

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

Rememóeríng July 10 - 16

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Janny Sybrandy**

Carol Doll

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Laurie Caloger**

Joe and Barbara Rowan

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✚ **Loretta Wilkens**

Claire Collins

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✚ **Eileen Wright**

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

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

5:30pm (SP)

✚ **Herman & Augusta
Richartz**

Carol & Lisa

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✚ **Michelina Romano**
Donna Piazza & Family

9:00am (SJ)

✚ **Deceased Members of
The Fitzgerald &
Loughnane Families**
The Family

11:00am (SP)

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

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.

ZUCCHINI FLOWERS

If anyone has flowers on your Zucchini plants in your garden please see Father Vito after Mass. Thanks!

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

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)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 15-16

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Anna Blackman

Eucharistic Minister

Jackie Padgett

Jack Reilly

Altar Servers

Draven Nitecki

Daniel Bradley

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Diana Sierra

Eucharistic Minister

Joe Price

Chuck Price

Altar Servers

Mark Cavallaro

Mikaela Parker

JUNE Altar Server Of the
Month: **Draven Nitecki**

Milford Senior Care**7/9 Carol Cordova**

7/16 Eileen Dorko

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH PICNIC

St. Joseph's Annual Church Picnic will be held Sunday, July 16th from 1 – 4 PM at Matamoras Airport Park RAIN or SHINE!! Please join us for plenty of food, music, fellowship, and fun! There will be many games for the children including face painting and a Bouncy House! Main course foods and drinks will be provided, but we ask each family bring something to be shared such as a salad, a side dish, or a dessert. Cost \$3.00 per person, kids 12 and under are free. Pay at sign-up. Volunteers along with sign-up sheets are at both entrances of the church. If you have any questions, please call Tom Jensen at 570-234-8571.

MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE

Father Vito celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of every Month at 11:00 am. (Thursday, July 13th) Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, July 30th. 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, July 21, 2017 from 6 - 8pm (Team D). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

BROTHER JUNIPER

The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of

Olympia Viglietta

by
The Williams Family

Weekly Offering**July 2, 2017**

\$ TBA (1st)

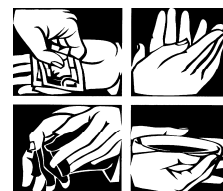
\$ TBA (2nd)

Last Year**July 3, 2016**

\$ 3753.17 (1st)

\$ 444.00 (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."

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.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

So far our Twitter account has 260 followers and growing. We are not only reaching out to our parish and town but are in touch with people and parishes from all over! We have started a new Facebook page too and hope that you will follow us there as well. News, updates, announcements and in general spiritual tweets will be posted. Follow us on Twitter@stpatmilfordpa and on facebook at Saint Patrick's Church Milford PA. It will be another way we can interact, communicate and share our faith with others.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, July 28th at 6:00pm. Volunteers are still needed. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and leave your name.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Wednesday, July 19th, please join Father Vito as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve at 2:30. The 3rd Wednesday of every month, a Mass with the residents is held at 2:30.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT OR TRAGIC DEATH

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, or accident.. **The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7:00pm. In Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.** There are "Mass of remembrance-Registration forms at the office. Please call to request a form or to have the name of your loved one submitted.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 15/16

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

Lector John Wroblewski

Communion Ministers

Sara Cottone, Donna Hersca, Rosemary Walsh

Altar Servers

Jakob Fortunato, Mikaela Larry

Sunday 7:30am

Lector Joe Casmus

Communion Ministers

C. Alfano, K. Loeschorn, C. Sheldon

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina, Adam Sandonato

Sunday 11:00am

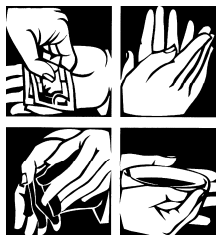
Lector Ray Proulx

Communion Ministers

Jeanne Ryan, Ray Weeks

Altar Servers

Dean Pedone, Nicole Weinrich



Weekly Collection

July 2, 2017

\$ TBA

Last year

July 3, 2016

\$4,350.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

July 2, 2017

\$ TBA

Year to Date July 16' - Current

\$48,835.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle

burns for

Betty Dreyfus

requested by

The Astrab Family

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 11:25-30

Blessed are the children and child-like who are open to receiving the Word of Jesus. Living His Word will give peace and rest.



