

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

Rememóeríng
Nov. 28-Dec. 4



Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

MONDAY

8:00 AM (SJ)

✦ **Intentions of the Troy
Randolf Family**
Dan & Marilyn Bradley

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✦ **Joseph Harrington**
Ikke & Seikichik Kurose

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✦ **Louis Strinati**
wife, Eva

THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Ann Catalano**
Mary Alice Starzan

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY

4:00 (SJ)

✦ **Thomas Scott**
The Family

5:30pm (SP)

✦ **Ed Petry**

Bob & Brenda Tribus

SUNDAY

7:30am (SP)

✦ **Laurie Caloger**
Helen Findlay

9:00am (SJ)

✦ **Patrick & Jenny Lapriore**
The Family

11:00am (SP)

✦ **For the People of
St. Joseph and
St. Patrick Parishes**

Piece: *Sleeping Servant*
Artist unknown; 1st century AD
Location: Vatican, Santa Rosa



Welcome!

My name is Fr. Mark Haydu, LC, and I am happy to accompany you at Mass over the next three liturgical years. I grew up in Akron, Ohio, and was ordained in 2007 as a priest of the Legionaries of Christ.

As head of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums in Rome, I travel frequently to the United

States to promote the collection. Sacred art has always been an essential element of prayer and liturgy, so it is a fitting enhancement to our Sunday celebrations.

Staying awake is a frequent and important Advent theme. Jesus mentions being awake in today's Gospel and again in Matthew 25:13 and 26:38. We are to ready ourselves to encounter him at our personal judgment and again in the Final Judgment. Like a watchman who stands over the city or a guard who protects the entry gate, we are to be vigilant, "For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

In ancient times, it was common to have a servant posted at the door to

protect you through the night and to watch over the house in your absence. Today's sculpture, which is part of an ancient tombstone, depicts such a servant—albeit one who dozed off.

For Reflection

What can I do to prepare myself and my family for Christ's coming on Christmas, in the Eucharist, and at any other time in our lives?

Begin your Advent preparations by receiving Christ in the Eucharist, "For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11). Jesus is not far away but very near. He enters our hearts in the form of bread and wine. Are you ready, or will he catch you by surprise?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

"And do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11).

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. 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 hospitalized, please contact your Parish Office.

THE SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - CARE FOR CREATION PART 3 -

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes of the teachings from Saint Francis of Assisi, the namesake he chose when he was named Pope. "...Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically...He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he...was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He...lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast...He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace...To him each and every creature was a sister united to him by bonds of affection. That is why he felt called to care for all that exists...Such a conviction cannot be written off as naïve romanticism, for it affects the choices which determine our behaviour. If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously...What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (Wis 13:5); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world" (Rom 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty...Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." 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)

A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN!

An original Broadway-Style Musical Comedy The Saint John Neumann Players (combined Deanery and other Choirs, along with St John Neumann Youth Group), will be presenting an original Broadway style musical comedy on Friday, Dec 16 and Saturday Dec 17 at St John Neumann Church Hall in Lord's Valley, PA. The Saturday show will be a dinner theater, with dining room service by the St John Neumann Youth Group. Ticket prices are \$10 for Friday evening show, and \$20 for Saturday evening show with dinner. A generous portion of the proceeds will be donated to Food for Families, a social ministry program of St John Neumann Church. Reservations are now being taken for both dates by calling Linda at 570-775-0727.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

The Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th

Vigil Mass Wednesday, December 7th at St. Patrick's 7:00PM

Mass December 8th, at St. Joseph's 8:00AM

Christmas Eve Masses

Mass Saturday, December 24th at St. Joseph's 4:00PM

Mass Saturday, December 24th at St. Patrick's 6:00PM and 10:00PM

Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25th

Mass at St. Joseph's 9:00AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY

We will follow our normal weekend Mass schedule.

