

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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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	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

BEREAVMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Starting October 9, 2023, the first of six weekly sessions, concluding on November 13, sponsored by St. John Neumann Parish in Hawley; group meets on Monday afternoon from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the St. John's parish hall, 705 Route 739. Bereavement support sessions address topics dealing with the grief process to aid in healing. All suffering the loss of a loved one are welcome; registration is required as group size is limited. You may register at stvgriefgroup@att.net or call the parish office at 570-775-6791.

THE DEANERY CHOIR: will be presenting a Praise and Worship Program on **Sunday, October 22 at 3PM** at **St John Neumann Church** in Lord's Valley, PA. Prayer, Praise, Scripture and Music, Music, Music! All are welcome to come and celebrate the **Joys of Being Christian!** No Admission, no tickets required. Donations for Karen Quinlan Hospice will be accepted.

LIFE CHAIN: You are invited to be part of the 2023 Port Jervis Area Life Chain-a ninety-minute prayer vigil- scheduled to take place on Sunday October 8th, from 1:00-2:30 PM at Deerpark Reformed Church, 34 East Main Street and at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Port Jervis. There will be an opening prayer at the Cemetery location and a closing prayer at the Deerpark Reformed Church location at 2:30. Updates on the Port Jervis Area Life Chain can be found on Facebook at Port Jervis Area Life Chain. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." Here and today we can speak and act. May God give us the heart to do so.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER: Ladies! You're invited to a TSPC Women's Group! Every Thursday at 10:30 am at the Center. A Group to help care for our spirits, souls and bodies. For all ladies 17 and up. Babies and Children are welcome!

MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: The October 7th, 2023 Catholic Men's Conference, from 8 am to 3pm, will be held at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, To attend, please register either online at www.BeACatholicMan.com, or by mail to: "Be a Catholic Man, Inc", P.O Box # 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853. Include your name, address, email & parish with your check payable to "Be a Catholic Man, Inc" with "Men's Conference" on the memo line of the check. Cost is \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9-8-23), Students \$15, Priests/Deacons are FREE. For more information contact: Your Men's Conference Parish Contact Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Tri-State Pregnancy Center's 2023 Fundraiser Luncheon, October 15th, 2023. The Erie Restaurant. 9 Jersey Ave. Port Jervis, NY 1-5 p.m. Buffet, Adults \$35.00 Children 3-9 \$15.00 Children under 3 Free. Call the Center @ 570.491.5151 to pay with a Credit Card or check*. Or use the QR Code below. This will take you directly to our E-giving and it will allow you to sign up and purchase the tickets. We will ask you to bring the email confirmation with you that day. (Scan the QR Code with your Cell Phone). *If mailing us a check, please call & let us know. Our mailing address is: PO Box 11, Milford, PA 18337



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.

Remembering

Oct. 2 – Oct. 8

MONDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Helen "Honey" Hess

Clementina Hess

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Robert Cervati

Eileen Helin

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Joe Leva

Joseph and Barbara

Rowan

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Charles & Audrey

Ewald

Susan Skidmore

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Cathy Van Horn

The Family

5:30pm (SP)

Moglia Family

Emil and Arlene

Moglia

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

For The People of
St. Joseph's Church

11:00am (SP)

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE October 7/8

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Larry Marcial

Eucharistic Minister

Pat McCooley

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Anna Blackman

**Milford Senior Care
October 15th
Carol Cordova**

October 1 - October 7

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Cathy Van Horn

By

Michele Bensley

Weekly Offering

September 24, 2023

\$ 3133.50

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL KICK OFF WEEKEND: is this weekend! The Diocesan Annual Appeal is the Diocese of Scranton's single most important fundraising initiative, and we're counting on your support. Poverty, hunger, and homelessness remain serious challenges in our community. Funds raised also help with vocations and priestly life, Catholic communications, Catholic education, and parish and spiritual life. We ask you to look deeply within your heart and help us reach our goal of \$4.5 million as we strive to bring the gift of hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

