

*Saint Patrick's Parish — a Catholic Community in the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania*

Saint Patrick's is a welcoming Catholic Community in Milford, along the Delaware River, in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Our mission statement is: "St. Patrick's Church is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and growing 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 in promoting a culture of love and respect for all human life and the world in which we live. We welcome all people to participate in the spiritual and social life of the parish."

Saint Patrick's began as a mission chapel of Saint Joseph's Church in Matamoras, Pa. It was established as a parish by Bishop William Hafey, Bishop of Scranton, in 1946. The first pastor of St. Pat's was Rev. Vincent Mahon, who had been the pastor of St. Joseph's. He served as pastor from 1946 until his retirement in 1972. Our current pastor is Rev. Gregory Kelly, who was appointed pastor in February of 2012.

The original church was built in 1877 on Main St. and was sold and converted to secular use in 1956. In the same year a new Church was built on High St, to accommodate the growing parish community. In 1956, when the second church was built, the parish consisted of 70 families. Now there are more than 600 families registered as members of the parish. Since that time St. Pat's has rebuilt the parish hall attached to the church after a fire and converted to rectory into the Father Mahon Parish Center with offices and meeting rooms. To accommodate the continued growth in the area and prepare for the future, St. Patrick's community built a new church, which was dedicated on October 15, 2006. Our former church was renovated into the parish hall.

St. Patrick's Parish Family continues to strive to allow Jesus to guide and form our lives. We seek to be welcoming and to grow as a community that supports each other through social, spiritual, and service programs. Inspired by our faith we reach out to those in need in our community.