Offices will be closed between Christmas and New Year's

WINTER STORMS—(Daily Mass only) Both Parishes will follow the Delaware Valley School District closings. If there is a 2 hour delay or a school closing there will be no daily Mass. This does not include Holydays. To find out if there is a delay/closing call 570-296-1800 or visit the Delaware Valley School District Website www.dvdsd.org

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

An emergency phone number has been established for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's parishes should you be in need of a priest for life threatening emergencies, Anointing of the sick or death. The number is (570) 591-1405 please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Only messages with the emergencies mentioned above will be returned. This number is available to you on both Parishes answering machines.

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

The Poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary at both St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Parishes during Christmas can be memorialized. The cost will be \$20.00 per plant. Special RED Envelopes are at the entrances to both Churches. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelopes into the collection basket or at your respective Parish Office. Deadline for your response is December 19th. A list of the memorializations will appear in the December 25th Bulletin.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 3-4

Saturday 4:00pm**Lector**

Declan Carroll

Eucharistic Minister

Anna Blackman

Neal Bensley

Altar Servers

Mark Cavallaro

Ella Carroll

Sunday 9:00am**Lector**

Janet Bright

Eucharistic Minister

Carol Cordova

Diane Heater

Altar Servers

Josef & Alexandra Manazza

October Altar Server Of the**Month: David Marcial****Milford Senior Care****11/27 Lois Lazarczyk**

12/4 Jack Reilly

BROTHER JUNIPER



The
Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of
Josephine Alaimo

by
M/M Glen Williams &
Family

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The "Advent Giving Tree" is in our Vestibule along with the Bassinet. The tree is decorated with ornaments made by our CCD Children. Please take an ornament, purchase the item written on the back, and return your donation to the Bassinet. The gift that you donate will be given to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center for distribution to needy families... Thank you for your generosity!

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

The Poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary during Christmas can be memorialized. The cost will be \$20.00 per plant. Special RED Envelopes are at all entrances to the Church. Please fill out the front of the envelope (please print) and enclose your payment. You may drop the envelope into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline is December 19th. A list of the memorializations will appear in the December 25th Bulletin. Only the Special RED Envelopes will reserve your Poinsettia...Thank you!

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES

Can be picked up in your child's CCD Class. Children that are not registered in CCD can pick up their Envelope Box from the counter at the front entrance to the Church.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is currently seeking to fill several vacant seats left by members who have fulfilled their appointed terms. If you or any parishioner that you know are interested in being nominated or would like more information, please contact Carol Cordova at (570) 491-9074 or mcb4413@hotmail.com

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!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Your Annual Appeal gift supports Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in School & Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education & Support, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media and Communication. Thank you!

St. Joseph's Parish Goal **\$40,000**, Amount Pledged as of 11/14 24,868.00 - **62%**

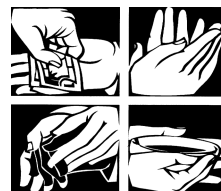
FOOD PANTRY - Our next food pantry will be Friday, December 16th from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

COFFEE SOCIAL - Our next Coffee Social will be Sunday, January 15th. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620. Thank you!

Weekly Offering
November 20, 2016
TBA

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year
November 22, 2015
\$ 4003.08 (1st)
\$ 629.00 (2nd)



"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."

RELIGIOUS ED. AND YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

The Christmas Party and Pageant will be Saturday December 17th following the 5:30 Mass. We ask each family to bring a dessert and/or juice to share. If your child is in grade K-4 and would like to participate please e-mail JoMarie Totten by November 27th at patsdre@ptd.net or call the Parish office at 296-7451. If you child is in grades 5-8 and would like to be narrators or help please me know. Practices are during class on December 11th and another one Wednesday December 14th. These practices are essential as we only have two practices this year. The Christmas party will immediately follow in the church Hall. If you have any questions, please give Jo-Marie a call.