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Blessed	N	O	R	B	D	N	I	F	A	F	E	S	A
Children	R	P	G	G	E	N	T	L	E	A	R	T	H
Open	H	U	M	B	L	E	V	N	S	T	S	E	D
Receiving	A	E	E	K	A	T	B	Y	H	H	E	K	I
Praise	E	N	G	Y	E	H	L	S	L	E	M	O	C
Father	S	G	N	I	V	I	E	C	E	R	A	Y	C
Lord	U	N	I	R	E	N	S	A	L	E	A	R	N
Heaven	E	E	V	N	R	P	S	K	V	J	D	G	T
Earth	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	N	E	P	O	H
Living	A	E	L	R	K	A	D	O	L	S	N	A	G
Word	E	V	O	E	C	I	R	W	O	U	O	D	I
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Daily Prayer

As Jesus heals, he gives courage. As he carries out his ministry of healing and announcing the good news of the closeness of the Kingdom of God, he is filled with compassion for all those who suffer and who need this encouraging news. So Jesus calls us to join him. This isn't the call to priesthood or religious life. This is the universal call addressed to all of us to see with the same compassionate eyes of Jesus and to reach out and heal others. As Jesus sends us, he knows that we will encounter resistance and opposition - sometimes from within our own heart first, but certainly from others. He always tells us not to be afraid. Even when things happen that take away our peace, our peace will be given back to us. He knows he is sending us like sheep among the wolves of this world, and so he asks us to be both wise and simple - two great gifts for our mission. He assures us that even when we don't know how to speak tender or reconciling words, the Spirit will speak through us. The only thing we need to fear is the stuff we get into that can actually destroy our soul. What a great week to ask for the grace to be responsive to his call! All week, with attentive eyes, we can see with Jesus' own compassion, where he is directing our heart to love and to heal. We begin the week with such a great orientation. Jesus invites us to come to him with our burdens and the stuff that weighs us down and then he sends us. He doesn't say we are not supposed to expect burdens. He just invites us to take up his burden, the ministry he gives to each of us. Each day, following our pattern of focusing throughout the day in brief moments of conversation and connection with the Lord, we can consciously recognize the "calls" the Lord has given us and is offering us. And we can acknowledge them, accept them, embrace them. Of course, our primary relationships are all the ways we live our discipleship call. So often though, these relationships are where we need the greatest courage to be tender, compassionate and courageous in loving, in letting the Spirit speak through us. Let's ask ourselves all week: how can I bring healing and peace to each important relationship in my life? And, where I'm afraid, or resistant, or even where I've given up, that can be the place of the deepest and most important prayer of the week. It certainly can be the place we come to Jesus to be refreshed. All week, we can try to be conscious of how our day to day work is part of our call from the Lord: to be an agent in the world for good, to make products, to offer goods and services to people, to coordinate human activities, to protect and defend others' rights, to heal others. Some of us are still available to be called to a specific work or ministry. This is a great week to ask for openness. Every one of us can find great meaning and deeper peace in placing what we do in the pattern of our response to God's call to us, through Jesus. When we do our work, we can thank the Lord for this work; ask to do it faithfully, lovingly, compassionately and justly. Some of us are struggling to find work that offers us dignity and a living wage. We can ask the Lord to send us to be his servants, with our gifts, and trust in his fidelity. As we move through the week, growing in our relationship with the Lord all week, as we make these more conscious background moments of insight, recognition and connection, we can give thanks and trust that if we scatter his seed, with trust and with abandon, we don't have to worry. The harvest has his guarantee of abundance. The gospels offer us encouragement this week because they are so filled with imperfect people struggling to live out their lives. The invitation to us this week comes from the heart of Jesus to ours: "Follow me." How do we open our hearts more fully to that invitation? In our daily prayer we can name the desire we are looking for and ask Jesus for help. Each morning as we open our eyes to face the day ahead, we can simply ask Jesus for the courage to follow him. Lord, give me the strength today to accept your invitation to follow you. Living that invitation each moment will take patience and courage and I ask you for it because I can't supply it for myself. And, Jesus, when I fail and snap at my family or forget to be compassionate with my spouse, grant me the humility to apologize for that. Let me remember how much you love me and let me share that with everyone who comes into my life today. In the smallest moments in the background of our day we can remember that desire and offer it to God. As we walk down the street or cook dinner or run an errand we can speak to our Lord as we would to a friend. It doesn't take more time, only more focus. Some days it seems like I am being tossed on a boat in the darkness, Jesus. Part of me wants to be saved but another part wants to run from you. I'm not always proud of how I lead my life and sometimes I am afraid to be alone with you. Guide me through this darkness, please. At the end of the day, we can take a few moments as we get ready for bed: Thank you, dearest Lord, for your presence in my life today. I felt you with me in some of the more difficult moments. Thank you for being there.