacquin Religious Education Center, 122 Layton-Hainesville Road (Route 645) in Sandyston across from the Sandyston Municipal building on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30. Our prayer group will be using, as a spring board for discussion on prayer, a one half hour video "Crossing the Goal" (Leading Men to the Cross). Call Deacon Wayne at 973-293-3344 for more details.

### **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.

### **ANNUAL MUSICIANS MASS**

A Mass of Thanksgiving for all liturgical musicians will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. This liturgy is a wonderful opportunity for choir members, choir directors, cantors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists to offer praise and thanks to God for their musical talent as they begin a new season of music ministry. The singing at the liturgy will be embellished with the Diocesan Festival Choir, the Cathedral organ and instrumentalists. All are cordially invited to attend. A light reception sponsored by the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, please contact David Baloga at the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

The Diocese of Scranton continues its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement by hosting a Retreat on Friday & Saturday, Sept. 15-16. This Golden Jubilee Retreat will be held at the Villa of Our Lady in Mount Pocono. The retreat will be led by Bob Valiante the Coordinator of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton. Retreatants can commute for all or part of the retreat, or can stay overnight at The Villa. The main program will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, and conclude at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. The registration for the retreat includes three meals on Saturday. For additional info, contact the office of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, P.O. Box 3306, Scranton, PA 18505 phone 570-344-2214; email ccrenewal@comcast.net. Note that the preliminary deadline for registrations is August 25th but local registrations will still be accepted as long as openings remain.

### **REKINDLE THE FLAME!!!**

For couples who already have made a Marriage Encounter. Our next meeting will be held at St. John Neumann's Rectory on Tuesday, September 5th from 7 pm to 9 pm. For more information call 570-775-1647

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER**

*The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 7*

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic...It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited...There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.

Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms...However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption. There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, (reducing use of) fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. Worldwide there is minimal access to clean and renewable energy...Some countries have made considerable progress, although it is far from constituting a significant proportion. Investments have also been made in means of production and transportation which consume less energy and require fewer raw materials, as well as in methods of construction and renovating buildings which improve their energy efficiency. But these good practices are still far from widespread." (Continued in part 8)

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](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html))

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 2-3

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Bob Curtis
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Chuck Pike Jack Reilly
<b>Altar Servers</b> David Marcial Lukas Schutz
<b>Sunday 9:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Terry McDonough
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Anna Blackman Carol Cordova
<b>Altar Servers</b> Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher
<b>AUGUST Altar Server Of the Month: Mikaela Parker</b>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>8/27 Jack Reilly</b> 9/3 Carol Cordova

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
For the Intentions of  
**Olympia & John P.  
Viglietta**

by  
M/M Glenn Williams  
& Family

**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 weekly collection basket.

**ST. JOSEPH'S JR CHOIR**

Do you like to sing? Would you like to become a better singer? Please join our choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:00 until 6:55pm. The Jr. Choir sings at the 9:00am Mass on Sundays. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of great service to our church and community. Your support and participation is appreciated. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcomed and encouraged to join. Please see Mrs. Bradley at 4:00pm Mass on Saturdays or call her at 845-754-3620.

**BOOKCASE**

Don't forget to check out the new selection of books in the bookcase located in the vestibule of the church. All are Free but of course donations are welcome!

**TRICKY TRAY SAVE THE DATE!!**

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY will be held 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!\*\*\*

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, September 3rd. 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 this Friday, September 28th, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

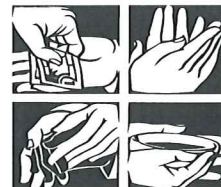
**TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER**

The TCPC would like to thank St. Joseph's Parish for their generous donation to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser that was held back in May. This fundraiser raised a total of \$16,691.00 of which **St. Joseph's contributed \$2,837.00..**  
**Thank You!!**

Weekly Offering  
**August 20, 2017**  
\$ 3519.00 (1st)  
\$ 445.00 (2nd)

Last Year  
**August 21, 2016**  
\$ 3810.13 (1st)  
\$ 534.00 (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."**

## ALTAR SERVERS

Last week a flier went home in the bulletin asking for any student Grade 3 and above who would like to volunteer to become an Altar Server. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office 570 296-7451 and your name will be added to list. A few practices will be scheduled in the near future. This practice is also for any present Altar Servers who would like a "refresher course". Thank you.

