

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

## Remembering

Nov. 5-11

### MONDAY

8:00am (SJ)

William Fontana &  
Helen "Honey" Hess  
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

### TUESDAY

12:00pm

John McCarthy  
Ray & Carol Proulx

### WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Carmine Loiacano  
Nephew, Carmine

### THURSDAY

8:00am (SJ)

Peter Kozak  
The Family

### FRIDAY

No Mass

### SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Mike Soletro  
Mr. & Mrs. John Hess

5:30pm (SP)

Laura Moglia  
Calagar  
Mom & Dad

### SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

For the People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

Fred Prandato  
Peter Coyne



November 4, 2018

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

## God's Greatest Commandments

Today's first reading recalls the most sacred text in Judaism, the Shema Israel: "Hear, [O] Israel." These words are so sacred for Jews, they are prayed in the most important moments of peril or supreme holiness. Jews don't take these words lightly because they express the essence of their religion and relationship to God.

As Catholics, we fully agree with our Jewish brothers and sisters on this matter. Jesus himself answered the question of what was the first, greatest commandment—it was the Shema Israel. Why is it so important? Because it declares the unity of God: "The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!" (Deuteronomy 6:4). He is one supreme God, not a multitude of divinities as in the Greek and Roman polytheistic religions, or even today in Hinduism and Buddhism.

This belief in one God makes the monotheistic religions of Judaism and Christianity unique. Second, this supreme God deserves our love and obedience. "You shall love the Lord your God...." Our role as creatures called and saved by him is to offer loving obedience.

The Second Commandment flows from the first: If we love God above all, then we need to love our brothers, sisters, and ourselves.

What better icon is there of this love for God and neighbor than the love of a mother for her child, as shown in this wax sculpture? As the piece shows, our love should be reverent, tender, compassionate, and unique. Only you can give him your kind of love. There should be a constant flow of affection and union between us—no separation between him and us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

How can I express greater reverence for God?

How can I express greater tenderness toward my loving Father?



Piece: *Aetas Aurea*, 1886-1887  
Artist: Medardo Rosso  
Location: Vatican Museums

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*Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe [the commandments],  
that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly.*

*Deuteronomy 6:3*

### 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 hos-

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

A new R.C.I.A. class is about to begin. If you, or someone you know, are 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, which include Confirmation and Eucharist. 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. We meet on Sunday afternoons for one hour. Please call the office at 570-296-7451 if you are interested. Ask for Deacon Tom. We promise to make you feel very welcome!

### **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 St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Mondays, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5 and 12 from 6:30 until 8:00pm. 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. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### **DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL DINNER THEATRE**

126th Annual Complimentary Dinner theatre for the Senior Citizens of the Delaware Valley School district. A complete Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be served at 5:00PM in the Dingman-Delaware Middle School Cafeteria on Friday, November 9, 2018. Followed at 7:00 PM by the DDMS Drama Club's performance of "Willy Wonka, Jr." For Reservations Call 296-3143 by November 2, 2018. the Dingman-Delaware Middle School is located at 1365 Route 739 in Dingmans Ferry, PA.

### **DELAWARE VALLEY JUNIOR HISTORIANS ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER**

Wednesday, November 14th from 5:00 - 6:00pm at the Delaware Valley High School Cafeteria. Food provided by John's of Arthur Avenue! Hors D'oeuvres - cheese, crackers, grapes Caesar salad, rolls, Entrees - Eggplant Parmigiana, Penne Pasta, Broccoli Dessert - Cake. Beverages - Water, Iced Tea and Coffee. Call Mrs. Mandzy by Monday, November 5th. 570-296-1854

### **COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE ADULT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Belle Reve Senior Living is offering 7 group sessions which starting September 20th. Group is intended for adult men and women who are grieving a loss. Group will provide emotional comfort in a safe environment. The purpose of this group is to provide information about the grief process. The following are dates that the Group will be meeting, October 4th, November 1, November 15, December 6 and December 20th at 11:00 RSVP is strongly encouraged (570) 476-0150.

### **HOSPICE TRAINING AT ST. PATRICK'S**

There is a 6 session training course here at St. Patrick's beginning, November 1st, 7th, 9th, 12th, 14th, and 16th. Registration is required and more information on the registration will follow in future bulletins.

