

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

Remembering  
January 8 - 14

**MONDAY**  
**8:00am (SJ)**

✠ **Yolanda O'Brien**  
*Kathy Scott &  
Jackie Tescione*

**TUESDAY**  
**Una Coyne**

*Husband, Peter*

**WEDNESDAY**

✠ **For The People of  
St. Patrick**

**THURSDAY**

✠ **Barbara Richards**  
*Bill & Mary Gaa*

**FRIDAY**

**No Mass**

**SATURDAY**  
**4:00pm (SJ)**

✠ **Ellis Mosher**  
*Eleanor Witkowski &  
Louise Piccirillo*

**5:30pm (SP)**

✠ **Mr. & Mrs. Paul  
Troiano**  
*Louis & Denise Troiano*

**SUNDAY**

**8:30am (SJ)**

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

**11:00am (SP)**

✠ **Robert Kyle**  
*The Family*



January 7, 2018

*The Epiphany of the Lord (B)*

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

## Reaching Far and Wide

A mysterious scene barely comes to light before us. Are we inside or outside of a Roman portico? What is going on in the background? The central scene clearly shows the Child Jesus perched in the Virgin's arms and surrounded by swaddling clothes. A glow emanates from the Child that enlightens the three Wise Men processing toward Jesus. Their whole caravan chaotically crowds around and strains to see the king they have come to worship. A dalmatian wanders behind while a camel appears in the back lighting with a knowing smirk. The Ethiopian sage sympathetically stares out from the center of the painting and seemingly asks us if we understand the significance of their travels.

The arrival of these astronomers from the East sends a very important message for all of us at Mass

today. Jesus is the light of the whole world, and all peoples—no matter how far or how lost—are invited by his attractive and saving light. This light came to the Chosen People and will be fully consumed in Jerusalem as Isaiah prophesies. Yet he will proclaim that all peoples are invited to be members of the same family and coheirs to the treasures of God's love and mercy. Faith in him and acceptance of his gospel truth is all he asks. So no matter how far you or anyone you know seems from Jesus and his truth, he loves them and wants them around his table to experience his love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*For Reflection* Do I trust that Jesus wants to and can reach any soul, no matter how far away? Will you renew your prayer and gentle testimony to invite those who are still searching?

Picture: *The Adoration of the Magi*, 1645-1650  
Artist: Vincent Malo  
Location: Vatican Pinacoteca



*Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.  
(Isaiah 60:1)*

## 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*

## NEW WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**St. Patrick's Church**

**Saturday 5:30pm**

**Sunday 11:00am**

**Confessions - Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30am and  
Saturday's after the 5:30 pm Mass upon request.**

**St. Joseph's Church**

**Saturday 4:00pm**

**Sunday 8:30am**

**Confessions Saturday's 3:00pm and after the  
8:00am Masses upon request**

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 22, 2018 1 - 6pm in St. Joseph's  
Church Hall, Matamoras Give Blood....Help Save Lives!

## 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.

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12571

### WASHINGTON BUS TRIP

Will be sponsoring a bus to the 2018 March for Life on January 19, 2018. Any parish member interested in attending the march should contact Gil Ouellette at 646-409-2421.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 13 - 14

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Stephanie Fells
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Bill Reed, Jack Reilly, Diane Heater, Jackie Padgett
<b>Altar Servers</b> Eric Cabrera-Agostini Lukas Schutz
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Larry Marcial
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Joe Price, Anna Blackman, Cuck Pike, Diana Sierra
<b>Altar Servers</b> Ella Carroll Mikaela Parker
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <b>01/07 Jack Reilly</b> <b>01/14 Carol Cordova</b>

BROTHER JUNIPER



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory of  
**Norman Krause**  
by  
The Bensley Family

**ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Thank you!! For donating to The "Advent Giving Tree". Your donated gift will be given to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center for distribution to needy families...

Thank you again for your generosity!

**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**

Our next food pantry will be Friday, January 12, 2018, from 6 - 8pm (Team D). To volunteer please call Clare Nied at 570-296-2506.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Your gifts support the following ministries, Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes, Clergy Formation, Education and Support Parish Life and Ministry Formation Catholic Media and Communication Parish Goal: \$ 40,000. Total Pledged \$31600.08 = 79%

**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 need or know a relative, friend, or neighbor who would like a home visit, help with shopping, a friendly phone call or check on well being, even a ride to a doctor's appt, please call the rectory at 570-491-2618 or drop a note in the collection basket.

