

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

Reverend Joseph J. Manarchuck Pastor

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Deacon Tom Spataro

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Brian O'Donnell
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Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
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
Thursday To Be Announced
St. Patrick 11:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday

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

CONTACT US
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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
February 18/19

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Alice Molampy</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul Cavallaro</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Bill German</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Carol Cordova</i>
Milford Senior Care <i>February 19th</i> <i>Carol Cordova</i>

February 12 - February 18
The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Ron Yakupcin
By
The Family

Weekly Offering

February 5, 2023
\$4251.50

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

“GOD’S LOVE UNITES US “ PROGRAM: This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “God’s Love Unites Us” Program. I’m proud to be part of the St. Joseph’s Church. On Commitment Weekend, February 18 & 19, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Joseph’s Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future. We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to: mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing, or bring your card to Mass next Sunday. or you may visit our parish website at www.stjosephsmatmaoras.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card. The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you. Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support! Fr. Joseph

KIDS AND COOKIES AND BAKE SALE: Parents and your kids, come join us. We will be making COOKIES on Saturday, Feb. 11th at 10:00am in the multipurpose room. Just for fun and chat. Please call so we know how many to plan for. Clare Nied 570-296-2506 The **BAKE SALE will be Saturday 2/11 after the 4:00pm Mass, AND Sunday 2/12 after 8:30 am Mass.** If anyone would like to donate any baked goods, we would appreciate it. The upstairs refrigerator is broken and we are hoping to buy a new one. Thank you!

MARY, A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER: We will continue to explore our connection with the Blessed Mother, Mary. Our next session will be Feb. 28th at 2:00pm, here at St. Joseph’s and on 3/14. All are Welcome! Come and share the Beauty and Devotion of our Blessed Mother.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Our next coffee social will be Sunday, February 19th, immediately following the 8:30am Mass. Freshly baked goods will be available including everyone’s favorite **Bagels!** There will also be fresh fruit, Coffee, tea, juices, and bottled water and at least one sugar-free item!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: will meet on Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 at 2pm. We will pray the Rosary and then have an afternoon Tea Party. All are Welcome to come and join us! Any questions? Call Clare Nied 570-296-2506.

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

NOTICE REGARDING 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. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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. 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.

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

February 18/19

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector Pat Corcoran
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Hersca
Sunday 11:00am
Lector Angelica Barcia
Eucharistic Minister: Annette Petry
Children's Faith Formation: For information please contact Jack Boyle, DRE at 908-451-1206 or jackb18337@gmail.com.
CCD IMPORTANT DATES: Confirmation Retreat- March 4th Communion Retreat- Mar 18th First Holy Communion- May 6th May Crowning- May 14th

*You may have the
Sanctuary Candle burn*

*In Memory
of a loved one.
Please call the Parish Of-
fice to make arrange-
ments.*

Weekly Collection
January 29th, 2023
\$2609.00

Mortgage Offertory
January 29th, 2023
\$ 584.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY:

It's easy to remember: **SOUP for the SUPER BOWL!** Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the Saint Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church! Take a can of soup, any kind, wrap a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it to Mass on **Sunday February 12, 2023**, and deposit it in the special boxes near the doors. All soup and dollars will be used for the **Ecumenical Food Pantry**. Help feed the Hungry...the need has grown by 33 % in the last year.... we average 50 families each week seeking assistance....bless you for caring and sharing!

SOUP SALE: On Super Bowl Weekend 2023, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its NINTH annual "SOUPer Bowl" fundraiser, featuring delicious homemade soups and chili from area chefs. The soup and chili is sold by the quart and will be available for take-out before and after all the Masses at St. Joseph's and Saint Patrick's Church.

Proceeds from this event will go to "Pike County Hands of Hope" for the homeless and to "Pike Autism Support Services." Community support for this event has always been outstanding! The Knights look forward to your continuing support for this worthy cause. Once again, THANK YOU for helping us help our neighbors!

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DIOCESAN MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT:

Join us for an overnight Lenten retreat from March 31 to April 1 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton. The experience will include talks, Adoration, Confession, and Mass. This year's theme will be "Son of the Father." Monsignor John A. Esseff will speak on "True Fatherhood." The retreat fee of \$75 includes overnight accommodations and two meals. The retreat will conclude at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please contact Tony Perito at (845)943-0035 or by email antoniocperito@gmail.com for more information.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DATE CHANGE: Please note that the Confirmation retreat date has changed to March 4th! Please contact Jack Boyle at 908-451-1206 with any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Saint Patrick's will have mass on Ash Wednesday at 12pm and Liturgy of the word with distribution of ashes at 7pm. Saint Josephs will have mass at 8am and Liturgy of the word with distribution of ashes at 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the cross will be every Friday starting February 24th at 6:30pm at both Saint Patrick's and Saint Josephs.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on Tuesday February 14th.

St. Patrick's Parish Mission Statement:

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

Feb 13– Feb 19

Monday

12:00pm (SJ)

Paul Eberst

Judith Reilly

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

Eileen Mullaney

Bill and Aedeen Hansen

Wednesday

12:00pm (SP)

George A Johnson Jr.

Marilynn Johnson

Thursday

12:00pm (SJ)

Ron Yakupcin

The Family

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

4:00PM (SJ)

Ron Yakupcin

The Family

5:30PM (SP)

For The People of
St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

For The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00 (SP)

R. Casey O' Neill
Eileen and Eric Helan

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds
matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ,
the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

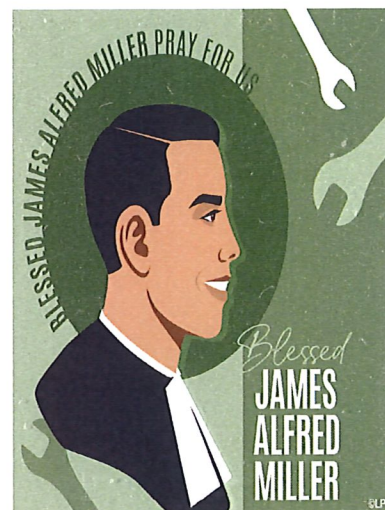
Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Intercession of
Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC*

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.