

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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9:30am to 1:30pm

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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigils

St. Joseph	4:00pm
St. Patrick	5:30pm

Sunday

St. Joseph	8:30am
St. Patrick	11:00am

Daily Liturgy

St. Joseph	Monday & Thursday	12:00pm
St. Patrick	Tuesday & Wednesday	12:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Joseph - Saturday	3:00 - 3:30pm
Monday & Thursday	upon request
St. Patrick - Tuesday & Wednesday	11:30am before Mass and Saturday following 5:30 Mass

Adoration

St. Joseph	To Be Announced
Thursday	
St. Patrick	11:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday	

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Parish Office Hours
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10:00am to 2:00pm

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The Most Blessed Sacrament is reserved in our church

We respectfully ask that all observe a reverent silence and appropriate dress

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 24/25

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector TBA
Eucharistic Minister Bill Reed Neal Bensley
Sunday 8:30am
Lector Bill German
Eucharistic Minister Paul Cavallaro
Milford Senior Care December 18th Carol Cordova

Dec. 18th - Dec. 24th
The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of
Ronald Yakupcin
By
The Family

Weekly Offering

December 11, 2022
\$ TBA

Bulletin deadline before count

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

ADVENT GIVING TREE:

Our Advent Giving Tree and Cradle are in the front entrance of the Church. Each year your generous support of this fundraiser helps the Tri-State Pregnancy Center distribute baby items to needy families in our area. If you wish to participate just take an ornament (made by our CCD Classes) off the tree and purchase the item printed on the back then return the gift to the Cradle, no need to wrap! Again, we thank you for your continued support!

MARY, A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER:

An exploration of the life and work and meaning of Mary the Mother of Jesus. The next Session will be at **St. Joseph's on Tuesday, December 20th at 2:00pm**. Please contact Clare Nied at 570-296-2506 with any questions!

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS: Again this year the Poinsettia's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. Special RED Envelopes have been placed at all entrances to the Church. If you would like a Poinsettia, please fill out the front of the envelope (please print clearly) and enclose payment. You may drop them into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Deadline is today, December 18th. A list of the Memorials will be inserted in the December 25th Bulletin.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Our next coffee social will be on Sunday, Jan. 15th immediately following the 8:30am Mass. In order to continue this very popular parish activity we are in need of volunteers to help, not only with donations of baked goods, but also with the cleaning up afterwards. "Many hands make light work". If you can help, please call Lee Kenney 570-491-2620.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$37,000.00**. To date our pledges total **\$36,165.00 97.74%** To those who have already pledged THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! If you haven't made a pledge yet we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember that 75% of all money over our goal comes back to our parish!! The Appeal helps support Catholic Social Services, Clergy Formation, and Parish Life plus the Tri-State Pregnancy Center and our local Food Pantry.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE:

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Anne Zimmermann @ 570-491-5216. If you wish you may also send the name via email to zimmermanna@stifel.com

ONLINE GIVING:

If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website www.stjosephsmatamoras.com and click WeShare. We are grateful for your continued generosity.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

The Parish office will be closed December 26th through January 1st 2023 and reopen Monday, January 2nd at 10:00am



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.

The Catholic Community of St. Patrick

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 24/25

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Angelica Barcia

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Diane Dennis

Children's Faith Formation:

For information please
contact Jack Boyle, DRE at

908-451-1206 or

jackb18337@gmail.com.

Dec 18th - Dec 24th

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Timothy Greeves

By Patricia Greeves

Weekly Collection

December 4th, 2022

\$2461.00

Mortgage Offertory

December 4th, 2022

\$575.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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POINSETTIA MEMORIAL:

We will be offering the poinsettia's to be memorialized again this Christmas. The cost is \$20.00 each. The deadline is today December 18th. There are red envelopes located at the entrance of the Church. Please print the names clearly. A list will be placed in the bulletin.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$33,000.00**. To date our pledges total **\$23,258.00!! 70.48%** To those who have already pledged THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! If you haven't made a pledge yet we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember that 75% of all money over our goal comes back to our parish!! The Annual Appeal helps support Catholic Social Services, Clergy Formation, and Parish Life plus the Tri-State Pregnancy Center and The Food Pantry right here in Pike County!

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP:

This group has made donations of crafted items to the Port Jervis Warming Center and to the Milford Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center during November. They will not be meeting Wednesday, December 14th, 21st, and 28th. They will resume weekly meetings after the holidays on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023. Everyone is invited to come and join. For more information please contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570-296-8363.

