

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

Rememóerínġ
Feb. 26-March 4



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Lottie Kurtick**
Patricia Ready

TUESDAY

12:00pm

✦ **For the People of St. Patrick's**

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

✦ **The Weeks Family**
Ray Weeks

THURSDAY

✦ **NO MASS**

FRIDAY

8:00am (SJ)

✦ **Edward O'Donnell**
Maureen & Jim Farr

12:00pm (SP)

✦ **The Martorana Family**
Ray Weeks

✦ **Stations of the Cross**

5:30pm (SJ)

6:30pm (SP)

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

✦ **Edward O'Donnell**
Jim & Karen Colaiaco

5:30pm (SP)

✦ **Annie Catalano**
Her Daughters

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

✦ **For The People Of St. Joseph's Parish**

11:00am (SP)

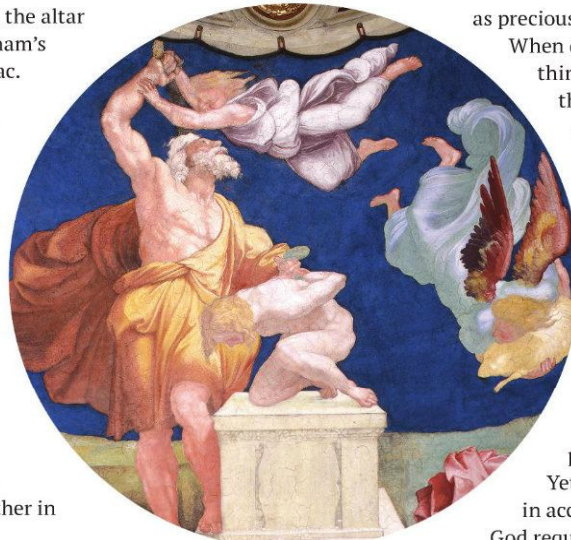
✦ **The Impomeni Family**
Ray Weeks

Let Go and Let God

Knéeing humbly on the altar is the son of Abraham's old age, the promised Isaac. He was the answer to prayer, a commitment by God that, through this child, Abraham would have descendants as numerous as the stars. Yet God was asking him to sacrifice that hope and promise. And Abraham, although surely not understanding, was willing to obey the Father. It represents the supreme test of faith. Abraham is called our Father in Faith for a reason.

Abraham is looking up to God, not focused on the creatures, even as much as he loved his son. We also need to be looking up to God in order to rightly value the things below.

He understands that no godly gift should take God's place in the human heart—even something



Piece: *The Sacrifice of Isaac*, 1511
Artist: Raphael Sanzio
Location: Vatican Museums

as precious as his God-given child. When dealing with all the good things God gives us, even those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to submit to his plans. God doesn't always make sense to us, and we are painfully aware that his ways are not always our ways. Isaac is a young boy, but certainly big enough to put up a fight as his elderly father's plans become evident. Yet we see him kneeling in acceptance of the sacrifice God requests. Although he wants to understand, he doesn't make the reason an absolute. Isaac foreshadows the trusting lamb led to slaughter, the ram whose head will be caught in a crown of thorns, and the Son who will not be spared by the heavenly Father.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Are we willing to lay peacefully within God's plan, even if it means sacrifice?
Do we trust his plans more than our own?
Is there anything more beloved by us than God's loving plan for us?*

*He who did not spare his own Son...
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Romans 8:32*

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

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

*Holy Spirit, at work in our lives
and in the lives of our ancestors,
You created the Church at Pentecost
and made it a sacrament of Jesus for the world.
We thank you for creating
the Diocese of Scranton 150 years ago
and rooting it in faith, hope and love.
We marvel at the journey you have traveled
with our bishops, laity, religious and priests.
Continue to strengthen us as one family.
Give us the clarity to focus on the things
that last:*

-faith in you and the Gospel

-hope in the Resurrection

-and the love of our God.