CCD: We are in need of 2-3 teachers for CCD. Co-teachers would work too! It's only one hour per week and we're very flexible if you need a Sunday off. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time. Volunteers are needed during Mass for a new children's liturgy program. Kids will go to multi purpose room during readings and homily where a volunteer will lead a discussion/activity geared toward children, then return for Communion. (We provide all the materials!) Volunteers can make a schedule of when they want to do this. Please email Cristin Cavallaro at cjc5@optonline.net if you're interested. Children and young families are the future of our parish-please prayerfully consider giving them some time this year. Thank you,

ROSARY FOR LIFE: October 7th, 7pm. St. Joseph's Chapel. Join the Knights of Columbus John Paul II Council on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at 7pm as we pray the rosary for the following intentions: for the protection of all life, especially that of in the womb, for mothers and families who are facing the threat of abortion, for the flourishing of marriage and families, and for the basic needs of the poor. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the Knights of Columbus.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Our next coffee social will be Sunday, October 8th, 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!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of Altar Servers. If you have a child that has already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and is interested in serving our parish as an altar server please contact the parish office. Adult Altar Servers are also welcome!

YOUTH TEAM: Coby from the SWB Penguins Hockey League has contacted me with updates on this years prices. Anyone wishing to organize an event to a Hockey Game, please call for Information. Clare Nied 570-296-2506.

ROSARY RALLY: Come and pray the Rosary with us. Our next rally will be Sat. Oct. 14, 2023 at 12noon. We will gather at 600 Pennsylvania Ave., Matamoras, PA, Dr. Hartey's lawn. Please bring a chair and blanket if needed. Questions? call Clare Nied 570-296-2506.

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

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 zimmermann@stifel.com

ONLINE GIVING: If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website 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
October 7/8

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Annette Petry

Eucharistic Ministers

Donna Hersca

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Diane Dennis

Eucharistic Ministers

Karen Loeschorn

**Children's Faith Formation:
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
FOR GRADES 1-8.**

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

October 1 - October 7

The Sanctuary Candle burns

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Weekly Collection

September 17th, 2023

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September 17th, 2023

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Thank you for your generosity!

BLESSING OF THE PETS: Wednesday October 4th is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Parishioners are welcome to bring their pets after the noon Mass for a blessing.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD: Starting Sunday October 8th at the 11:00am mass, elementary aged children that wish to participate, will be excused before the reading to go to the parish hall, and will return before communion. The purpose of dismissing the children, is to provide them with a focused environment where they are more likely to become conscious, active listeners and responders to God's Word. Any children 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 except for December. Please join us as we pray for an increase in vocations to consecrated religious life and your own personal intentions. Adoration will be October 17th, and the third Tuesday of the month thereafter.

COFFEE AND CHAT: The next coffee and chat hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary will be on Sunday 10/08 following the 11:00 mass.

SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN:

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

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry has requested donations of personal hygiene products, which are luxuries for some of our pantry customers. Items like soap, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, feminine hygiene products, and hand sanitizers are welcomed by those on very tight budgets. The number of families seeking help has increased by 30% over the past 2 years. Please make a donation to our pantry. There is a crate in the narthex awaiting donations. Please bring an item or two to church! Thank you for caring and sharing!

NEXT MEETING OF THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

Tuesday, October 10th @ 6:30PM. Planning for more parish events will be discussed and scheduled. Don't like meetings but willing to help on events? Please call or email Shannen in the Parish Office and we'll be in touch. Volunteers and ideas needed! All Are Welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Saint Patrick's plays Bingo every Saturday night in the Parish Hall. We recently celebrated a very successful 1st year. More volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. Please contact Rich after Mass or by email:

bingo@saintpatricksmilford.com. Or you may call the Parish Office and leave your contact information.

HALLOWEEN: Tuesday, October 31. Trunk or Treat in the parking lots with prize for the best decorated trunk! If you would like to participate you can just bring your car to the church parking lot, decorate your trunk, and either hand out candy or leave a bowl in your trunk. Hot dog give away sponsored by Saint Patrick's Bingo. Any questions please call the parish office.

ONLINE GIVING:

If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website www.saintpatricksmilford.com and click WeShare or scan the QR code. We are grateful for your continued generosity.



St. Patrick's Parish Mission Statement:

As 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.

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