

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

Remembering  
Jan. 7—13

Monday

8:00am (SJ)

Grayce Ricciardi  
Fannie Colaiaco

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

Alice McGlew  
Dolore & Christine McGlew

Wednesday

12:00pm

For the People of St.  
Patrick's

Thursday

8:00am (SJ)

John Merola  
Lena Fitzpatrick

Friday

First Friday  
Communion Service  
Sacred Heart Novena

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

For the People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

Joseph Harrington  
Wife, Eileen

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

Peter Kozak  
Linda Kozak

11:00am (SP)

Angela Gleason  
Helen Findlay

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

### Herod Was Correct

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: Adoration of the Kings, 1450s  
Artist: Pseudo Domenico di Michelino  
Location: Vatican Museums



#### For Reflection

Jesus' reign comes to give security to those who love him. Does his authority and care give me security? Do I seek earthly securities aside from the treasures he offers me: his will, protection, and grace?

*When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled,  
and all Jerusalem with him.*

*Matthew 2:3*

### 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.

#### 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.

### **COLD AND FLU SEASON**

We ask you not to shake hands with the Priest, Deacons, altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers before or after Mass. During the "Sign of Peace" just use an acknowledgement to each other, like a nod or a wave. Beginning January we will not distribute the Cup of Precious Blood until Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019. God Bless, Father Joseph

### **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.**

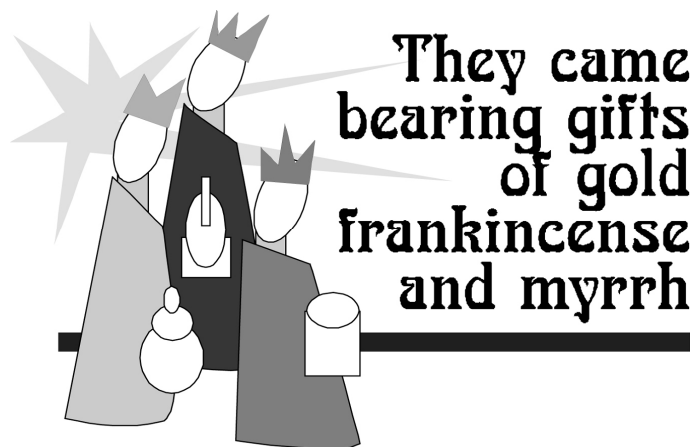
### **NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**

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](http://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).

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS**

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 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DECEMBER FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER IS CANCELLED. January 27, 2019 from 1-3PM is the next scheduled dinner. Thank you, Have a Blessed New Year!**



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 12-13

**Saturday 4:00pm****Lector**

Bob Curtis

**Eucharistic Minister****Altar Servers**Draven Nitecki  
Robert McMullen**Sunday 8:30am****Lector**

Kathleen Warne

**Eucharistic Minister****Altar Server**Ryan & Eric  
Schanzenbacher**Milford Senior Care**1/6 Jack Reilly  
1/13 Deb Roa**2019 CALENDARS**

Please remember to take a 2019 calendar, compliments of Knight Auchmoody & Gray Parker Funeral Homes. They are located at the entrances of the Church.

**ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY**

Our next food pantry will be Friday, January 11, 2019 from 6 - 8pm (Team D). To volunteer call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506. Thank you for your continued support.

**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!

**MASS AT MILFORD SENIOR CARE**

Father Joseph celebrates Mass at Milford Senior Care on the second Thursday of every Month at 11:00 am. Any family or friends of residents of Milford Senior Care are welcome. The next scheduled Mass is Thursday, January 10, 2019.

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**ADULT CHOIR**

If you are feeling called to serve the parish and enjoy singing, PLEASE CALL Mare Bradley, at 845-754-3620. **Adult Choir practice will be on Wednesday's from 5 - 6 pm in the Church.**

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory of

**Grayce Ricciardi**  
By

Kate, Megan & Patrice  
Krause

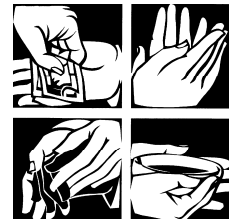
Weekly Offering

**December 30, 2018**  
\$ TBA

Last Year

**December 30, 2017**  
\$4766.30

*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."***

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## MASS AT BELLE REVE

Join Father Joseph as he celebrates Mass with the residents of Belle Reve on Wednesday, January 16th at 2:30pm

