

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

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Feb. 12 - Feb. 18

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Lottie Kurtick

Mr & Mrs. Declan Carroll

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✠ For the People of St. Patrick's

WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Richard Schindler

Lena Fitzpatrick

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Annie Catalano

The Moglia Family

7:00pm (SP-SJ)

Liturgy of the Word and
Distribution of Ashes

THURSDAY

✠ NO MASS

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ Rita Gonglefski

Irene & Ron Yakupcin

12:00pm (SP)

✠ Lou Black

Stuart & Donna Rivera

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

✠ Bart O'Neill

Phil Brennan

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✠ Irene Vito

11:00am (SP)

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The Courage to Heal

Leprosy was a highly contagious skin disease that led to certain death for anyone who caught it in Jesus' time. For good reason the Jewish law demanded that a leper live set apart and scream out as he walked along to keep everyone at a safe distance. Imagine the pitiful scene of everyone discreetly but purposefully moving away at the sound of someone screaming, "Unclean, unclean!"

Yet the leper doesn't scream to keep Jesus away. He walks right up to our Lord and confesses his faith in Jesus' power to heal him of this incurable bacteria. He humbly admits his contagious illness and places himself before Jesus. And unlike anyone else might do, Jesus doesn't run away, he walks toward him. He does the unthinkable. He touches him!

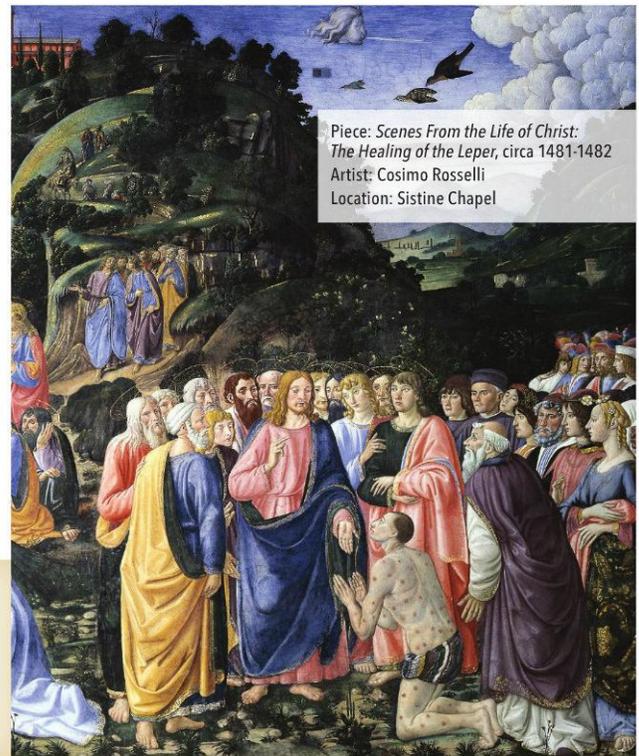
We need not be ashamed of our deadly sin that eats away at our heart and cripples our ability to love. Go to Jesus, expose it to him, and let his loving touch transform you.

The terrible disease of leprosy was still a major problem well into the nineteenth century when St. Damian, a Belgian missionary, went to the Hawaiian Island of Molokai to serve as parish priest to all

the lepers quarantined on that island. Not fearing to touch them, he cared for them for many years until, as expected, he contracted the disease and died of it.

This is what it means to be a Christian! Be like Jesus. Be not afraid of your wounds or those of others, no matter how repellent, and give of yourself to care for them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Scenes From the Life of Christ:
The Healing of the Leper, circa 1481-1482
Artist: Cosimo Rosselli
Location: Sistine Chapel

For Reflection

How at peace am I with my own wounds,
sins, and imperfections?

Am I mature and free enough to ask for
help and also reach out and help others
in their moral or physical suffering?

