

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

Remembering  
May 14-20

**MONDAY**  
**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **John Shannon**  
*Jack & Doreen Reilly*

**TUESDAY**  
**12:00pm**

✠ **Michael Toth (Living)**  
*Love His Mom, Toni*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **The Weeks Family**  
*Ray Weeks*

**THURSDAY**  
**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Mother's Day**  
**Intentions**

**FRIDAY**  
**No Mass**

**SATURDAY**  
**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **William F Carroll Sr.**  
*Deg & Mary Carroll  
& Family*

**5:30pm (SP)**

✠ **Anna Loiacono**  
*Son, Carmine*

**SUNDAY**

**8:30am (SJ)**

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

**11:00am (SP)**

✠ *For The People of*  
*St. Patrick's*



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)  
Ascension of the Lord

**Seventh Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26;  
1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

**Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or  
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

## Sent to be Missionaries

The beginning of the Book of Acts presents a summary of the life of Christ and how he called and taught the apostles in the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection, Christ kept the apostles in Jerusalem, where they prayed together with the Virgin and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit which would give them power to witness to him beyond the city and into the outlying countries and regions, just as the Gospel reading commands.

This Spirit given to them by Christ is a spirit of mission and witness. When Jesus was finished speaking, when his revelation had finished, he was taken to heaven. And the apostles were left standing there, looking up after him.

That looking up can be interpreted as a longing for Jesus' presence that was no longer in human form. Things had radically changed. Jesus' mission had finished, and now theirs was beginning. Their situation is the same as ours. We are sent on a mission!

An essential element of being Christian is to understand that we are sent into the world to build Christ's kingdom. We are his missionaries, his representatives. He counts on us to go into the world and bring his message to all his beloved children just as he did—with preaching, testimony, and love. Jesus doesn't send us to be comfortable, professionally successful, and wealthy. He sends us to be missionaries!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Holy Trinity and the Apostles*, 1507-1508  
Artist: Pietro Perugino  
Location: Vatican Museums

### For Reflection

*Do I live as if I am Christ's presence on earth, aware that I am his missionary?*

*If Jesus were in my family, social, and professional situations, what would he do?*

*When he had said this, as they were looking on,  
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.*

*Acts 1:9*

## 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

### TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?

St. Vincent de Paul Church's Grief Ministry is a faith based support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. A six-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help. All meetings will be held in the Sun Room of the St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information please contact [stvgriefgroup@att.net](mailto:stvgriefgroup@att.net) or call the parish office at 570-686-4545. Please join us for various faith based presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from January 22 - 27, 2019. World Youth Day is an initiative from St. John Paul II to gather Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18 -35. If you, or a young adult you may know, are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at (570) 207-2213 x1155 or email [Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org).

### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

will be celebrating a Mass with Prayers for Healing on Sunday evening, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., and ALL ARE WELCOME to attend. The Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. Rev. August Ricciardi will be our celebrant, and there will be Recitation of the Rosary beginning at 6:30 p.m. with prayers for healing following the Mass. The evening is being hosted by the Pocono Mountain Region Prayer Groups, and refreshments will be served. Please come and join in the celebration of the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit!!

### ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISHES!!

It's Vacation Bible School Time. It will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Milford. The date is July 9-13<sup>th</sup> from 9am—12:00pm. Monday-Friday. Due to the Diocese Safe Environment protocols we now have to have everyone from the age of 14 and up complete the necessary clearances in order to volunteer. This process can take up to 6 weeks to complete. If you are interested or even think that you might be interested please contact Jo-Marie Totten 570 296-7451 or [patsdre@ptd.net](mailto:patsdre@ptd.net).

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at High Point Country Club, Registration 10:00-11:00. Shotgun Start 12:00PM. Lunch, on Course—dinner @ Erie Trackside after Golf. Scramble format, assorted Golf Prizes and contests. Putting contest 11:00AM. \$100.00 per golfer—please pay by May 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Benny Marasa (570) 296-5564, Tom Hogan (570) 296-6224 or John Piazza (570) 296-8678, Steve Riordan (945) 629-3642, Michael Braun (845)283-7461 or Warren Ponds (914) 443-3475.

### TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER "BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER"

This year our Parish will once again be participating in the Tri-State Pregnancy Center's baby bottle fundraiser. The fundraiser is simple and fun! Please consider picking up a baby bottle from the display on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Fill it with loose change over the next few weeks, and return it on Father's Day, Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Tri-State Pregnancy Center is located in Milford, PA and has helped support women in crisis pregnancies and families in need for over 25 years. Look for the baby bottle display soon at the front entrance to the Church.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus will be having a blood drive at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 200 E. High St., Milford, PA from 1 to 6pm.

### The First Annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Scranton

Saturday, June 23, 2018 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Byron Complex, The University of Scranton

#### Featuring:

Judy Landrieu Klein: Faith Through It All

Father Richard McAlear: Ministry of Hope and Healing  
Music by "His Own"

Mass Celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera  
Megan Murphy: Host

For information or to register:

[dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference](http://dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference)



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 19-20

**Saturday 4:00pm****Lector**

Declan Carroll

**Eucharistic Minister**Jackie Padgett, Jack Reilly,  
Chuck Pike, Diane Heater**Altar Servers**Daniel Bradley  
Eric Cabrera-Agostini**Sunday 8:30am****Lector**

Brenna Cavallaro

**Eucharistic Minister**Neal & Michele Bensley,  
Paul & Cristin Cavallaro**Altar Server**Ryan & Eric  
Schanzenbacher**Milford Senior Care****5/13 Debbie Roa**

5/20 Lois Lazarczyk

## BROTHER JUNIPER

The Sanctuary Candle  
burns

In Memory of

**Grayce Ricciardi**

by

The Blackman Family

**IN MEMORIAM**

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **James McAndrew** who passed away last week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

**BISHOP'S YOUTH AWARDS**

The Bishop's Youth Award Mass was recently celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton by the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera. Congratulations to **Daniel Corcoran, Joseph Loughney & Robert McMullen** from our parish who were recognized for their extraordinary acts of service. CONGRATULATIONS!!

**BACCALAUREATE MASS**

will be held Sunday June 10th at our 8:30 am Mass. Invitations have been mailed along with a Biography request. If you are or know a graduating Senior who has not received an Invitation, please contact the Parish Office at 570-491-2618. Biographies should be mailed or emailed to Anna Blackman 302 Ave. G Matamoras, PA 18336 or Christine Marcial 710 Ave. H Matamoras, PA 18336 and must be returned before June 1st.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RWB RAFFLE**

The Knights of Columbus Council 13935 will be selling raffle tickets after all Masse to support two great causes, Special Olympics Area P and Vetstock in Milford. Vetstock is a local organization for American Veterans. Area P covers children with special needs in Pike, Wayne and Luzerne Counties. Tickets can also be bought from any Knight. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

**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**

Our next food pantry will be Friday, June 8, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. 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

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

Our next Coffee Social will be held next **Sunday, May 20th**. A variety of foods will be available including sugar-free! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

Weekly Offering

**May 6, 2018**

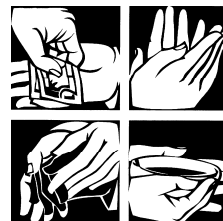
\$4984.33

Last Year

**May 7, 2017**

\$4071.75

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."**

## IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Dana VanderToorn who passed away this past week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

## LEGION OF MARY TO PRAY FOR YOU

As one of the works of The Legion of Mary, we would like to pray for peoples' intentions. These prayers would be in conjunction with our rosary at our weekly meetings, the Legion of Mary pray the rosary before Mass and our own personal rosaries to strengthen the cause for the Beatification of the Servants of God Frank Duff and Alphonsus Lambe and Venerable Edel Quinn. After Easter, there will be small prayer boxes available in the vestibule by the statue of St. Patrick and in the narthex for anyone to drop their intentions into. These intentions will be gathered and prayed for weekly. If you or anyone experience any blessings as a result of these prayers, the Legion would be interested in knowing. Please write the blessing in a note and put them in the prayer box. Thank. The Legion of Mary says the rosary at 11:20 before the Tuesday and Wednesday Mass. We would love to have you join us.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **David Kruler** who was baptized here at St. Patrick's. God Bless you David.

