

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

Remembering

July 1-7

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

Rusty Haas

Louise Piccirillo

Eleanor Witkowski

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

Angela Gleason

*Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy communion*

Wednesday

12:00pm

Tim Coffey

Irene & Frank DeVito

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

Stephanir Tooley

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Babey

Friday

12:00 (SP)

Communion Service

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

Alan Peters

The Family

5:30pm (SP)

**The Deceased Members
of the American Legion**

Sunday

7:15am (SP)

**For the People of
Saint Patrick's**

8:30am (SJ)

Betty Duffy-Skinner

Jim & Maureen Farr

11:00 (SP)

Irene Pladl

Pat & Ken Corcoran

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 30, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21

Gal 5:1, 13-18

Lk 9:51-62

Live in the Beauty: Stay the Course to Jesus

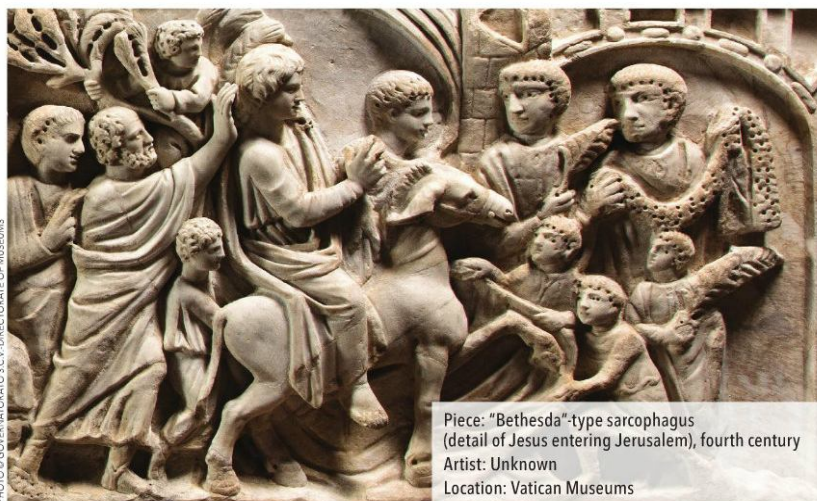
One characteristic of Luke's Gospel is that he arranges most of Christ's preaching within a long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Jesus leaves behind his home in the north and travels south toward Jerusalem, where his passion and death await. The steady focus on his true homeland is shown in this early Christian bas-relief. What better thing to put on a tomb than Jesus' focus on heaven!

A farmer who plows a furrow or tills between rows of crops can't be looking back at what he has already plowed or he will inevitably stray off course. He keeps looking forward toward the end of the line. In the same way, we can't constantly look back at the pleasures, opportunities, and goods we have left behind to follow our Lord.

Elisha burns his plow in sacrifice and also to express his definitive yes to the call. Like an explorer who burns his ships upon reaching a new land, his acceptance of Elijah's invitation to be a prophet of Yahweh is total; there's no turning back.

As disciples of Jesus, we're called to a yes with no ifs, ands, or buts. Contradictory as this may seem, this is true freedom. Freedom isn't doing what we want when we want. That's actually slavery to our whims and constantly changing passions. We go nowhere and build nothing. Real freedom is having an unbounded capacity to recognize the truth, choose what's good, and live in the beauty of a life directed toward where we've set our hearts and minds.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: "Bethesda"-type sarcophagus
(detail of Jesus entering Jerusalem), fourth century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Is there anything in life that distracts me from my goal to be a follower of Christ? Would it do me good to rid myself of clutter and distractions in order to follow Jesus more freely?

Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER

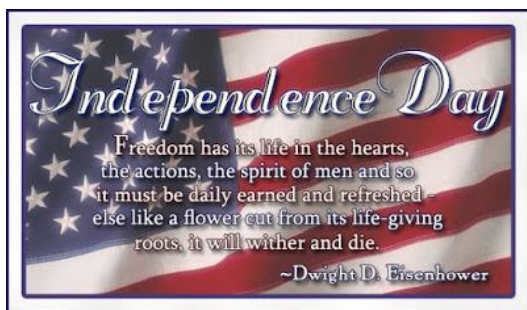
Are held the 4th Sunday of every month from 1-3 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. If you plan to attend call Al Helms at 845-699-4143. Thank you.

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE 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, and accident. The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the Service and Social Concerns webpage on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

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.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

On Saturday, July 6th and every first Saturday thereafter, we will have First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 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 Labouré 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. **FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH—11:30AM STARTING JULY 6TH.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Three day summer retreat at San Alfonso Retreat house, Long Branch, NJ Tuesday August 13-15. Bus leaves from Dunmore. \$350 includes meals and lodging Sponsored by St. Raphael Society Prayer Group. Please call Barbara McCarthy for more information at (570) 347-8314.

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).

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 6-7

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul & Cristin Cavallaro</i>
Altar Servers <i>Eric Cabrera-Agostino</i> <i>Brenna Cavallaro</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Kathleen Warne</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Michele & Neal Bensley</i>
Altar Server <i>Lukas Schutz</i> <i>Mark Cavallaro</i>
Milford Senior Care 6/16 Carol Cordova 6/23 Lois Lazarczyk



The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of

**Matthew Cocozello &
Evelyn Kyle**

By

Lee Kenney

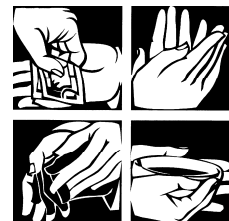
Weekly Offering

June 23, 2019
\$ 3371.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year

June 24, 2018
\$ 3184.40



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PICNIC

We would like to have a Parish Picnic this Fall. A tentative date of Sunday, September 15, 2019 has been booked for Airport Park, Matamoras. **In order for this to become a reality, we need volunteers to form a committee and someone to Chair the event.** Please consider volunteering...many hands make less work! Anyone interested in volunteering are asked to call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

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, Deacon Tom, or Deacon Mike after Mass.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, July 21st Immediately following the 8:30am Mass (approx. 9:30am). A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next food pantry will be Friday, July 12th from 6 - 8pm (Team D). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506

"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."