YOUTH GROUP

Meeting Sunday, December 4th at 12:00 in the Parish Hall to discuss the Children's Christmas Party; Saturday, December 17 following the 5:30 Mass to volunteer at the Children's Party. We will have pizza after; Friday, December 23—Food Pantry at 6:00pm.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is having a Wine & Cheese informal following the 5:30 Mass on December 3rd in the Church Hall. All are invited to attend.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team will serve on December 23rd at 6:00pm.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

The Angel Tree is being placed in the Narthex starting the weekend of November 26 & 27th. Please remember to take an ornament off the tree and bring the gift back with the tag securing attached to the present or the gift bag. with the tag attached by Sunday, December 11th The gifts are being distributed that week.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The original Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was sculpted by Jose Lledim in 1946 following indications given to him by sister Lucia. It was solemnly crowned on May 13, 1947 in Portugal and from that day has traveled around the world promoting the message of peace and love. The legion of Mary here at St. Patrick has a replica of this statue and parishioners may have the Pilgrim Virgin "visit" their home. Anyone interested may contact Catherin Umberto 570 491-5820.

THE ROSARY

On Tuesday and Wednesday before Mass the rosary is recited beginning at 11:20am and led by a member of the Legion of Mary. All are welcome to participate!



Weekly Offering
November 20, 2016

TBA

Last year
November 17, 2015
\$4,168.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
November 20, 2016

TBA

Year to Date July 16' - Current
\$29,135.27
Goal for the Year \$100,000
Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE December 3/4

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Cheryl McCarthy

Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Sara Cottone

Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos,
Michaela Lawlor

Sunday 7:30am

Lector

Tom Hogan

Communion Ministers

Karen Loeschorn, Dean &
Arlene Quirk

Altar Servers

Jason Lecina,
Adam Sandomato

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Peter Prigge

Communion Ministers

Ray Weeks, Linda Coffey,
Angela Gleason

Altar Servers

Mikaela & Pamela Larry

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns for
Special Intentions*

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.

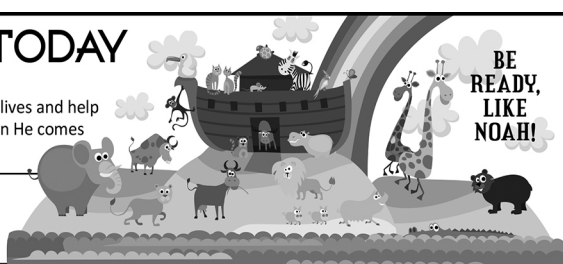
KID'S KORNER

GOSPEL TODAY

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus wants us to lead good lives and help others, so we are ready when He comes again.

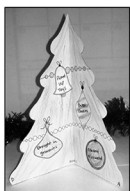
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