*"If you wish, you can make me clean."
...[Jesus.] said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."*

(Mark 1:40-41)

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14, 2018

MASS 8:00AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

AND 12:00 NOON AT ST. –PATRICK'S

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WITH LITURGY OF THE

WORD 7:00PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S AND

ST. PATRICK'S

THERE WILL BE FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT

8:00AM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

AND

12:00 NOON AT ST. PATRICK'S

There will be NO 8:00am Mass on Thursday's at

St. Joseph's during Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE FRIDAY

EVENINGS 5:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

6:30PM AT ST. PATRICK'S

THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE WILL BE IN FUTURE

BULLETINS

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" for Thursday, February 15th : **New England Clam Chowder** Pick-up will be in St. Joseph's Church basement Thursday between 4 -6pm Thank you for your support!

LIFE LINE SCREENING St. Patrick's is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening will be held on February 12, 2018. Five screenings will be offered. Register for a wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149.00. all 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10.00 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/ community circle or text the word circle to 797979.

RETROUVAILE PROGRAM

Help to Strengthen and Heal Marital Relationships (To Re-Discover) A program that helps couples who may be experiencing tension, stress and loneliness in the marriage relationship. Program helps couples, even those separated and divorced to better communicate and resolve conflicts in their relationships. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website www.helpourmarriage.org for more information or to pre-register. All calls confidential. Cost of program is by donation. Next local weekend: March 2-4, 2018 at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Contact Persons: Nettie and Bob Goldate 570-587-0415

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Father John Boyle from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Dingman Township will be hosting a trip with Collette Travel to **The Alpine Countries-Austria-Germany-Switzerland October 11-23, 2018** *13 DAYS—17 MEALS Double \$4,199 Single \$4,649. Book Now and Save \$200 per person. Brochures are now available!! Please contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish office at 570-686-4545 to request a brochure.

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

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 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling the Parish Office and leaving your name and phone number no later than March 18th.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

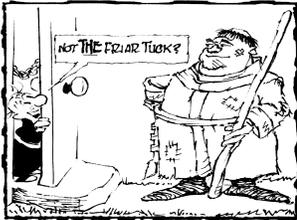
For St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 17-18

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Bob Curtis</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Anna Blackman, Bill Reed, Larry Marcial, Stanley Lazarczyk</i>
Altar Servers <i>David Marcial Ella Carroll</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Jackie Tescione</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Chuck Pike, Carol Cordova, Neal & Michele Bensley</i>
Altar Servers <i>Mark Cavallaro Mikaela Parker</i>
Milford Senior Care 2/11 Carol Cordova 2/18 Debbie Roa

BROTHER JUNIPER



LENTEN "SOUP-TO-GO"

Again our "Soup To Go" fundraiser will be held during Lent. Soup will be available for sale beginning the weekend of February 11/12. A different soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms will be placed at all entrances to the church next weekend. 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" for Thursday, February 15th will be: **New England Clam Chowder**. Pick up will be in the church basement between 4 -6pm. Thank you for your support!

2018 PASCHAL CANDLE

If anyone is interested in memorializing our 2018 Paschal candle, please call the parish office for information.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, February 18th. We will be having cereal and a sugar-free food available at future socials.. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

DAILY MASS / ADORATION SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Beginning Ash Wednesday, 2/14/18, and ending 4/1/18 the Daily Mass/ Adoration Schedule will change. There will be no Daily Mass or Adoration on Thursday's, instead Daily Mass will be held on Friday's at 8:00am followed by adoration from 8:30am—10:00am. Daily Mass on Monday's at 8:00am will remain unchanged.

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, February 16, 2018, from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Jack Shannon
by
Patrice, Katie, &
Megan Krause

Weekly Offering
February 4, 2018
\$3377.90

Last Year
February 5, 2017
\$ 3763.50

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."



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND

February 10th and 11th following the 5:30 Mass and the 11:00 Mass. Please stop by and purchase something for your family to enjoy. If you would like to contribute a baked good, please drop it off at the table before the Mass you are attending.

