

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

Rememóeríng  
October 9 - 15

**MONDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Pat Petitio**

*M/M Steve Babey*

**TUESDAY**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Phyllis Adamski**

*Marge Harris*

**WEDNESDAY**

**12:00pm (SP)**

✠ **Frank Bell**

*The Schaffer Family*

**THURSDAY**

**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Pat Addio**

*The Family*

**FRIDAY**

**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY**

**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **Ronald Long**

*The Family*

**5:30pm (SP)**

✠ **Scott Kaar**

*Joseph Cirello & Family*

**SUNDAY**

**7:30am (SP)**

✠ **Catherine Ambler**

*Terri Pyrzynski*

**9:00am (SJ)**

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

**11:00am (SP)**

✠ **For**

**The People of  
St. Patrick's Parish**



**October 8, 2017**

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

## The Fruit God Expects

The Chosen People were often compared to a garden or vineyard that God had planted and cared for. First, he placed them in the Garden of Eden. Then he led them to flourish in Egypt before accommodating them in the Promised Land. After all his care and cultivation he expected to find a fruitful return. In the Song of Songs and then with Jesus himself, not only are the people of God compared to a vineyard, but each of our souls is compared to a vineyard where God plants seeds, waters, and expects to find new growth by thirty-, sixty-, or one hundredfold.

In the image of the Chosen People, the Church, or our souls, one thing is constant: God expects a return on his love. Not because he is selfish and in need of our response but because he knows our happiness depends on receiving and showing him that love.

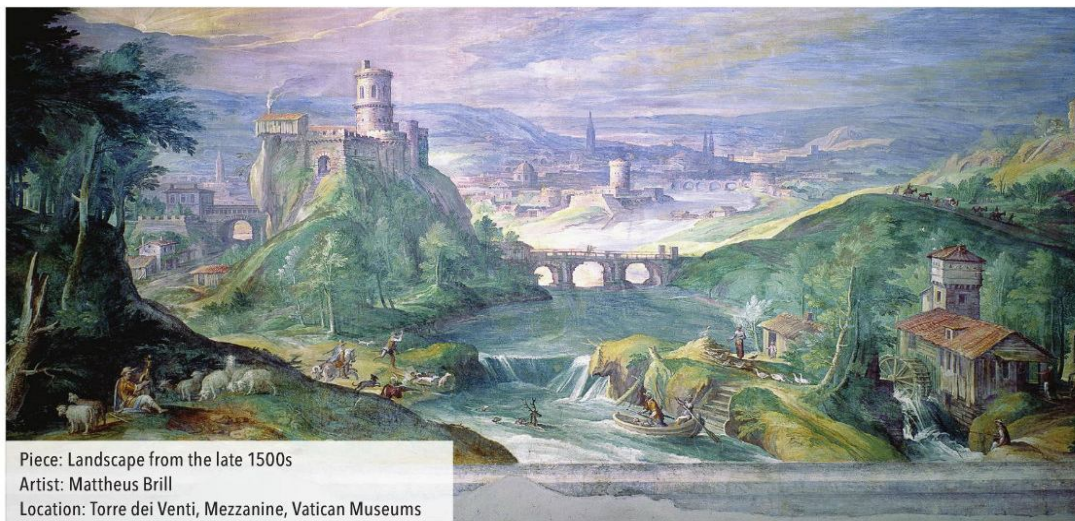
Jesus says the vineyard will be taken away from those who don't care for it and given to those who will produce its fruit. In the same way, grace will be directed away from some and toward those who accept it and produce faith and love.

This is not a threat or "Catholic guilt." This is a true Father letting his children know he loves them too much to not take them seriously. He gives and gives for our growth and maturing, but if that generosity isn't sincerely embraced and appreciated, he will eventually listen to us and move on. Now is the time to accept his love and enjoy the fruits.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*How does our Lord want to see fruit and growth in your life? Have I squandered God's harvest in my life?*



Piece: Landscape from the late 1500s

Artist: Mattheus Brill

Location: Torre dei Venti, Mezzanine, Vatican Museums

*"I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you  
and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Matthew 21:43).*

### 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

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

#### ***Walk Together in the Light of Christ***

Your gifts to the Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable among us through the ministries of Catholic social Services that feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need. Many more individuals in parish communities receive assistance through parish-based Social Justice Programs funded by the Appeal. Diocesan Grants were awarded to 45 parish programs this year including food and clothing pantries, monthly dinners for families in need and outreach to prison inmates.