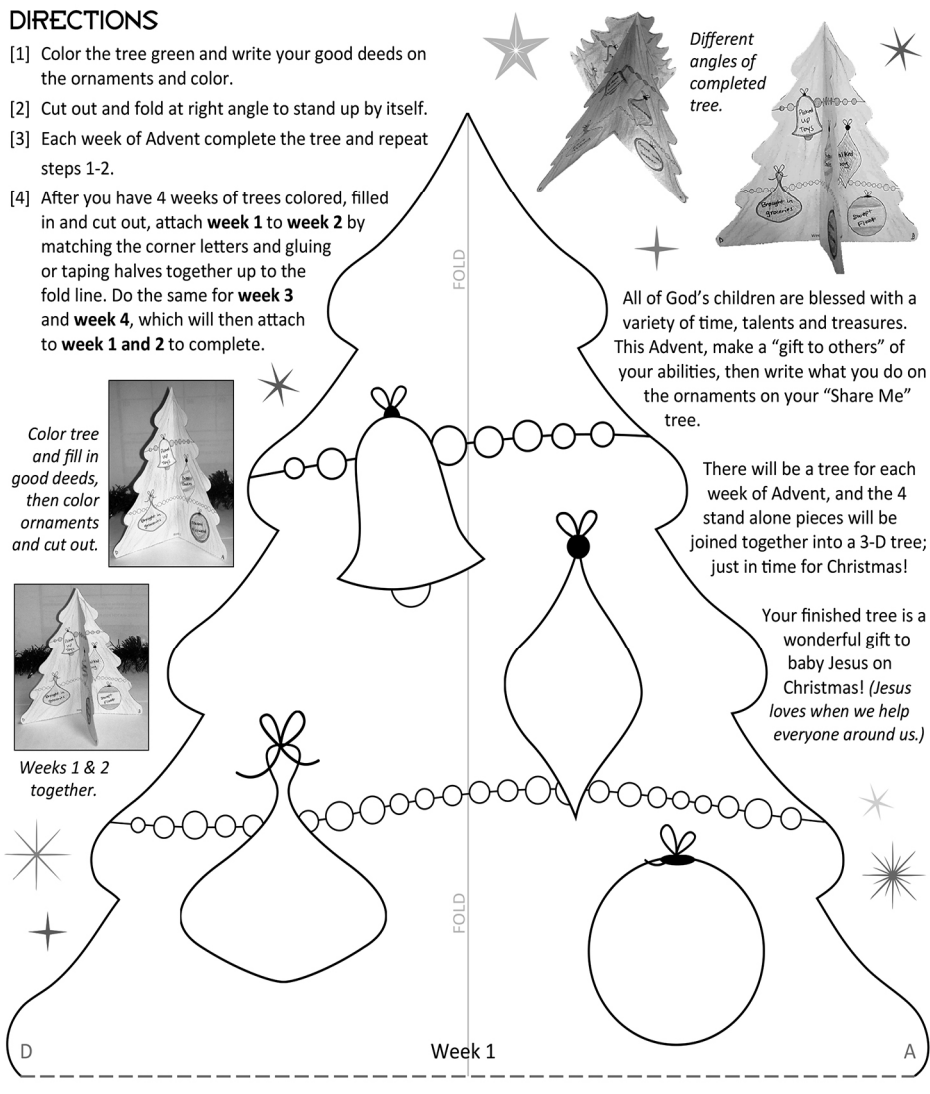
DIRECTIONS

- [1] Color the tree green and write your good deeds on the ornaments and color.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.

Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



Calendar

Monday

November 28
Advent Weekday
Is 4:2-6
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

November 29
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

November 30
St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

December 1
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

December 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

December 4
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

Daily Prayer this Week

This week we might be inspired by the gospels to ask God to help us be attentive for the signs of God's presence in our lives each day.

We can ask Jesus to help us open our hearts and be more generous in our daily lives. Inspired by the poor widow, we can ask ourselves, in faith, "How willing am I to share? Do I give from my surplus or is it a real sacrifice?" Are we generous with our time and talents? Perhaps we spend too much time at the computer or at work or in various other projects, neglecting our family or other relationships. Are there places where we could give more of ourselves to people who need us?

When Jesus speaks of the "tribulations" that are ahead for all Christians, this might prompt me to ask myself how willing I am to live my faith courageously. Caring for the poor, seeking justice and self-giving love are basic elements of following Jesus, but they are not valued by our culture. Am I willing to face the objections of family and friends for being so "counter-cultural" in following the gospel?

Perhaps we are distracted by the pressures of daily life, or as Jesus says so aptly, we allow our hearts to grow drowsy from "carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise...." What is it in our lives that keeps us from recognizing God's Kingdom here on earth? Maybe we abuse alcohol, are greedy or know deep inside there is a basic selfishness we don't even want to recognize in ourselves. We can only rely on Jesus for an "awakeness" that will help us to see ourselves as Jesus sees us, with love and forgiveness. It is in that moment, when we recognize that we are "loved sinners" that we can ask for the strength to make changes in our lives.

As we "awake" each morning and sit by the side of the bed before we begin our day, we can ask Jesus for the grace to see his presence in our lives in this day, and beg him for the help that we need. And in all of the smallest moments of the day, we can ask him from the deepest part of our hearts for the mercy and grace that will keep our eyes and hearts open this day. Then we can say, from our hearts, Thank you.

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