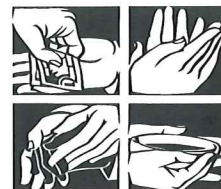
**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

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Weekly Offering  
**December 31, 2017**  
\$3205.30  
Christmas 2017  
\$7132.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Last Year  
**December 31, 2016**  
\$3816.75  
Christmas 2016  
\$ 10,919.50



**"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."**



## POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

A few memorials have come in after our bulletin deadline and we would like to recognize the following: **Col. Steven Dutkus** requested by Stan & Arlene Dutkus and **Gloria & Walter Tester and Margaret & William Finnerty** requested by Brian & Janet Finnerty.

## NEW TIME FOR THE KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!!

**Starting November, 1st, members will meet Wednesdays from 2-4.** Interested in joining, please stop by. Members are needed and always welcome! We are currently working on baby blankets for Lehigh Valley NICU. Come and join us! Can't knit or crochet?, We can help!!!

## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Have you liked our Facebook Page at Saint Patrick's Milford PA? <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patricks-Church-Milford-PA276881409441280/>  
Have you followed us on Twitter? Church of St Patrick (@stpatmilfordpa)

## LA GUADALUPANA

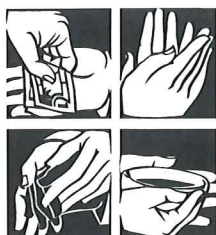
Muchas Gracias!! Many thanks to all who were involved in creating the Fiesta for Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Many people participated in the preparation and together we made a beautiful mosaic for our Blessed Mother. Special words of gratitude to the Choir and to Sue Stroup and the Youth Group who performed the visual interpretation of the Miracle. Catherine Umberto, Annette Petry & Pat Corcoran, Chairpersons, Tepeyak Fiesta 2017.

## IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Robert Kyle and Robert Liptak** who recently passed away. Due to holiday deadlines we were not able to publish. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

\$4,139.00. May God Bless you. Thank you for your generosity



Weekly Collection  
December 24 \$2,406.00  
December 31, 4,054.00

\$2,935.00

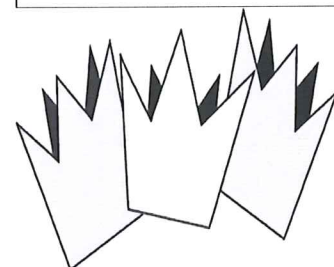
Weekly Mortgage Offertory  
December 24 \$707.00 December 31  
\$735.00

Year to Date July '17 - Current  
\$25,724.00  
Goal for the Year \$100,000  
Thank you for your generosity!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 13-14

Saturday 5:30pm (SP)
<b>Lector</b> Ray Proulx
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Pat Corcoran, Donna Hersca, Janet Finnerty
<b>Altar Servers</b> Carli Lock, Sean rinkel
Sunday 11:00am
<b>Lector</b> Cheryl McCarthy
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Dean & Arlene Quirk, Catherine Umberto
<b>Altar Servers</b> Vincent & Isabella Saski



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns for  
**James & Lisa  
Donahue  
& 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.**



# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

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

The 3 are called wise men, kings, or magi - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

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The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

## CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

### - INGREDIENTS -

1/2 cup milk (scalded)  
1/3 cup butter  
(melted in milk)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water  
1 package yeast  
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit  
about 15 minutes, add  
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

### - DIRECTIONS -

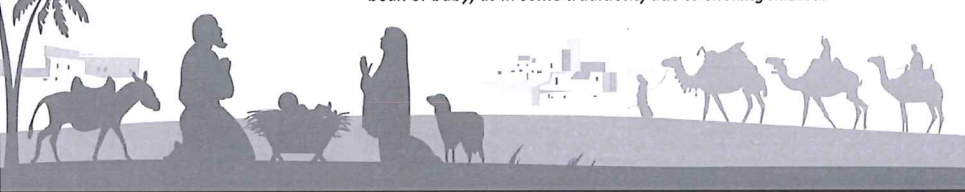
#### SWEET as HONEY



Buy a King Cake  
online, at a local  
store/bakery or  
make your own.

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

**Colored sugar:** In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*



...very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - "Follow me." This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched in awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

...this week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

## Calendar

### Monday

January 8

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Is 55:1-11 or

Acts 10:34-38 or

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday

January 9

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

January 10

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

January 11

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday

January 13

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday

January 14

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

## Daily Prayer

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little down after the Christ season, especially in places of the world where it seems cold and dark for days. This is where we can ask for the grace to live the stories of the gospel, come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus entering into the lives of people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector, because of his profession, he was probably wealthy, but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of the people around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples and to dine at his home.

In our own lives we often find a loneliness or isolation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark, embarrassing and so unchangeable. It is

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