### SAVE THE DATE

October 17, 2017 - from 7-9 PM at St. Patrick's Church Hall - "What's Missing from Your Medicine Cabinet?" - an informational discussion of drug misuse and abuse in our community. Families, parents, and youth are invited to learn more about this problem and ask questions of a panel of local experts. More info to follow soon.

### AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

A Rosary Rally is being organized to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the children of Fatima. It will be held on October 14th at Orange Square Park, Pike Street, Port Jervis, assembling at 11:45. You may bring a folding chair if unable to stand. We encourage Knights of Columbus, Rosary Society, CCD families and home schoolers to join us as well as all parishioners.! For more information, please call Eloise Cunnane (570) 296-6934 or Nancy Smith at (845) 856-4610.

### DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE

The 12th Annual Complimentary Dinner Theatre for the **Senior Citizens of the Delaware Valley School District** is offering a complete Meatballs & Ziti Marinara Dinner served at 5:00PM in the Dingman Delaware Middle School Cafeteria on Friday, November 10, 2017 followed at 7:00pm by the DDMS Drama Club's performance of **"Getting to Know...The King and I, Jr."** For reservations and further information, please call 296-3143 by November 3, 2017.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

*The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - Care for Creation, part 9*

In his encyclical, "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis writes, "The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems. It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right...We must be grateful for the praiseworthy efforts being made by scientists and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made problems. But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves...Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration." (Continued in part 10)

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](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html))



# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 14-15

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Stephanie Fells</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Stanley Lazarczyk</i> <i>Anna Blackman</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Daniel Corcoran</i> <i>Joe Loughney</i>
<b>Sunday 9:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Chuck Pike</i> <i>Carol Cordova</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> <i>Ryan &amp; Eric Schanzenbacher</i>
<b>September Altar Server Of the Month:</b> <b>Brenna Cavallaro</b>
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>10/8 Eileen Dorko</b>  <i>10/15 Lois Lazarczyk</i>



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns

For the Intentions of

**Cathy Van Horn**

by  
*Michele Bensley*

## COFFEE SOCIAL THIS WEEKEND

Immediately following the 9:00am Mass in the Multipurpose Room.  
All are welcome!!

## IN MEMORIUM

Please remember in your prayers **Larry Gainor** 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.

## ST. JOSEPH'S JR CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Or want to become a better singer? Please join our choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:00 until 6:55pm. The Jr. Choir sings at the 9:00am Mass on Sundays. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of great service to our church and community. Students in grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to join. Please see Mrs. Bradley at 4:00pm Mass on Saturdays or call her at 845-754-3620.

## WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Our Parish Service Ministry is reaching out to all parishioners who may be in need of our help. If you personally have needs or know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call to lift spirits or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

## BOOKCASE

Don't forget to check out the new selection of books in the bookcase located in the vestibule of the church. All are Free but of course donations are welcome!

## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

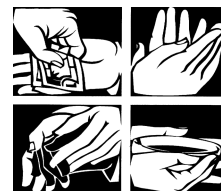
Every Monday in the Rectory after the 8:00am Mass. Come join Father Vito and discuss current events, Church happenings, or anything on your mind.  
All are invited!

**FOOD PANTRY** - Our next food pantry will be Friday, November 3rd, from 6 - 8pm (Team B). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

Weekly Offering  
**October 1, 2017**  
\$ TBA (1st)  
\$ TBA (2nd)

Last Year  
**October 2 2016**  
\$ 3482.57 (1st)  
\$ 446.00 (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."**



## NEW R.C.I.A. CLASS

A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, think about joining us. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for the non- baptized and for Catholics who have never completed their sacraments of Initiation, such as Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. It is also for people who have been baptized in another faith and are interested to learn more about becoming a Catholic. You will be meeting with a team of parishioners who will answer questions and guide you on your faith journey. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

## ST. PATRICK'S KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Members are needed and always welcome! Come join on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the back room (old preschool entrance of the Church Hall. We are currently working on baby blankets for Lehigh Valley NICU. Come and join us!

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's team will serve at the Food Pantry on Friday evening, November 10, 2017 at 7:00pm.

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Vito as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday afternoon, October 18th at 2:30pm.