## 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.

## PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOME VISITATION

The Legion of Mary has a beautiful replica of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima which travels around the world promoting the message of peace and love. Part of the work of the Legion of Mary is home visitation with our statue of Mary. The purpose of this program is to aid families in responding to Mary's requests during her apparitions at Fatima to: return to God, make reparation for sins, and to pray the Rosary daily for peace. Only a few moments of welcoming prayer upon arrival and farewell prayer upon the statue's leaving is required. You will be inspired. Please contact Catherine Umberto (570) 491-5820

## NEW TO ST. PATRICK'S

If you are new to St. Patrick's and would like to register, please contact the Parish Office at 570 296-7451 to obtain a registration form or go directly on line at our website to download the registration form. <http://www.saintpatricksmilford.com/>

## ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail the name to Tom Hogan—[tchogan@ptd.net](mailto:tchogan@ptd.net) or 570-296-6224 (if no answer, please leave a message). There are approximately 30 people in this group to pray for your needs. If anyone wishes to join please contact the number or e-mail above.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 12-13

### Saturday 5:30pm

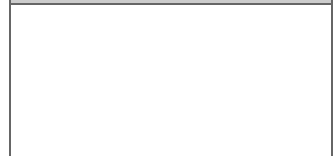
**Lector** Jack Boyle

### Communion Ministers

Dean & Arlene Quirk

**Altar Servers** Catherina

Catizone, Carli Lock



### Sunday 11:00am

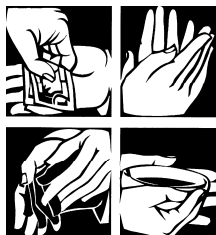
**Lector** Ray Proulx

### Communion Ministers

Ray Weeks, Colleen Sheldon

**Altar Servers** Isabella &

Vincent Saski



Weekly Collection

December 30, 2018

\$ TBA

This time last year

\$3,305.00

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

December 30, 2018

\$ TBA

Year to Date July '18- Current

\$13,041.00

Goal for the Year \$100,000

Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in loving memory of

**Joseph Harrington**

**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

### The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

And behold, the star that they (the Magi) had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. -Matthew 2:9-11

Year C

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When they saw  
the star, they  
were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:10

The Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi visit Jesus, begins King Cake season. The season lasts until Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), the day before Ash Wednesday.

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



Feast	C	T	S	A	E	F	B	D	D	L	O	H	E	B
Epiphany	Y	O	S	W	O	R	S	H	I	P	P	E	D	E
Bethlehem	I	S	M	T	P	A	N	R	T	M	V	M	O	T
Lord	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	E	D	J	Y	B	V	H
Magi	J	E	S	U	S	K	N	H	E	O	S	R	E	L
Star	S	M	S	K	G	I	F	T	S	S	A	T	R	E
Behold	A	A	I	A	K	N	D	O	O	E	S	H	J	H
Child	D	N	A	N	E	C	E	M	P	P	T	M	O	E
Jesus	G	G	H	G	A	E	P	I	P	H	A	N	Y	M
Born	O	E	E	K	R	N	E	D	I	G	R	Y	E	L
Mary	L	R	E	E	R	S	A	H	I	I	R	E	D	O
Mother	D	N	Y	O	S	E	R	U	S	A	E	R	T	R
Joseph	N	M	B	E	U	S	T	L	M	C	H	I	L	D
Manger														
Messiah														
Overjoyed														
Worshipped														
Treasures														
Presented														
Gifts														
Frankincense														
Gold														
Myrrh														
King														
Cake														

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday

JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

### Friday

JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday

JANUARY 12

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

### Sunday

JANUARY 13

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Acts 10:34-38 or

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Daily Prayer

This week is a time with two special Sundays book-ending the week. Both celebrations offer an "epiphany," an understanding and insight into the essence of who Jesus really is. When the Wise Men visit the poorest of families and find the baby Jesus, they have a clearer idea of what kind of king he will be.

At the Baptism of the Lord the following Sunday, Jesus is baptized and the skies open and the voice of God proclaims, "You are my beloved Son." More than just a prophet, this special relationship with God is made manifest in that moment.

How can we make this week a special one as the Christmas season draws to a close? In some parts of the world daylight is plentiful right now, but for many of us the days are short and the dark of night surrounds us many hours each day. This could be the week to reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts.

Each morning as our

feet touch the floor next to our beds, we can open our hands briefly in the darkness and ask God to show us the light in our lives. Gratitude is a wonderful way to pray and to recognize the light we sometimes don't notice in our lives. Maybe in this final week of Christmas, we can light a candle at dinner and remember a special blessing we have been given or something we are grateful for in our lives.

Dear Lord,

You came to your disciples when they felt alone on the stormy waters and comforted them with your presence. Be with me today and let my heart be touched by the love you so lavishly give to me. Let me remember to turn to you in my fears and darkness and know that you will heal me.

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