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

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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
January 7/8

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector *Alice Molampy*
Eucharistic Minister *Larry Marcial*
Sunday 8:30am
Lector *Bill German*
Eucharistic Minister *Diana Sierra*
Milford Senior Care *January 15th* *Debbie Roa*

January 1 - January 7

The Sanctuary Candle burns
In Memory of

Ray & Jamie Willis

By

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering
December 11, 2022 $4436.00
December 18, 2022 $4735.50
December 25, 2022 TBA

Bulletin deadline before count

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

2023 CALENDARS: Please take home a calendar available at all the entrances to the Church, compliments of Knight Auchmoody and Gray Parker Funeral Homes.

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.

YOUTH TEAM: Group activity with the whole family. We are reserving seats for a HOCKEY GAME, Jan. 28, 2023 5pm in the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilks-Barre, PA., to watch the Wilkes-Barre Penguins. Tickets are $22 per person (group rate) and includes a hot dog, chips and a drink. Call to reserve your tickets, Clare Nied 570-296-2506. Come as a family, drive to Wilkes-Barre, sit in our group and have a good time!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 at 2pm. Come to pray the Rosary and enjoy some afternoon tea.

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
January 7/8

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector *Annette Petry*
Sunday 11:00am
Lector *6th Grade Family Mass*
Children's Faith Formation: For information please contact Jack Boyle, DRE at 908-451-1206 or jackb18337@gmail.com. There is no CCD class 01/01 There will be class 01/08 There is no class 01/15 in observation of Martin Luthor King Day.

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn

In Memory of a loved one. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Weekly Collection
December 11th, 2022
$1881
December 18th, 2022
$2819
Mortgage Offertory
December 11th, 2022
$220
December 18th, 2022
$614

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Baby Shower: At St. Patrick's to benefit the Tri-State Pregnancy Center. Items needed are Diapers, Baby formula, baby wipes, and toiletries, and new or gently used high chairs, cribs, and strollers. Please contact Benny Marasa with questions at 570-296-5564.

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 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.

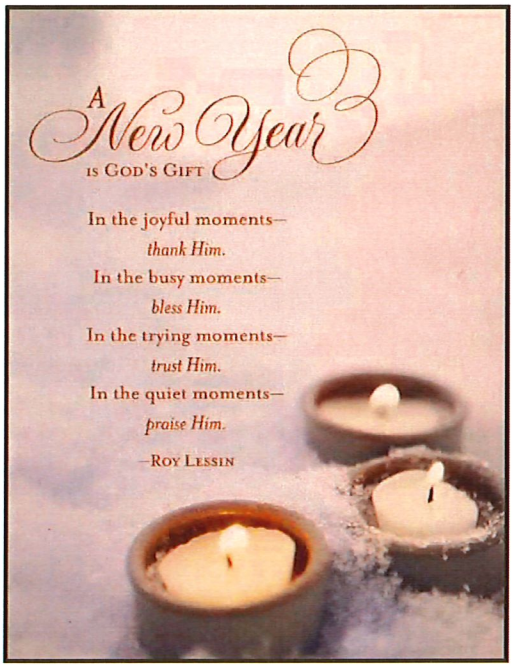
CATHECHISM IN A YEAR PODCAST: With Fr. Mike Schmitz, launching January 1st, will take us through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church. Fr. Mike will offer encouragement and insight on the readings as we go to help us clearly understand Church teaching and allow those truths to shape our lives, 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

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Let's get more things going in 2023! New members and new ideas are always welcome.

GREATER MILFORD SOCIAL CLUB: will be on January 12th at 6pm. There will be food, live music, a guest speaker, and of course good company. Our guest speaker will be Michele Minor Wolf, director of the Victims Intervention Program, she will speak on the program and how it serves the greater Milford community. We will be serving Macaroni and Cheese, Chicken cutlets, vegetables, dessert and more. Please spread the word and bring a friend, all are welcome! If you are interested in bringing a dish, volunteering, or have any questions please contact Tony Perito at AntonioCPerito@gmail.com or by phone at (845)943-0035.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY: If anyone is interested in helping out at the food pantry, Saint Patrick's will be there on January 6th and 6:30pm. Please call the office for more info 570-296-7451.

CALENDARS: Please feel free to take a calendar located in the Narthex, compliments of Stroyan Funeral Home.



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 so-

Remembering
Jan 2 – Jan 8

Monday
12:00pm (SJ)
Vincent Prosa
The Family

Tuesday
12:00pm (SP)
Doris and Robert Harry
From Her Daughter

Wednesday
12:00pm (SP)
Maryann Saulsbury
A Friend

Thursday
12:00pm (SJ)
Sandra Quick
The Farr Family

Friday
NO MASS

Saturday
4:00PM (SJ)
For the People of St. Joseph's Parish

5:30PM (SP)
Rosland and Thomas Ohara
From the grandchildren

Sunday
8:30am (SJ)
Jodi Haas
Jennifer Lott

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day

Monday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Thursday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

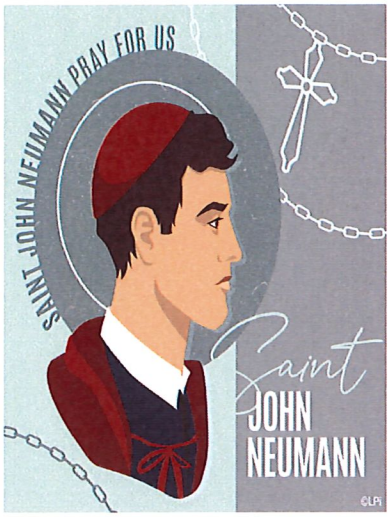
Friday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

The shepherds returned from Bethlehem "glorifying and praising God." They were affected deeply by the sight of the infant Messiah and the message of the angels. What would the world look like, if we allowed ourselves to be likewise impacted by the word of God?



SAINT OF THE WEEK
St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

PRAYER
Prayer for St. John Neumann's intercession

O St. John Neumann, your ardent desire of bringing all souls to Christ impelled you to leave home and country; teach us to live worthily in the spirit of our baptism which makes us all children of the one Heavenly Father and brothers of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the family of God.

Obtain for us that complete dedication in the service of the needy, the weak, the afflicted, and the abandoned which so characterized your life. Help us to walk perseveringly in the difficult and at times painful paths of duty, strengthened by the Body and Blood of our Redeemer and under the watchful protection of Mary our Mother. May death still find us on the sure road to our Father's house, with the light of living faith in our hearts.

Prayer Source: https://stjohnneumann.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Prayers-to-St.-John-Neumann.pdf)

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