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**

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

### **Thanksgiving Mass 9:00AM St. Joseph's**



### **HEALING SERVICE**

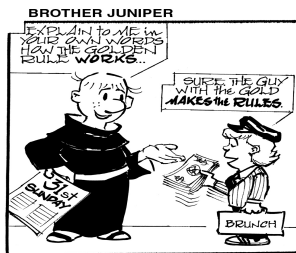
A Healing Service will be held at St. Patrick's Church on November 4, 2018 at 6:00pm. The celebrant will be Rev. Pio Mandato, F.M.H.J. from the Franciscan Missionary Hermits of St. Joseph located in Laceyville, PA. Confessions will be heard beforehand by Fr. Pio, and the service will start at 6:00pm and end with Benediction. You may also come early to join in Eucharistic adoration before the commencement of the Healing Service.

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 10-11

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Stephanie Fells
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Tom McMullen Chuck Pike
<b>Altar Servers</b> Draven Nitecki Robert McMullen
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Jackie Tescione
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Neal & Michele Bensley
<b>Altar Server</b> Ryan & Eric Schanzenbacher
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>11/4 Lois Lazarczyk</b> 11/11 Carol Cordova



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burns  
In Memory of

**Mike Soletro**

## ALL SOULS INTENTION ENVELOPES/PRAYER CARDS

The envelopes from your monthly packets will be placed by the Tabernacle for the month of November. Remember to write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. Your prayer cards have been put on the Cross for All Souls day and will remain there for the month of November. If you would like to add a prayer card (Funeral Card) to the Cross place the card by the vase of flowers and we will put it on the Cross. Thank you!

**ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING** - Monday, November 5th 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. All women of the parish are welcome!

**ADULT CHOIR FORMING!** - Yay! Make a joyful noise to the Lord!! If you are feeling called to serve the parish and enjoy singing, PLEASE come to our information meeting on Sunday, Nov. 11th, immediately following 8:30 mass. If you have ANY questions, PLEASE CALL me, Mare Bradley, at 845-754-3620. I would be more than happy to answer any questions. You could also see me after 4:00 Mass or 8:30 Mass (on the days the children's choir is singing).

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY NEEDED** - Greeting parishioners and visitors is an important part of the hospitality of our church. The function of a minister of hospitality is designed to make all first-time guests and parishioners feel welcome. We are in the process of forming a pool of church greeters and would like your help. If you are interested in this Ministry or would like more information about it, please contact the Parish Office 570-491-2618.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF MATAMORAS & MILFORD

will be at the front entrance to the Church selling their Annual Lottery Calendar Booklets. Cost is \$20.00 per booklet. These numbered booklets are good for the whole year and you win \$\$ according to the daily lottery number. This is a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! Stop by their table before or after Mass!

**COFFEE SOCIAL** - Our next Coffee Social will be held Sunday, November 11th. A variety of foods will be available including "no sugar added" foods! All are welcome! Anyone wishing to donate foods call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

**ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY** - Our next food pantry will be Friday, November 23, 2018 from 6 - 8pm (Team C). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

## ST. MARIA GORETTI PASTA & SAUSAGE DINNER

At Father Walsh's current parish! At the St. Maria Goretti Banquet Center Laffin Rd, Laffin, PA Sunday, November 11, 2018 Noon to 5PM Take outs: Noon to 4PM (container will be provided) Tickets available at the door: \$12 Price includes homemade pasta, sausage, salad, beverage, desert, dinner roll and butter Children 5 years old and younger are FREE "eat in only" Handicap accessible!

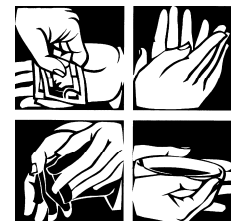
Weekly Offering

**October 28, 2018**  
\$ 3784.00

Last Year

**October 29, 2017**  
\$ 4165.11

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."**



## RELIGIOUS ED CALENDAR CORRECTION

There will be class on November 11, 2018. It will be the 5-6 Grade Class Mass at 11:00am and Pageant sign up.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Patrick's serves Friday December 2, 2018 at 6:30pm.

## PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Wednesdays at 2:40pm. During Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The Holy Father, St. John Paul II imparted a special Apostolic Blessing "to all the faithful, who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for the sick and those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour." The Apostolic Blessing extends indefinitely for all who participate.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Children interested in becoming altar servers were given registrations forms during CCD class. Parents, please prayerfully discuss this ministry with your child. Completed forms may be returned to your child's CCD teachers next Sunday, or dropped off at the parish office or church sacristy. Any child who didn't receive a form may pick one up in the sacristy. Thank you. Deacon Mike.

## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Please join Father Joseph as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 a 2:30pm.

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Our next monthly bake sale will be the weekend of November 17 & 18. If you would like to bake something for our Bake Sale, please drop off the dessert or baked good before any Mass you plan on attending that weekend ... **also, a reminder to all PHP members, we will have our Thanksgiving food Sorting meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30 in the Parish Center. Hope to see you there!**

**WORD OF LIFE—BULLETIN QUOTES** "the dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrectio. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, as God to accompany both of you."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 10-11

### Saturday 5:30pm

**Lector** David Stime

### Communion Ministers

Dean & Arlene Quirk

### Altar Servers

Nicholas Dinos, Nicole Traxler

### Sunday 11:00am

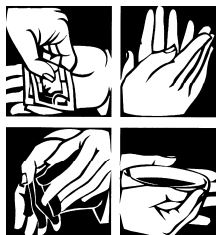
**Lector** Ray Proulx

### Communion Ministers

Ray Weeks, Colleen Sheldon

### Altar Servers

Caterina Catizone, Vincent Sasaki



Weekly Collection  
October 21, 2018  
\$1,513.00  
This time last year  
\$3,309.00  
October 28, 2018  
\$2,793.00  
This time last year  
\$3,189.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
October 21, 2018  
\$ 533.00  
October 28, 2018  
\$1,133.00  
Year to Date July '18- Current  
\$10,649.00  
Goal for the Year \$100,000

*The Sanctuary Candle  
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**John McCarthy**  
requested by Friends*

**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.**

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## Gospel Today

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 12:28b-34

Love God every way you can — with heart, mind, soul and strength. Love the people around you as much as you love yourself.

Year B

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Find and circle the word **LOVE** in the puzzle below. Left to right, right to left and diagonal.

How many times did you circle it?



## The Greatest Commandment is

# LOVE

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## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 5

Weekday

Phil 2:1-4

Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 6

Weekday

Phil 2:5-11

Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 7

Weekday

Phil 2:12-18

Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a

Lk 15:1-10

### Friday

NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome)

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 10

Pope Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Phil 4:10-19

Lk 16:9-15

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 11

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44

## Daily Prayer

This week it is clear that Jesus is calling us to a deeper love of our neighbor. He is telling us that we need to expand the list of those we are to love. He is telling us to have more passion in our desire to love others and he is urging us to prepare for how we will do that. Finally, Jesus makes it clear that we can't try to love money or honors and at the same time love God. We end the week Sunday as we watch Jesus admire the poor widow put her small change in the poor box.

This is a wonderful background reflection for us this week. All week we can ask the Lord to help us. The quality of our asking will make all of the difference.

Dear Lord, help me today when, in my busyness, I become self absorbed. Help me, in my intensity, when I take things personally. Help me, in the burdens I bear, to give up my escape into self-pity.

Dear Lord, thank you for loving me and for showering so many gifts on me and my family. Help me to be more grateful and more generous. Today, help me to notice the needs of others. Help me to hear the news with more compassion. Help me imagine what I can do for others in need. I know the cost of discipleship with you will

be easy when I remember your love.

Dear Lord, I am really getting it that the lure of "riches and honors" can easily seduce my heart. Why is it so tempting to like and be with the beautiful people, the "successful" people? Why do I get tricked into these values and these ways of valuing myself and others? Let me choose "simple," Lord. Let me choose "solidarity." And, when I resist, let me know.

These kinds of prayers, or the prayers that come to my heart in this or that daily situation - so simple to express to the Lord in 20 or 30 seconds as I walk down a hall or do any ordinary thing that allows me turn to God - can transform our days. These are words of intimacy, faith, trust, reliance. They acknowledge small graces and ask for bigger ones. They come out of a desire to grow in our relationship with the Lord and out of a confidence that with his grace, we can enjoy the blessing of being his disciples. Each night this week, let us give thanks.

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