

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

Remembering
April 8-14



April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)
Is 43:16-21
Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

☩ **Charles Meloi**
The Balch Family

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

☩ **for The People of Saint Patrick's**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

☩ **Una Coyne**
Jim Froehlich

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

☩ **Lucretia Welling**
Brian Cortright & Family

FRIDAY

☩ **Stations of the Cross**
5:30PM (SJ)
7:00PM (SP)

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

☩ **Angela O'Connor**
Helen Findlay

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

☩ **For the Intentions of Daniel Bradley**

11:00am (SP)

☩ **Jack Walsh**
Rosemary Walsh

Jesus Comes to Our Defense

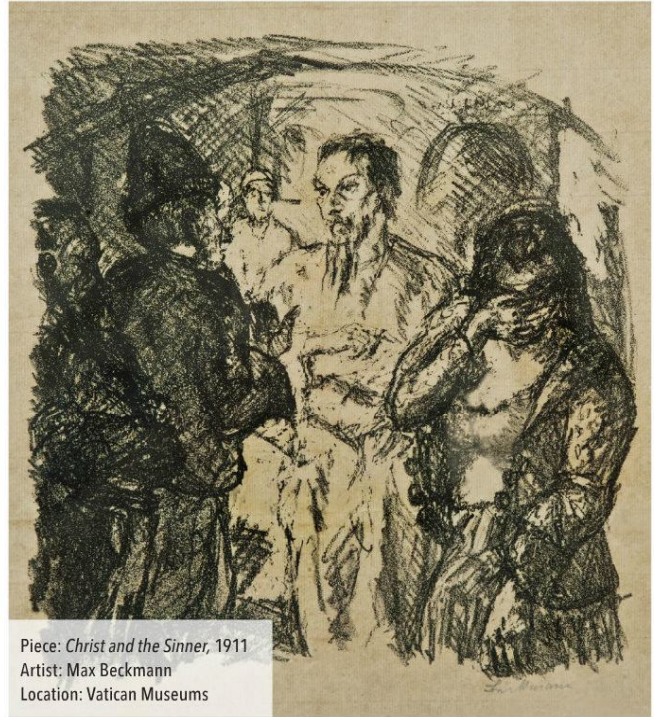
Today's drawing places the viewer outside the Gospel scene looking in. We're behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers' way toward the woman. He's clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works.

He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Christ and the Sinner*, 1911
Artist: Max Beckmann
Location: Vatican Museums

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For Reflection

*Do negative thoughts about myself or my past limit my experience of God's love?
When have I truly known the redemption of Christ?
Remember that moment of mercy and take strength from it.*

"Has no one condemned you?" ...Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more."

John 8:10-11

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A resource number that would help meet the needs of many people is sponsored by United Way. The way it helps is by the person in need calls 211 which connects you with your zip code resource area or they will give you the direct number to call i.e. Pike County is 855-567-5347. 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.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

We ask you not to shake hands with the Priest, Deacons, altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers before or after Mass. During the "Sign of Peace" just use an acknowledgement to each other, like a nod or a wave. Beginning January we will not distribute the Cup of Precious Blood until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019. God Bless, Father Joseph

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

March 31, 2019 from 1-3PM. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

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 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.

ANNULMENT PROCESS

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570) 207-2246 to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

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.

PENANCE SERVICE CANCELLED

St. Vincent's Church in Dingmans has cancelled their Penance Service scheduled for April 10th.



LENTEN / EASTER SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Evenings

5:30 PM (SJ)

7:00 PM (SP)

CONFESSIONS

"The Light Is On" every Monday during Lent

5:30PM - 6:15PM (SJ)

6:45PM - 7:30PM (SP)

Regular Confessions Saturday's 3:00PM (SJ)

Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30AM (SP) and following the 5:30PM Mass Saturdays (SP)

COMBINED PENANCE SERVICE (SP)

Monday, April 15th at 7:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY

Evening of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM (SP)

GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion 2:00PM (SP)

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of the Food 12:00PM (SP)

EASTER VIGIL 8:00PM (SJ)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:30AM (SJ)

11:00AM (SP)

Please check future bulletins for any additional services that may be added during the Lenten Season.

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
April 13-14

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Declan Carroll</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers <i>Daniel Corcoran</i> <i>Eric Cabrera Agostini</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Terry McDonough</i>
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Server <i>Lucas Helms</i> <i>Draven Nitecki</i>
Milford Senior Care 4/7 Debbie Roa 4/14 Carol Cordova



The Sanctuary Candle
burns for the
**George D.
Patterson III**
By
The Family

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS - Again this year we will be memorializing the Easter Lillie's that are placed in the Sanctuary for Easter. The cost will be \$20.00 per plant. Special YELLOW envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print clearly) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelopes into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. The "Flower" envelope included in your monthly envelope packet is for the general Easter Flowers not the Lillie's. The deadline is April 15th. A list of memorials will be inserted in the bulletin Easter Sunday.

CHANGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CALENDAR - The Next meeting of the Parish Council will be May 20, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room There is no April Meeting. Thank you

THE PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH - LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP
Sponsored by St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society, Sunday, April 14 after the 8:30am Mass. Sign-up before or after Mass in the Vestibule through April 7th. Cost is \$3.00 per person or \$7.00 per family and must be paid at sign-up.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS - Want to do something different to enrich your spiritual life this Lent? Join Deacon Thomas Spataro during the Lenten Season on Tuesdays, March 26, April 2 and April 9 at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, as he continues his weekly enlightening discussions based on Bishop Robert Barron's series "The Mass". All are welcome! For more information call St. Patrick's Parish Office at 570 296-7451

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY - Our next food pantry will be Friday, May 1 from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

5th ANNUAL "Be A Man Catholic Men's Conference"
What is Truth? In these difficult times, the world asks what Pontius Pilate asked 2000 years ago. What is Truth? Guest speakers include Fr. Philip Bochanski, Catholic Priest & Director of Courage International, the Catholic Apostolate for men and women and their loved ones who struggle with same sex attraction (SSA), Dr. Ray Guarendi, Author, TV Host, & Psychologist and Doug Barry, Evangelist and TV Host. The Conference will be held April 27th from 8am-3pm at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Registration is necessary and may be done on-line at www.BeAManConference.com.

MOUNT CARMEL SOCIETY - The Mount Carmel Society of Port Jervis NY will be having a sausage and pepper / Meatball sandwich dinner, sit down or take-out, Saturday April 13th 2019 from 4PM to 7PM at The Mount Carmel Hall 21 First Street Port Jervis NY.

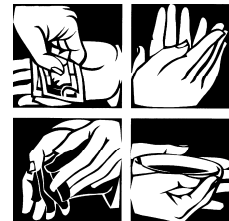
MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE - This Thursday, April 11th at 11:00am Friends or family of residents are welcome.

Weekly Offering

March 31, 2019
\$2961.00

Last Year

April 1, 2018
\$2549.50



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."

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ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS GROUP

WELCOME SPRING! We will resume meeting weekly starting Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2:00pm (weather permitting). The group meets in the Parish hall (use side entrance) from 2 to 4pm on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome. We supply the yarn and needles. Please come and join us as we make articles for various outreach programs.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon, March 20th at 2:30 as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve.

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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 \(@stpatmilfordpa\)](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.

GOOD FRIDAY PAGEANT *Featuring The Deanery Choir*

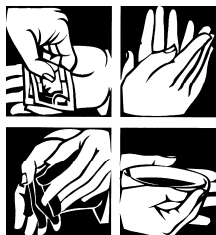
TAKE MY MOTHER HOME

Dramatization Scripture Music, Friday, April 19, 2019 7:30 at St. John Neumann Church, Rte. 739 Lords Valley, PA, EVERYONE INVITED—NO ADMISSION CHARGE.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 13-14

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Jack Boyle
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers Jason Lecina, Sophia Mullen
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Joe Dooley
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers Nicholas Dinos, Riley Mapes



Weekly Collection
 March 24, 2019 \$2,601.00
 March 31, 2019 \$2,148.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
 March 24, 2019 \$ 10,889.00
 March 31, 2019 \$719.00
 Year to Date July '18- Current \$31,377.00
 Goal for the Year \$100,000
 Thank you for your generosity!

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

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
Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 8:1-11

The gospel reminds us to think about our own behaviors and not talk about the faults or sins of people in our community.

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Calendar

Daily Prayer

Love, mercy and forgiveness

are shown to the woman in the gospel - let's practice being more like Jesus, and **forgive** anyone who has hurt or wronged us, as we: **FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.**

Write the letters below that are missing from the milkshake...



Unscramble the letters and fill in the blank below to finish the lesson for today.

Jesus asks us to

_____ one another.

- Monday**
APRIL 8
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
Dn 13:41c-62
Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday**
APRIL 9
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday**
APRIL 10
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday**
APRIL 11
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59
- Friday**
APRIL 12
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday**
APRIL 13
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday**
APRIL 14
Palm Sunday
of the Lord's Passion
Lk 19:28-40
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Lk 22: 14-23:56
or Lk 23:1-49

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts in more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us.

There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me.

It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is un-

just, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are celebrating the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

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