IT'S BACK!!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Mark your calendars for the week of July 8-12 from 9-12. VBS is a Victory Celebration! In Mighty Fortress VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us. Registration is Kindergarten (this year) through grade 5. Can't wait to see you there. To register forms are in the Parish Office or in the Narthex of the Church. Call Christine Sell 908-380-5004 or Laurie Barcia 201-522-4582.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE FLEA MARKET!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY July 20th from 9 to 4 and Sunday July 21st from 9:30 to 1.

We will also be having a Bake Sale at the flea Market, so if you are a baker, please drop off your baked goods on Saturday morning July 20th. Our drop off times for donations are on the following days: Wednesday and Thursday, July 17 & 18 from 11:00am to 1:pm and 7:00pm to 8:pm. Friday, July 19, 11:00am to 2:pm only

Please remember we are not accepting the following items: NO clothing, stuffed animals, books, TV's computers or their components, upholstered furniture, mattresses, box springs, large furniture, car seats, cribs, typewriters, medical equipment (crutches, etc) records, video games, CD's magazines, sofa beds and futons. Thank you for your generous donations!

FOOD PANTRY

Saint Patrick's Team will serve at the Food Pantry Friday evening July 19th at 6:00pm.

HELP THE FOOD PANTRY! SUMMER FOOD-4-KIDS PROGRAM

begins June 14th! During the school year, many Pike County kids receive free nutritious lunches in their cafeteria. School is out for the summer. Families of low income are stretching the food budget to provide those lunches at home. The Ecumenical Food Pantry has a new program to help eligible families with school-age kids. Let's continue to support the pantry by bringing an item or two each week. Bring a can of tuna, a can of soup, a jar of peanut butter: you get the idea! A box is available in the Narthex for the food collection. Bless you for caring and sharing! P.S. We need more volunteers to help with food distribution on Friday nights. It's only once a month! If you can help, please call the Parish Center t 570 296-7451.

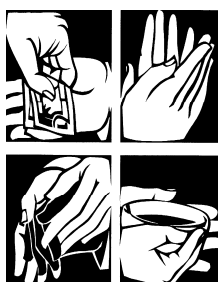
BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith **Scarlett Sciascia and Marco Sciascia** who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick's God Bless you Scarlett & Marco

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 6-7

Saturday 5:30pm	
Lector	Joe Dooley
Communion Ministers	Midge Currier Janet Finnerty
Altar Servers	Nicholas Dinos, Jason Lecina
Sunday 7:15am	
Lector	Tom Hogan
Communion Ministers	
Altar Servers	
Sunday 11:00am	
Lector	Ray Proulx
Communion Ministers	Ray Weeks, Pat Boyle
Altar Servers	Abigail Vogel, Anna Vogel



Weekly Collection

June 23, 2019

\$3,363.00

This time last year \$3,060.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

June 23, 2019

\$ 909.00

Year to Date July'18- Current

\$39,018.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Brian Dennis
requested
by
His 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.

Unscramble the letters and write them in the circles below.

O L E W M E C

Not everyone welcomed Jesus and the disciples during their travels.

If Jesus came to your town or home, how would you welcome Him?

Jesus says,
"Follow Me."

LUKE 9:59



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Calendar

Daily Prayer

Monday

JULY 1

Weekday

Gn 18:16-33

Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday

JULY 2

Weekday

Gn 19:15-29

Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

JULY 3

St. Thomas,
Apostle

Eph 2:19-22

Jn 20:24-29

Thursday

JULY 4

Weekday

Gn 22:1b-19

Mt 9:1-8

Friday

JULY 5

Weekday

Gn 23:1-4, 19;

24:1-8, 62-67

Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

JULY 6

Weekday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29

Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

JULY 7

Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c

Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

It can sometimes take great amounts of courage to follow Jesus. So easily can our being "Christian" be taken for granted that the foundational meaning of what it means to follow Him gets lost in the hype, or even popularity, of being a Christian. We can so easily, and often justifiably, get so caught up in our daily routine that taking time to consider the question of "Why do I follow Christ?" gets postponed until I have more time.

This week, we can find those times in our day where we have down time, no matter how little, and consider this question. We can first be grateful for this time offered, and rejoice in this call of Christ to follow where He has gone. "Lord, thank you for knowing me, and calling me down your path." As we become more comfortable finding these niches in our day, anywhere from in the shower, the commute to work, or the mid-morning coffee break, we can reflect on this call to follow and be

grateful that not only have we been called, but we have been given the gifts necessary to fulfill that call. "...just as you have given me the grace to desire and offer this, so may you also give me the grace to fulfill it." (From the Vows of the Society of Jesus)

A great temptation is to consider that we are not worthy to follow in this call of Jesus. We may be aware of things we have done or people we have wronged that might "disqualify" us from following Jesus as we think he intends. The week is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon His words as we realize that "I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." We can rejoice in the heartfelt knowledge that no matter how unworthy we may feel, we are beloved children of God and have been called to a place in His Kingdom.

At the end of each day, we can spend a few moments in thanks. Grateful that we have been called, and grateful that we have been given the gifts necessary to heed that call. We can rejoice in the knowledge that we are amidst brothers and sisters that share that call, and that we all have a place in the Kingdom of God.