

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

Remembering
Oct. 21-27



October 20, 2019
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Ex 17:8-13
2 Tm 3:14-4:2
Lk 18:1-8

Monday
8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Marge Tonkin**
Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)

✦ **Nancy Kavanaugh Willoe**
Husband, Frank

WEDNESDAY
12:00pm (SP)

✦ **The Weeks Family**
Ray Weeks

THURSDAY
8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Geraldine Maun**
*St. Joseph's
Altar & Rosary Society*

FRIDAY
NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)
✦ **For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish**

5:30pm (SP)
✦ **Respect Life Prayer
Intentions**

SUNDAY

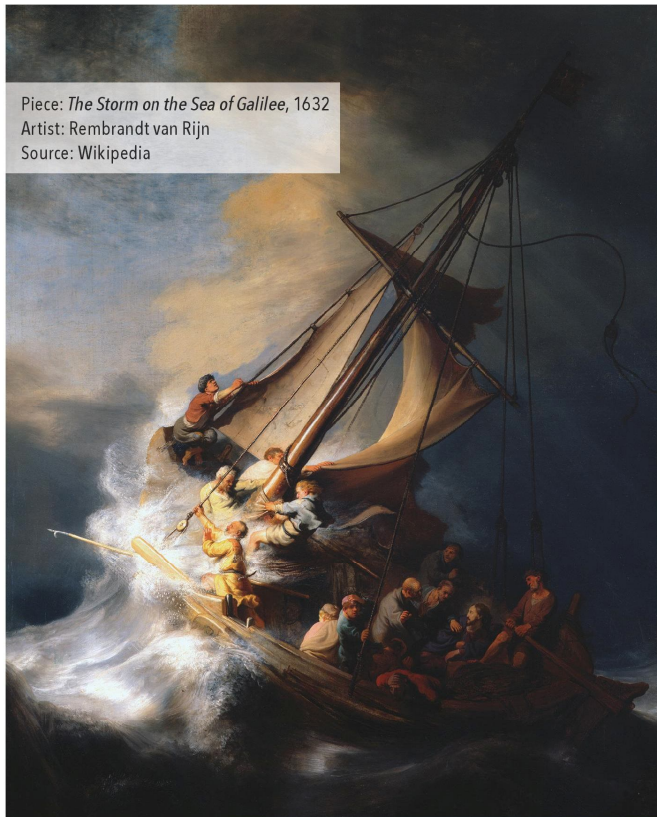
8:30am (SJ)
✦ **Millicent, Jack, &
Jackie Tescione**

11:00 (SP)
✦ **Roger Neff (living)
The Pastoral Council**

Powerful, Persistent Prayer

Water cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence. As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer. We will penetrate the solid rock of our faith, which is Christ, only through regular and relentless prayer. Saint Luke makes this clear when he reveals Jesus' intention in delivering this parable "about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Jesus wants us to keep at it in prayer. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has an entire section devoted to prayer with the intriguing title "The Battle of Prayer." After 2,000 years of experience, the Church sums up the theme of prayer as a battle! Moses might have said the same thing, for his perseverance in prayer was reflected in the battle of Rephidim.

The truth is, God doesn't entrust the treasures of his friendship to just anyone who says "Lord, Lord" to him. He knows the fickleness of the human heart but also that fidelity over time is the evidence of sincere love. He longs for the hearts of his children to seek him, but he also knows that for them to reach full maturity in him, growth in prayer must be steady. God is not at all like the unscrupulous judge of the Gospel. That is exactly Jesus' point. If God is actually "Our Father" who is literally dying to reconcile with us, then so much more will he respond to us if we're persistent in praying to him.



Piece: *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, 1632
Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn
Source: Wikipedia

For Reflection

*Am I as persistent in prayer as I am in pursuing other goals?
Does God's apparent lack of response invite me to greater trust and perseverance rather than to question his goodness?*

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:2

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.

NO WINE

Beginning November 1st there will be no Wine distributed at the Masses due to the cold and flu season. The wine will resume Holy Week.