## TEPEYAC FIESTA FOR OUR LADY OF GUADLUPE

The Cursillo Woman's group is making plans for our annual Fiesta of Our Lady's feast day on December 12th. We hope to have music, (Spanish style), prayers in Spanish/English, a beautiful Mass celebration, and a reception following the 6:30pm evening Mass. Volunteers are need! We will need greeters, donations of finger foods, helpers to serve food and coffee. If you have ideas, if you can help in any way, large or small, please join us by calling the Parish Office at 570-296-7451, e-mail us at patssec@ptd.net or call Pat Corcoran at 570-409-9089. Muchas Gracias!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 14-15

### Saturday 5:30pm (SP)

**Lector** Jack Boyle

### Communion Ministers

Pat Corcoran, Janet Finnerty, Roseann Hennigan

### Altar Servers

Carli Locke, Dana Stroup

### Sunday 7:30am

**Lector** Tom Hogan

### Communion Ministers

Dean & Arlene Quirk, Catherine Umberto

### Altar Servers

Riley Mapes, Sean Rinkel

### Sunday 11:00am

### Lector

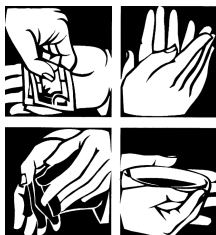
Ray Proulx

### Communion Ministers

Donna Hersca, Ray Weeks, Colleen Sheldon

### Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Jason Lecina



### Weekly Collection

October 1, 2017

\$3,654.00

*Last year*

October 4, 2016

\$4,277.00

### Weekly Mortgage Offertory

October 1, 2017

\$ 1,342.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current

\$15,494.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### The Sanctuary Candle

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**Michael Spataro**


requested by

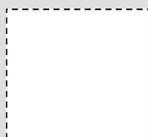
A Friend


**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.**


The farmer trusted his workers to do their job in the vineyard, just as God trusts us to do His work here on earth. The workers who did not follow the farmers message were turned out of the vineyard. When we follow God's way, our harvest or reward will be the Kingdom of Heaven.


# GOD'S MESSAGE IS LOVE GOD AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.


**1.** The  gave workers a job in his vineyard.

God gives His people a job here on .

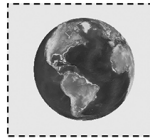
**2.** The farmer asked for his share of the .

God asks us for a share of our  for Him and others.

**3.** The farmer sent his son to the  with a message.

God sent His son,  with a message.

*Cut out the pictures and fill in the blanks.*



farmer earth grapes love vineyard Jesus

### Monday

October 9

Weekday

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11

Lk 10:25-37

### Tuesday

October 10

Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 10:38-42

### Wednesday

October 11

Weekday

Jon 4:1-11

Lk 11:1-4

### Thursday

October 12

Weekday

Mal 3:13-20b

Lk 11:5-13

### Friday

October 13

Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Lk 11:15-26

### Saturday

October 14

Weekday

Jl 4:12-21

Lk 11:27-28

### Sunday

October 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14

Jesus is so full of surprises. This week, we can let his surprising ways interact with our daily lives. All of us, in some ways, tend to want to trap - or at least intensely resist - the prophets who call us to conversion. We are all asking our Lord to tell us what we need to do to have eternal life. We might all know the ways we don't like his answer. The invitation to love our neighbor, the way the lowly Samaritan did, can be a revealing question for us this week. Who is the neighbor or stranger or enemy whom I'm called to help, care for their wounds, and provide for their recovery? Or, we can reflect upon whether we are too busy, and not focused enough on what really matters - spending some time just listening to Jesus. Perhaps, we have some desire, need, struggle that we very much want to turn to the Lord with. This could be the week we ask, seek and knock - persistently and confidently. All week, we can ask for the grace to be "with" Jesus and to "gather" with him, perhaps especially alert to ways we are "against" Jesus or "scatter" in different things we do or attitudes we take.

All it takes for us busy people is a little focus. We will get into the habit of

beginning each day by bringing our attention to these strong desires with practice. At first, it may work best to rely on a line from one of these Guides - letting it be our expression of what we need and returning to it consciously throughout the day.

With practice, we will grow in comfort with naming our own desires more precisely. For example, I might already be more like Mary than Martha. I might want to be asking our Lord, "Help me keep listening to you, Lord, throughout this day." It may be that I haven't said the Rosary with devotion in years. This may be a week to rediscover that powerful prayer, a decade at time, throughout the day, reflecting much more deliberately on the traditional mysteries or the reflections of this week.

Every night, we can all express our thanks to the Lord for the faithful way we are being invited to a closer relationship, in the midst of our busy, daily lives.

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