MAKE LENT MORE MEANINGFUL THIS YEAR

St. Patrick Church is hosting *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother Bible* study in the Parish Office Building beginning Tuesday, February 6 at both 12:30pm and 6:30pm, and continuing through the four Tuesdays in February. For more information or to register for the study, call Ray Proulx at 570-296-7645 or email at proulx@ptd.net

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team is scheduled to service at the Food Pantry on Friday February 23rd at 6:30. Volunteers are needed! Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering for this Parish Ministry or speak with Deacon Tom following any of the Masses.

MEMORIAL MASS CARDS

For those of you who have placed a Memorial Mass Card on the Cross for the month of November, please call the parish office to make arrangements to pick your cards up.

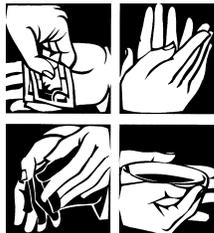
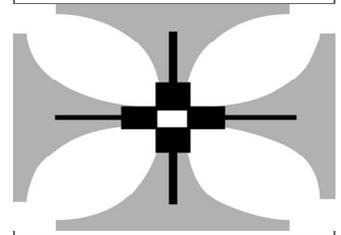
SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Have you liked our Facebook Page at Saint Patrick's Milford PA? <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA276881409441280/>
Have you followed us on Twitter? Church of St Patrick (@stpatmilfordpa)

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito the 3rd Wednesday of every month as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve. The next scheduled Mass will be February 14 at 2:30pm.

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)
Lector <i>John Boyle</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Arlene & Dean Quirk, Annette Petry</i>
Altar Servers <i>Carl Lock, Dana Stroup</i>
Sunday 11:00am
Lector <i>Diane Dennis</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Ricardo & Veronica Sequeira, Colleen Sheldon</i>
Altar Servers <i>Roger Neff, Bella Seidel</i>



Weekly Collection
February 4, 2018
\$ 2,613.00
This time last year
\$2,964.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 4, 2018
\$ 763.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$28,382.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Rachel Steward
requested by
Annette Petry*

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.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cured the leper, a man with a skin disease, with a touch of His hand.

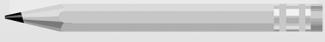
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When the leper was healed, Jesus said, "Don't tell this to anyone". Jesus trusted the man to go quietly to the priest, but instead he ran off telling everyone he was cured. He did NOT keep it a secret (he was very excited). As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly, but stayed in lonely places. Still, people kept coming to Him from everywhere.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



Leper	P	E	O	P	L	E	C	U	O	T	F	R	E
Begged	S	C	L	E	A	N	S	E	D	S	R	N	O
Jesus	A	Y	N	O	M	I	T	S	E	T	E	W	U
Touched	C	H	E	E	S	E	C	A	L	P	E	O	T
Cleansed	R	P	V	V	A	L	W	L	A	W	L	T	S
Immediately	I	M	M	E	D	I	A	T	E	L	Y	S	I
Strong	F	D	I	R	O	L	R	E	H	P	L	E	D
Warning	I	J	L	Y	D	E	N	R	S	S	E	I	E
Secret	C	E	S	W	E	N	I	C	T	E	N	R	H
Priest	E	S	B	H	G	R	N	E	R	K	O	P	C
People	S	U	V	E	G	Y	G	S	O	R	L	L	U
Everywhere	A	S	P	R	E	A	D	I	N	G	O	A	O
Healed	T	I	N	E	B	C	A	S	G	T	L	A	T
Sacrifices													
Testimony													
Talk													
Freely													
Spreading													
News													
Town													
Outside													
Lonely													
Places													

Calendar

- Monday**
February 12
Weekday
Jas 1:1-11
Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday**
February 13
Weekday
Jas 1:12-18
Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday**
February 14
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday**
February 15
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25
- Friday**
February 16
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday**
February 17
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday**
February 18
First Sunday
of Lent
Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

Daily Prayer

This is a wonderful week to ask the question: "Who do We may feel like we never have enough; enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, meetings and obligations - keeping our hearts distracted away from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love.

In these few days before Lent begins, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and more importantly, we can ask what the Lord wants for us this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real - not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I be with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

For these first four days of Lent, it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it. The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a gift to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day. Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>

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