

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

Rememóeríng
August 7-13

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 6, 2017

Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Stanley Jashembowski**
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Harold McGlew**
Sara & Faro Cottone

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✠ **Laurie Caloger**
Peter & Una

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✠ **Anna Break**
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✠ **50th Anniversary of**
Ron & Irene Yakupcin
The Family

5:30pm (SP)

✠ **Stephen Dutkus**
Charles & Mae Catalano

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✠ **Robert Cornelius**
Wife, Catherine

9:00am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

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

Leave the Mountain

Our walk with Jesus is full of contrasts: human and divine, grace and nature, sin and mercy. *The Transfiguration* by Raphael Sanzio, like the Scripture that inspires it, is also full of contrasts. The composition is in two registers. Up above we have the heavenly glory of Christ enveloped in a fantastic aura of divine light symbolizing his divine Sonship. The power of the experience leaves the disciples prostrate while the two Old Testament figures of Moses and Elijah float in suspended adoration. Down below, we have the other apostles, dealing ineffectively with a possessed boy. There is obvious chaos, with fingers pointing everywhere and faces turning in all directions. There is the serenity of heavenly white against the diabolic and earthly darkness.

This contrast is present in our own lives. We feel a call to the beauty of God's life, we want it wholeheartedly, and we resolve to make that beauty a reality. But we also know that when we come down the mountain and into our daily lives, we struggle with confusion, temptation, and earthly concerns. It is easy in Christ's glorious presence, but when we get into traffic, our offices, or the trials of raising toddlers or teenagers, it isn't so simple.

Here is where we need the power of God's mercy and love. Peter wanted to stay in Christ's presence and enjoy it, soak it up, remain, and never go down the mountain again. He heard the Father's voice, knew he should listen to the Son, and was resolved to do so! Although



Piece: *The Transfiguration*, circa 1518

Artist: Raphael Sanzio

Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

he wants to stay, listen, and learn, Christ touches him and tells him to not fear, get up, and get going. We need to go down the mountain and into our lives. That is where the faith and love we learn from Jesus in prayer is needed. He lets us see his glory so we can go down and bring that glory into a needy world.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection Do you spend enough time in prayer to face your daily activities with serenity? Are there days when you would rather stay in prayer than face your earthly commitments?

"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:17-18).

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

A Vigil Mass will be at St. Joseph's in Matamoras at 7:00PM on Monday evening, August 14th and Tuesday August 15th at 12:00 Noon at St. Patrick's in Milford. This is a holy day of obligation and all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass.

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.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Every year the Diocese of Scranton arranges and approves for a Missionary Priest to come from Prelatura De Sicuani. This weekend is scheduled for August 12 & 13th. Unfortunately a few months ago they were badly affected by flooding. The Prelature of Sicuani will not be able to attend our parishes in August and have asked if we could see it in our hearts to continue with the collection the weekend of August 12 & 13th. We have enclosed a copy of his letter and would ask you to consider contributing to this Mission. We will have collection baskets at the entrances of the Church. Thank you.

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. World-wide 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)

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 12-13

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Jim Burnett</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>William Fells</i> <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Altar Servers <i>Ryan & Eric</i> <i>Schanzenbacher</i>
Sunday 9:00am
Lector <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Jack Reilly</i> <i>Carol Cordova</i>
Altar Servers <i>Daniel Corcoran</i> <i>Mikaela Parker</i>
JULY Altar Server Of the Month: <i>Ella Carroll</i>
Milford Senior Care 8/6 Carol Cordova <i>8/13 Eileen Dorko</i>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
For the Intentions of
Suzanne Del Percio

by
Chris Williams

SAVE THE DATE!!
ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY
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!*****

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 7th at 6:30pm at St. Joseph's Rectory

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

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

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, August 20, 2017. 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!

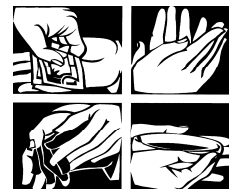
FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, August 25, 2017 from 6 - 8pm (Team E). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering
August 6, 2017
\$ 3420.80 (1st)
\$ 421.00 (2nd)

Last Year
August 7, 2016
\$ 3925.95 (1st)
\$ 419.25 (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."