Amen

LENTEN SCHEDULE

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

RECONCILIATION 6:30—7:00 Monday Evenings at
St. Joseph's

FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT

8:00AM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

AND

12:00 NOON AT ST. PATRICK'S

There will be NO 8:00am Mass on Thursday's at
St. Joseph's during Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE FRIDAY

EVENINGS 5:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

6:30PM AT ST. PATRICK'S

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

Help to Strengthen and Heal Marital Relationships (To Re-Discover) A program that helps couples who may be experiencing tension, stress and loneliness in the marriage relationship. Program helps couples, even those separated and divorced to better communicate and resolve conflicts in their relationships. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website www.helpourmarriage.org for more information or to pre-register. All calls confidential. Cost of program is by donation. Next local weekend: March 2-4, 2018 at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Contact Persons: Nettie and Bob Goldate 570-587-0415

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Father John Boyle from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Dingman Township will be hosting a trip with Collette Travel to **The Alpine Countries-Austria-Germany-Switzerland October 11-23, 2018** *13 DAYS—17 MEALS Double \$4,199 Single \$4,649. Book Now and Save \$200 per person. Brochures are now available!! Please contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish office at 570-686-4545 to request a brochure.

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

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 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling the Parish Office and leaving your name and phone number no later than March 18th.

ANNULMENT

Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?: In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now 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

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

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

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 3-4

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Bob Curtis</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Chuck Pike</i> <i>Jack Reilly</i>
Altar Servers <i>Daniel Bradley</i> <i>Lucas Helms</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Janet Bright</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Makayla Csencsits</i> <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Altar Servers <i>Joe Loughney</i> <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
Milford Senior Care 2/25 Lois Lazarczyk <i>03/04 Chuck Pike</i>

LENTEN "SOUP-TO-GO"

Again our "Soup To Go" fundraiser will be held during Lent. Soup A different soup will be featured weekly during Lent and must be ordered in advance. The cost is \$10 per quart. Order forms are at all entrances to the church. All orders must be in by the Monday, preceding the sale for that week. The Soup will be pre-packaged, refrigerated, and ready for pick-up. The "Soup of the Week" for Thursday, March will be: **Cream of Mushroom**. Pick up will be in the church basement between 4 -6pm. Thank you for your support!

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Again this year the Lily's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorializing. The offering per flower will be \$20.00. Special large YELLOW envelopes are available 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 drop it off at the Parish office. Deadline is March 19th. A list of the Memorials will appear in the April 1st Easter Bulletin. Please note that your monthly envelope packet has included an "Easter Flower Donation Envelope" returning this flower envelope helps defray the cost of flowers in general and does NOT reserve a Lily. ONLY THE YELLOW ENVELOPES provided at the entrances to the Church are for Lily Memorializations.

2018 PASCHAL CANDLE

If anyone is interested in memorializing our 2018 Paschal candle, please call the parish office for information.

COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, May 20th. A variety of foods will be available including sugar-free. All are welcome!

DAILY MASS / ADORATION SCHEDULE DURING LENT

There will be no Daily Mass or Adoration on Thursday's, instead Daily Mass will be held on Friday's at 8:00am followed by adoration from 8:30am—10:00am. Daily Mass on Monday's at 8:00am will not change.

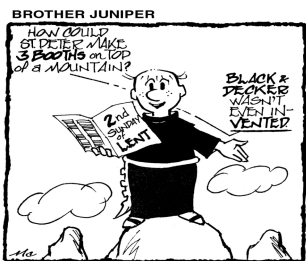
COFFEE & CONVERSATION

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

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

Our next food pantry will be Friday, March 23rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team A). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

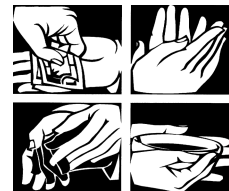


The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Robert Rombousek
by
The Family

Weekly Offering
February 18, 2018
\$3971.00

Last Year
February 19, 2017
\$3663.75

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."



ST. PATRICK'S DAY ANNUAL DINNER A meeting is scheduled for Monday February 26 at 7:00 here in the office of St. Patrick's to plan and coordinate the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. We will be looking for many volunteers, to cook, clean up, decorate and set up. Many hands make light work. LET'S DO THIS!

FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's Team is scheduled to service at the Food Pantry on Friday February 23rd at 6:30. Volunteers are needed! Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering for this Parish Ministry or speak with Deacon Tom following any of the Masses.

MEMORIAL MASS CARDS

For those of you who have placed a Memorial Mass Card on the Cross for the month of November, please call the parish office to make arrangements to pick your cards up.

MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito the 3rd Wednesday of every month as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve. The next scheduled Mass will be February 12th at 2:30pm.

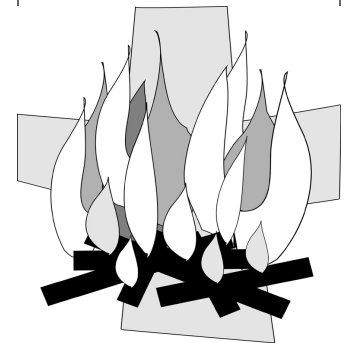
SUPER GENEROUS SOUPER BOWL We collected 142 soup cans and \$243.00 over the Super bowl weekend. This bountiful collection will provide soup for many sessions at the Ecumenical Food Pantry on Friday evenings. The money supports the Pantry to purchase more food items. We are grateful to all who helped in this effort. May God bless you for caring and sharing! Please continue to remember the Pantry and bring a food item each week as you come to Mass. We serve about 40 families each week. Winter is harsh, and the need is great.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

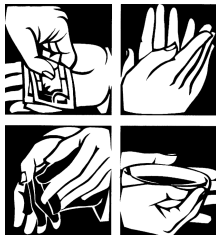
Meet Wednesdays from 2-4 in the Church Hall Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We knit and crochet for many agencies throughout the area. Please come and join us! Can't knit or cro-

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 3-4

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)
Lector <i>David Stine</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty, Donna Hersca</i>
Altar Servers <i>Nicole Trasxler, Caterina Catizone</i>
Sunday 11:00am
Lector <i>Cheryl McCarthy</i>
Communion Ministers <i>Ray Weeks, Annette Petry, Catherine Umberto</i>
Altar Servers <i>Riley Mapes, Roger Neff</i>



*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of **Stephen Dunn** requested by **David & Anne Dunn***



Weekly Collection
February 18, 2018
\$ 2,314.00
This time last year
\$3,489.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory
February 18 2018
\$ 613.00
Year to Date July '17 - Current
\$30,041.00
Goal for the Year \$100,000

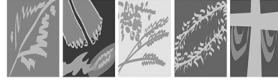
St. Patrick's Parish is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and vibrant area of northeastern Pennsylvania. As disciples, we dedicate ourselves to hearing, learning and sharing the good news of God's Word as we reverently celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Together, 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.

Peter, James & John went up the mountain with Jesus, and saw Elijah and Moses, who lived long ago, appear with Jesus in a blinding, dazzling light.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him." *Mark 9:7*



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

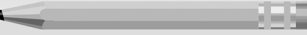
This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



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|--------------|----------|
| Peter | Elijah |
| James | Moses |
| John | Appeared |
| Jesus | Cloud |
| Mountain | Voice |
| Transfigured | Listen |
| Dazzling | Love |

T B G M O U D T R I N S
 D A N U M O U N T A I N
 A L I S T E N A M P P H
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Calendar

Monday

February 26
 Lenten Weekday
 Dn 9:4b-10
 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

February 27
 Lenten Weekday
 Is 1:10, 16-20
 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

February 28
 Lenten Weekday
 Jer 18:18-20
 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

March 1
 Lenten Weekday
 Jer 17:5-10
 Lk 16:19-31

Friday

March 2
 Lenten Weekday
 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,
 17b-28a
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

March 3
 Lenten Weekday
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

March 4
 Third Sunday
 of Lent
 Ex 20:1-17 or
 Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
 1 Cor 1:22-25
 Jn 2:13-25

Daily Prayer

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember

how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

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