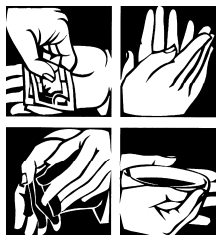
## PHP BAKE SALE

The next bake sale will be May 19 and 20th! Please consider baking one of your favorite desserts to sell at the bake sale. Bring your baked goods with you prior to the Mass you are attending. Thank you for your continued support.

**FLEA MARKET NEWS** Our annual Flea Market will be held on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday July 22nd. Please check future bulletins for more information. If you would like to help at the flea Market, we are having a meeting on Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30 in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito as he celebrates Mass with the residents at Belle Reve on Wednesday, May 16th at 2:30.



Weekly Collection  
May 6, 2018  
\$ 2,285.00  
This time last year  
\$4,152.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
\$879.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current  
\$39,017.00  
Goal for the Year \$100,000  
Thank you for your generosity!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 19-20

### Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

**Lector** David Stine

### Communion Ministers

Janet Finnerty,  
Donna Hersca,  
Colleen Sheldon

**Altar Servers** Riley Mapes,  
Dana Stroup

### Sunday 11:00am

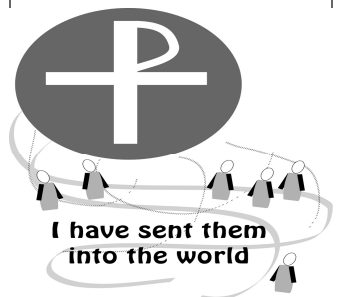
**Lector** Diane Dennis

### Communion Ministers

Dean & Arlene Quirk, Catherine  
Umberto

### Altar Servers

Roger Neff, Sean Rinkel



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
**Christina Saunders**  
and **Alice Wollman**  
requested by  
Ken and Pat Corcoran

**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

The Ascension of the Lord | Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After He spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God.

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He said to them,  
"Go into the whole  
world and proclaim  
the gospel to every  
creature."

MARK 16:15

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Jesus	N	P	A	E	R	E	H	W	Y	R	E	V	E
World	J	E	S	U	S	N	E	T	T	I	K	L	H
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Everywhere	A	P	N	A	C	C	O	M	P	A	N	Y	S
Spread	B	L	G	S	E	T	O	R	E	D	L	O	E
Gospel	E	E	L	C	M	H	M	O	D	H	B	K	L
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## Calendar

### Monday

May 14

St. Matthias,  
Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

### Tuesday

May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

### Wednesday

May 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

### Thursday

May 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

### Friday

May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday

May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

### Sunday

May 20

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or

Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## Daily Prayer

*This week, let's be a Church between Ascension and Pentecost - sensing Jesus has gone before us and longing for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The invitation for us is to pray to the Father this week, as Jesus did. We pray through the desires churning around in our hearts. Getting in touch with those desires will bring us closer to preparation for celebrating Pentecost. Naming what we long for, will place us with Jesus, praying to the Father for help.*

*Of course, it can be tender and quite personal, speaking to our Father with a Jesus-given intimacy. And, what makes it concrete, real, and a prayer from the heart of each of us, is that we are letting all of this interact with the real things in our everyday life.*

*It may come easily, spontaneously, as I'm getting dressed or in any of the "background times" of my day. But, it may be difficult for me to know how to address the Father. Perhaps my father-memories aren't warm and tender. All we have to do is relax and try it. We will meet a Father who loves us and longs for us to be relaxed and speak heart-to-heart. It can start with a dialogue with myself, e.g., where I ask myself questions and then answer myself.*

answer myself.

*What am I feeling? What fears can I name? What anxieties, worries come to me as I try to get in touch with what's going on right now? Who comes to my mind? Who is struggling? With whom am I in conflict? Am I frustrated? Tired? Feeling taken for granted? Where am I 'cutting corners,' or cheating or lying to myself or others? What's missing? What am I hungry for? What am I dreaming about? What is giving me joy?*

*The desires that flow from my answers to these questions shape our daily prayer this week. We find that we have plenty to talk with the Father about and ask for. Perhaps we can pray:*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and enkindle within them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be re-created and  
join you in renewing the face of the earth.*

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