

# St. Patrick & St. Joseph



**St. Patrick**



**St. Joseph**

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10:00am to 2:00pm

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

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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 Communities of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

## **THE GREATER MILFORD SOCIAL CLUB:**

A Knights of Columbus Food for Families Program, will be held on February 25th at 5pm at St. Patrick's Community Hall. We will be serving fried fish, sausage vegetables, roasted potatoes, and more. Guest speaker to be announced at a later date. If you or your child would like to volunteer please reach out to Tony Perito or St. Patrick's parish office.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday evening 6:30pm at St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's.

**THE "LIGHT IS ON" CONFESSIONS:** Every Monday Evening from 5:30pm - 6:15pm at St. Patrick's Church and 6:45pm - 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church.

## **GOLFERS AND SPONSORS:**

Please save the date 05/22/2024 for a wonderful opportunity to assist the local charities supported by Milford-Matamoras Knights of Columbus #13935 by participating in the annual charity gold outing as a golfer or a sponsor. Lunch, dinner, prizes, a good day to enjoy life. Posters will follow with more information.

## **DANIEL AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER:**

St. Vincent de Paul Church has secured optimal tickets to see this new production Of Daniel. The production begins in March of 2024, and we have planned to see this new production on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The all-inclusive cost of this experience is \$210 per person. This will include the chartered bus to Lancaster, tickets to the show, and dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Tickets are limited and will be available on a First come First served basis. The bus will leave the lower parking lot of St. Vincent de Paul at approximately 10:30 am and return no later than 11 pm. To reserve your spot, please call St. Vincent's Parish Office 570-686-4545. Payment MUST accompany all reservations.

## **KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP:**

The group meets on Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. We welcome new people to come and join us in making items to be donated to various organizations in the area. If you would like to learn a craft, members can help you. Any materials needed are supplied. If you would like more information, you can contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570-296-8363.

## **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](http://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.

## Remembering

Feb. 19 - Feb. 25

### MONDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Special Intentions of  
Dan Bradley

### TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

James Froehlich  
Terry Pырzynski

### WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

David McKeever  
Frank & Irene DeVito

### THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Special Intentions of  
Jenny Bradley

### FRIDAY

NO MASS

### SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Gertrude Molampy  
Alice Molampy

5:30pm (SP)

Ann Fagan

Barbara & Joe Rowan

### SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

For the People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

For the People of  
St. Patrick's Parish

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 25/26

**Saturday 4:00pm**

**Lector**

*Diana Sierra*

**Eucharistic Minister**

*Michele Bensley*

**Sunday 8:30am**

**Lector**

*Bill German*

**Eucharistic Minister**

*Carol Cordova*

**Milford Senior Care**

**February 18th**

*Carol Cordova*

*February 18- February 24*

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns*

*In Memory of*

*Philip Brennan*

*By*

*Terri Pyzynski*

**Weekly Offering**

*February 11, 2024*

*\$3707.50*

**Thank you for your  
generosity!**

**DEAR FAMILY AT ST. JOSEPH'S:** Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the Tri-State Pregnancy Center through your Advent Giving Tree. They were beautiful! God Bless! Elvie Toombs, Director

**COFFEE SOCIAL THIS WEEKEND:** immediately following the 8:30am Mass. Freshly baked goods will be available including everyone's favorite **Bagels!** There will also be individually wrapped treats, fresh fruit, Coffee, tea, juices, and bottled water and at least one sugar-free item!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday evening at 6:30pm in the Church.

**THE "LIGHT IS ON" CONFESSIONS:** Every Monday Evening at St. Joseph's from 6:45pm - 7:30pm, and from 5:30pm - 6:15pm at St. Patrick's Church.

**LENTEN DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS/RICE BOWLS:** "Not by Bread Alone" 2024, Daily Reflections Booklet for Lent is available at all entrances of the Church. These booklets include Scripture readings and meditations that can help deepen your Lenten experience. Lenten Rice Bowls can also be found at all entrances to the Church. Take one home!

**ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:** 6-8pm St. Joseph's Team, Team C March 15th, All are welcome. Come join us at 321 5th St., Milford, PA. For more information call Clare Nied 570-296-2506

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: It's not to late to make a donation to the Annual Appeal!! Our Annual Appeal goal is \$37,000.00.**

**Pledges to date: \$33198.00 90%.**

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 donations over our goal comes back to our parish!!