TRI STATE PREGNANCY CENTER

"Dave Pettigrew Concert" Dave will be leading us in a night of worship on November 9th 6-9pm at First Assembly of God in Port Jervis, NY. Bring your singing voices and your friends! Make this a family night out. A love offering will be taken for the Tri State Pregnancy Center.

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 Annual Appeal is now underway. "Serving in faith with Hope and Gratitude. Just for an example the Gifts made to the 2018 Appeal touched thousands of lives. 4,143 Families served in Catholic Social Services Food & Clothing Pantries, 12 Seminarians receiving tuition & living expenses, 16,555 nights of shelter & S\support, 104 Retired & ill Priests received care, 44 parishes using Social Justice Grants to serve countless, 15,000 Children in Religious Education \$ 4,5000 in Catholic Schools and 118 parishes receiving support in all aspects of Parish Life, **SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS. SUPPORT THE APPEAL.**

K OF C 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.

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.

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.

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.

DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL 27TH ANNUAL COMPLIMENTARY DINNER THEATRE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

A complete roasted Turkey Dinner will be served at 5:00pm in the Dingman-Delaware Middle School Cafeteria on Friday, November 8, 2019 followed at 7:00pm by the DDMS Drama Club's performance of "The Little Mermaid, Jr." For reservations and further information call 296-3143 by November 1, 2109. The Dingman-Delaware Middle School is located at 1365 Route 739 in Dingmans Ferry, PA

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The first statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima was sculptured in 1946 by indications given by sister Lucia. The Statue was solemnly crowned on May 13, 1947 in Portugal by the Bishop of Euera. The Legion of Mary (our Lady of knock praesidium) at St. Patrick's church is honored to have the blessed statue of our Lady of Fatima. Bring the statue to parishioners homes is part our Legions spiritual works. Upon request, two members of the Legion will bring the statue to your home, welcome its' presence with a few prayers, and leave the statue with you for one to two weeks. This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lady and be inspired by her message of peace and love. Please consider this home visitation. If interested please contact Catherine Umberto at (570)491-5820 or Annette Petry at (845)283-7228.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

The first Saturday of every month Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be held 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 Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Oct. 26-27

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector Anna Blackman
Eucharistic Minister Paul & Cristin Cavallaro
Altar Servers Eric Cabrera-Agostini Draven Nitecki
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Janet Bright
Eucharistic Minister Neal & Michele Bensley
Altar Server Robert McMullen Lucas Helms
Milford Senior Care 10/20 Jack Reilly 10/27 Lois Lazarczyk

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To **Ryan Schanzenbacher** on receiving the 2019/20 Bishops Youth Award. Ryan is a faithful parishioner, lead Altar Server, and active participant in his school and greater community. Ryan is an excellent role model and we're so proud of him!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 21st at 6:30pm

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.

JR CHOIR & ADULT CHOIR

It's never too late to join St. Joseph's Jr. Choir or St. Joseph's Adult Choir. Each choir sings for 2 Sunday Masses every month and rehearses on Wednesdays. The Adult Choir rehearses from 5:10pm-6:10pm and the Jr. choir (Grades 3-12) rehearses from 6:25pm -7:25pm. See Mare Bradley after Mass or call her at 845-754-3620. Try it, you'll like it!

FOOD PANTRY

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

COFFEE SOCIAL

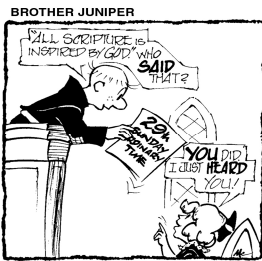
Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, November 10th. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on Thursday, October 24th, this month at 11:00 am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH

(Father Walsh's current Parish) invites you to a Homemade Pasta & Sausage Dinner Sunday, November 3rd from 12 noon - 5:00pm. Includes salad, Beverage, Dessert, Bread & Butter. Take-outs available from noon - 4:00pm containers will be provided. Donation is \$12.00 Children under 5 are free. St. Maria Goretti Church Laffin Road, Laffin, PA Facilities are handicapped accessible and there is ample free parking!