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE! September 10th at 12:15pm we will have our parish picnic on grounds of St. Patrick's. Volunteers needed and sign ups are in the narthex **and We all know everyone likes to be a winner!** Please consider creating a "Tricky Tray" basket for our parish picnic. Here are some possible ideas: "Back to School," "Baseball Lovers Basket," "Car Care Kit," "Halloween Fun," "Lottery Tickets," "Gardener's Delight," "Chef's Kitchen Items," "Italian Festa," "Mexican Fiesta," "Crafty Person's Corner," "Chocolate Lover's Delight," "Pet Care Essentials," "Outdoor Grilling Tools," "Tea Lover's Delight," "Basket of Cheer,"... Please sign up the Tricky Tray Sheet in the narthex or Contact Carol or Ray Proulx at 570 296-7645 or proulx@ptd.net.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC
SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX

DONATED ITEMS FOR THE PICNIC

We are looking for children's bubbles and wands, Cases of bottled water, soda (diet and regular) cases of Iced Tea, condiments, such as Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard, relish, napkins, paper plates (dinner and dessert, plastic cups, plastic cutlery, salt and pepper, salad dressing, paper towels, and please remember it is BYOB. There will be a basket in the Narthex for your donations. Please check future bulletins for more information.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Religious Formation registration is underway for the 2017-18 school year. Please stop by the office for an application or contact Jo-Marie Totten 570-296-7451 or patsdre@ptd.net. We are also in need of a few teachers for next year. If you enjoy working with children and would like to share your faith and the love of Jesus with them please contact Jo-Marie Totten at the numbers provided.

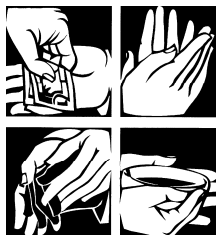
FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, September 1, 2017 at 6:00pm. Volunteers are still needed. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and leave your name.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 12/13

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)	
Lector	Ray Proulx
Communion Ministers	Irene Devito, Donna Hersca, Rosemary Walsh
Altar Servers	Riley Mapes, Dana Stroup
Sunday 7:30am	
Lector	David Stine
Communion Ministers	Karen Loeschorn, Dean & Arlene Quirk
Altar Servers	Sean Rinkel, Abigail Vogel
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Ministers	Pat Corcoran, Angela Gleason,
Altar Servers	



Weekly Collection
July 30, 2017
\$ 3,748.00
Last year
August 2, 2016
\$3,909.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
July 30, 2017
\$ 1,034.00
Year to Date July 17' - Current
\$6,129.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Kevin Cox
requested by
Arlene & Stan Dutkus

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

On the mountain, a voice from Heaven is heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

Matthew 17:5

Transfigured	H	T	R	B	S	P	E	T	E	R	N	E	B
Matthew	A	I	A	P	P	E	A	R	S	S	W	R	C
Jesus	J	O	H	N	E	H	M	A	T	T	H	E	W
Mountain	I	M	O	S	E	S	U	N	T	H	I	R	I
Peter	L	N	O	Y	E	T	W	S	L	O	T	E	G
James	E	T	A	M	C	F	S	F	N	T	E	Y	N
John	E	N	A	R	B	E	L	I	E	V	E	T	I
Appears	S	J	E	S	U	S	Y	G	L	B	D	H	K
Shone	Y	B	N	I	A	T	N	U	O	M	R	G	A
Sun	S	E	O	O	C	B	E	R	D	O	W	I	E
Clothes	E	V	H	E	G	O	D	E	S	A	E	L	P
White	N	O	S	C	L	O	U	D	T	P	L	A	S
Light	R	L	H	T	A	S	E	H	T	O	L	C	W
Moses													
Elijah													
Obey													
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Believe													
Speaking													
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Son													
Love													
Well													
Pleased													
Listen													

Calendar

Monday

August 7

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

August 8

St. Dominic,

Priest

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36 or

15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

August 9

Weekday

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,

26-29a, 34-35

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

August 10

St. Lawrence,

Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

Friday

August 11

St. Clare,

Virgin

Dt 4:32-40

Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

August 12

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

August 13

Nineteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

Daily Prayer

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways, in the situations of our daily lives, that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us.

One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging. Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? How do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks?

Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me. How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslimism, fear

and hatred of foreigners, hostility against the poor or my harsh judgments about "sinners."

Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did. Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers, members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more," to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.

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

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