**ROSARY AND AFTERNOON TEA:** Feb. 28, 2024 at 2pm in the Multipurpose Room.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Feb. 20th, & March 5th For info call Clare Nied 570-296-2506

**TRI-STATE WARMING STATION:** Please come help prepare a Turkey Dinner for the people at the Tri-State Warming Station this Wednesday 2/21 from 4:30 - 6:00pm in St. Joseph's Multipurpose Room. Donations of food are also being taken at this time. Items needed: 10 lbs potatoes, 6 cans of corn/green beans/cranberry sauce, 6 boxes of stuffing, salad fixings- lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, croutons and salad dressing. The dinner will be delivered to the Station on Thursday 2/22.

**COURT MADONNA TRICKY TRAY:** St. Mary's Church Hall Port Jervis Sunday, February 18th. Doors open at 12noon calling begins at 2pm. All Proceeds benefit community charities. Admission is \$5.00. Refreshment will be available.

**WEBSITE:** Please visit our website, [www.stjosephsmatamoras.com](http://www.stjosephsmatamoras.com) for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates. You can also follow us on Facebook at @stjosephsmatamorasp

**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](mailto:zimmermanna@stifel.com)

**ONLINE GIVING:** If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website [www.stjosephsmatamoras.com](http://www.stjosephsmatamoras.com) and click WeShare or scan the QR Code. We are grateful for your continued generosity.



## 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 24/25

**Saturday 5:30pm**

**Lector**  
*Rick Horn*  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
*Donna Hersca*

**Sunday 11:00am**

**Lector**  
*K & G DeMaio*  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
*Karen Loeschorn*

**CCD Upcoming dates:**  
**03/02- Confirmation Retreat**  
**03/09- Communion Retreat**

For information please  
contact Jack Boyle, DRE at  
908-451-1206 or  
jackb18337@gmail.com

*The Sanctuary Candle  
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*In Memory of:*

*Rachel Steward*

*By:*

*Annette Petry*

*Weekly Collection*  
*February 4th, 2024*  
*\$2704.00*

*Mortgage Offertory*  
*February 4th, 2024*  
*\$588.00*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:**

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the food pantry. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## **OFFICE SNOW DAYS:**

In the case of inclement weather, the office will run on the same schedule as the Delaware Valley School District. If the schools are closed the office will be closed, and if the schools have a delay the office will open at 11:30am.

## **SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER:**

The Saint Patrick's Day dinner will be on Sunday March 17th. Tickets will be available to purchase starting February 24th after all Masses at St. Patrick's.

## **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:**

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$33,000.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 32,550.00 98.64%**. 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 donations over our goal comes back to our parish!! The Appeal helps support Catholic Social Services, Clergy Formation, Faith Formation, and Parish Life plus The Tri-State Pregnancy Center and our local Food Pantry.

## **CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Every Sunday at the 11:00am Mass, elementary aged children, who wish to participate, will be excused before the readings and go to the parish hall, for a discussion/activity geared toward children. This will provide them with a focused environment where they are more likely to become conscious, active listeners and responders to God's Word. The children will then return at the offertory. Any child younger than 5 years old will need to be accompanied by a parent.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration will begin at 7pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Please join us as we pray for an increase in vocations to consecrated religious life and your own personal intentions.

## **SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN:**

Anyone wishing to have prayers said for themselves or another may e-mail Tom Hogan at [tchogan@ptd.net](mailto:tchogan@ptd.net) or call 570-872-4925.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Saint Patrick's plays Bingo every Saturday night in the Parish Hall. We recently celebrated a very successful 1<sup>st</sup> year. More volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. Please contact Rich after Mass or by email: [bingo@saintpatricksmilford.com](mailto:bingo@saintpatricksmilford.com). Or you may call the Parish Office and leave your contact information.

**ONLINE GIVING:** If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website [www.saintpatricksmilford.com](http://www.saintpatricksmilford.com) and click WeShare or scan the QR code. We are grateful for your continued generosity.



## ***St. Patrick's Parish Mission Statement:***

The people of St. Patrick's are devoted 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 with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to know, love and serve God. All are welcome to participate in the spiritual and social life of our Parish family.

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