The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
**Mary & Michael
Ricciardi**
By
Anne Crine

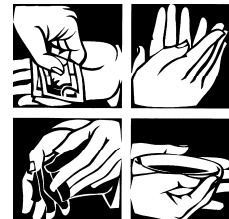
Weekly Offering

October 13, 2019
\$ 4570.00

Last Year

October 14, 2018
\$ 6633.60

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 PRAYER GROUP

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—tchogan@ptd.net or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

RESPECT LIFE

October is "Respect Life Month" We are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning of life to its end and at every point in between. During this month, we are asked to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Saint Patrick's will have a Respect Life Holy Hour on Sunday, October 20th following the 11:00 Mass. Join us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, silent reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

TRICK OR TREATING AT SAINT PATRICK'S

This year Saint Patrick's will be distributing Halloween Candy to the many Trick or Treater's in front of the Church on Halloween Night. Anyone wishing to donate candy, there will be a box in the Narthex designated for your donations.

FOOD PANTRY

Saint Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, November 1st at 6:00pm

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

GROUP If you would like to find out more about our Group, please call the Parish Office 570-296-7451. We meet Wednesday's in the Church Hall from 2-4. Beginners welcome!

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Elizabeth Murray** who passed away. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

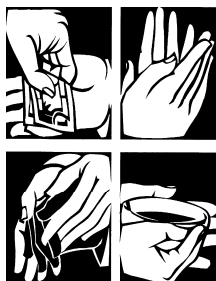
BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Austin Tyler Doyle** son of William and Jennifer Doyle who was baptized here at Saint Patrick's Church last Sunday.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct. 26-27

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Joe Casmus
Communion Ministers Janet Finnerty, Colleen Sheldon
Altar Servers Brooke & Bennett Nielsen
Sunday 7:15am No Mass
Lector
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Tom Hogan
Communion Ministers Donna Hersca, Rosemary Walsh
Altar Servers Caterina Catizone



Weekly Collection

October 13, 2019

\$3,058.00

This time last year

\$2,387.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

October 13, 2019

\$730.00

Year to Date July'19- Current

\$16,641.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of

Joseph & Vito Loiacono

requested by
Carmine Loiacono,
their Father

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.

Gospel Today Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells the Apostles to pray constantly, and never lose faith. Our loving God, who hears the prayers of His people day and night, will answer speedily.

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Never Lose Faith

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Faith	F	S	P	E	E	D	I	L	Y	E	G	D	U	J	E
Parable	E	A	L	W	A	Y	S	T	S	U	J	P	R	A	Y
Necessity	L	I	I	P	U	N	O	I	S	I	C	E	D	A	A
Pray	R	D	A	T	B	T	S	E	U	Q	E	R	S	N	D
Always	E	A	C	T	H	G	I	N	Y	I	E	S	H	U	A
Without	N	B	Y	R	A	E	W	T	W	O	D	I	W	V	S
Becoming	D	E	L	I	V	E	R	E	D	E	A	S	K	E	D
Weary	E	C	L	L	I	W	J	T	U	O	H	T	I	W	B
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Calendar

Daily Prayer

Monday

OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

OCTOBER 24
Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

Friday

OCTOBER 25
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

OCTOBER 26
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

OCTOBER 27
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk 18:9-14

This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer. There's freedom "from" and freedom "for." We can ask to be released from what has a hold on us. If we ask, we can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. We can pray to be free for whatever God desires of us. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others and to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

The Word helps us each week. Sometimes, one phrase or one story will carry us for several days. Other weeks, we will have to look back at the readings to hear a reminder, an encouragement, a call. I might stay with the words, "give to God

what is God's." On a given day it might be a great grace to realize all is gift, including the members of my family, the gifts I've been given to do my work, the graces offered me this very day. If I hear the words of Jesus, "life does not consist in possessions," we might ask him to show me how this is meant for me this week. Perhaps I will imagine myself as that tree that isn't bearing much fruit. Instead of cutting me down, our Lord is patient and willing to nourish me and cultivate me, so that I can bear fruit.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.