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC SIGN UP NOW!!

**Sign ups for the Parish Picnic are going on now before and after all the Masses.**

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

First Day of Religious Ed. Is September 10, 2017 at 9:30. If you have not signed your child up, please do so now. We are getting to order the materials and supplies. Please call the Parish Office if you need to register.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will be serving at the food pantry on Friday, September 1 at 6pm.

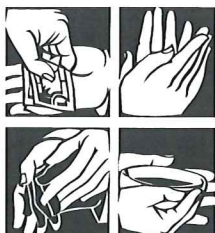
**NEW R.I.C.A. CLASS** A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non-baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, such as Penance, 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!

## ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Members are needed and always welcome! Come join on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance of the Church Hall. We are currently working on baby blankets for Lehigh Valley NICU. Come and join us!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 2-3

<b>Saturday 5:30pm (SP)</b>
<b>Lector</b> John Wroblewski
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Pat Corcoran, R. & V. Sequeira
<b>Altar Servers</b> Nicole Traxler, Abigail Vogel
<b>Sunday 7:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> David Stine
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Donna Hersca, Arlene & Dean Quirk
<b>Altar Servers</b> Riley Mapes, Dana Stroup
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Diane Dennis
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Angela Gleason, Ray Weeks
<b>Altar Servers</b> Nicholas Dinos, Jason Lecina



Weekly Collection  
August 20, 2017

Last year  
August 23, 2016  
\$3,653.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
August 20, 2017

\$  
Year to Date July '17 - Current  
\$7,083.00  
Goal for the Year \$100,000  
Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle  
burns for  
**MaryJane Woods &  
Prisilla Roth**  
requested by  
The Legion of Mary

**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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman called out to Jesus to cure her daughter, saying "Have pity on me, Lord, son of David." Jesus ignored her but she persisted, not giving up. Seeing her great faith, Jesus healed her daughter.

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Matthew 15:28

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Gospel	H	W	O	M	A	N	I	T	D	R	U	C	B
Matthew	A	I	A	A	L	E	P	S	O	G	U	D	C
Jesus	D	O	H	T	S	E	U	Q	E	R	H	R	W
Pity	E	P	I	T	Y	H	I	T	E	A	I	O	Y
Cure	R	N	O	H	P	R	A	Y	I	N	G	L	G
Begged	O	T	A	E	C	E	S	F	N	T	P	O	R
Wish	N	D	J	W	H	M	R	P	L	E	H	V	E
Giving	G	R	E	A	T	E	Y	S	R	D	D	I	T
Ignored	I	U	S	L	I	M	N	E	I	M	R	N	H
Daughter	S	E	U	H	A	B	V	R	D	S	W	G	G
Woman	E	V	S	E	F	E	D	E	P	O	T	S	U
Persisted	N	I	S	C	N	R	H	Y	T	N	E	E	A
Lord	W	G	I	V	I	N	G	B	E	G	G	E	D
Help													
Loving													
Reply													
Great													
Faith													
Request													
Granted													
Healed													
Remember													
Never													
Stop													
Praying													

## Calendar

### Monday

August 28

St. Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

Mt 23:13-22

### Tuesday

August 29

Passion of St. John  
the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8

Mk 6:17-29

### Wednesday

August 30

Weekday

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday

August 31

Weekday

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mt 24:42-51

### Friday

September 1

Weekday

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday

September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25:14-30

### Sunday

September 3

Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

## Daily Prayer

The old Baltimore Catechism defined Prayer as "raising the mind and heart to God." It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is "heart to heart." So, on a human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-construct ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God. Praying can often become easier, more personal and intimate.

This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter "the narrow gate", by how we go about our day, interacting with people, or returning home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day to day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word "awake" and to carry it all day long. "Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day." We may want to ask, "Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gift."

As we prepare for Sunday, we can begin to reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, "Lord, help humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren't performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for other people."

Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.htm>

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