ALTAR CLOTHS AND ACCESSORIES MEMORIALS:

We are deeply grateful to all who made a donation in memory of a loved one. Each item will have the name embroidered into the item memorialized. The names of the loved ones memorialized will be published in the bulletin. When all the names have been embroidered, all the altar cloths and accessories will be displayed, so that the donors can see their lasting gift. Some who wanted a memorial could not get one because there weren't any items left. We are in need of several items used on the altar and sanctuary. If anyone is interested in memorializing one of these items, please see Deacon Mike.

TRI- STATE CHORALE: Will present a Tradition of Carols a FREE concert here at Saint Patrick's on Tuesday December 20th at 7pm.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

SAVE THE DATE! The Children's Christmas Pageant which will be directed by Laurie Barcia will be held at the Christmas Eve Mass. Fill your spirit with the joy of Christ's birth as you listen to the Nativity narrative and sing carols of this holy season. Experience again the visual delight that only children can bring as we together celebrate the birth of Jesus, bringing light into the darkness of our world, changing our lives forever.

CATHECHISM IN A YEAR PODCAST:

With Fr. Mike Schmitz, launching January 1st, will take us through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church. Fr. Mike will offer encouragement and insight on the readings as we go to help us clearly understand Church teaching and allow those truths to shape our lives, day by day. The podcast is free and available on all major podcast apps and YouTube. To join the journey through the Catechism, visit AscensionPress.com/CIY

OFFICE CLOSED:

The office will be closed December 22nd through January 2nd 2023. If you need to get a hold of someone in the office you can leave a voicemail as those will still be checked regularly.



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.

Remembering

Dec. 19th – Dec 25th

Monday
12:00pm (SJ)
John Hess
Clementina Hess

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)
Jeanette Dondero

WEDNESDAY
12:00pm (SP)
Timothy Greeves
Pat Greeves

THURSDAY
12:00pm (SJ)
Joan Reed
Irene Yakupcin

FRIDAY
NO MASS

SATURDAY
4:00pm (SJ)
Margaret Cordisco
The Family

6:00PM (SP)
The Moglia Family
Emil and Arlene

SUNDAY
8:30am (SJ)
The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)
The People of Saint Patrick's

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
 Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti
 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
 Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn
 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Saturday: Christmas Eve

Next Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

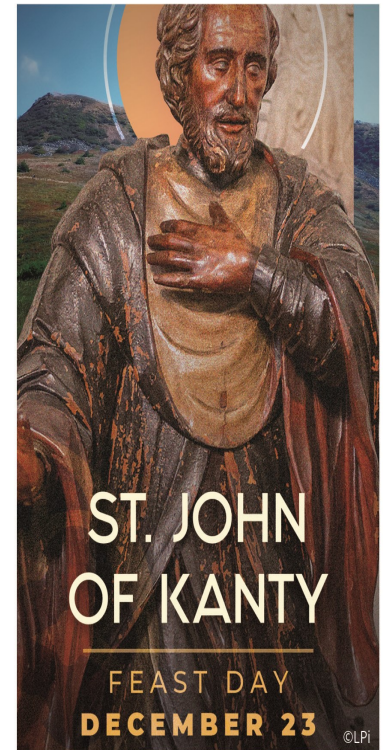
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Inspiration for the week

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John, sometimes called John Cantius, was born in the Polish town of Kanty in 1390. Not much is recorded about his early life, however, he was a bright young man who did well in his studies at the university in Krakow. He earned his doctorate in philosophy and went on to be ordained and earn a doctorate in theology as well.

He began teaching at the university immediately following the conferring of his doctorate in philosophy. Unfortunately, his popularity worked against him, and he was dismissed from his post on false charges. Saint John was reassigned to a post as a parish priest in the town of Olkusz, Bohemia. His parishioners did not receive him with open arms, and he was unsettled in his new position. But John did not give up, his honest care for the people of his parish eventually endeared him to them.

After a time, he was invited back to the university and he returned to teaching, filling leadership roles in the philosophy and theological areas until the end of his long life. Saint John deeply cared for the poor, giving everything but only what he needed to survive away. He lived an aesthetic life but was such an engaging man that he often dined with nobility.

Saint John of Kanty died on December 24, 1473. He was canonized in 1767, by Pope Clement XIII. In 1998, a new religious community chose the saint for their patron and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius, was formed in Chicago, Illinois.