

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

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

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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

December 30/January 1

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Diana Sierra</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Linda Romano</i>
Milford Senior Care <i>TBA</i>

Dec. 25th - Dec. 30th

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Joseph & Grayce

Ricciardi

By

The Family

Weekly Offering

December 11, 2022

December 18, 2022

\$ TBA

Bulletin deadline before count

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

WELCOME VISITORS

We're so glad you've chosen to worship with us today. Whether you're a visitor to the area, a neighbor, or a prospective parishioner, we hope you'll find a warm welcome. All are welcome at St. Joseph's regardless of your status in the church, personal history, or prior religious experience. We hope to see you again soon!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish office will be closed December 26th through January 1st 2023 and reopen Monday, January 2nd at 10:00am

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.

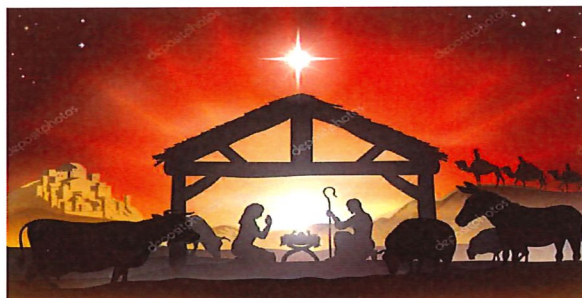
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$37,000.00**. To date our pledges total **\$36,165.00 97.74%** To those who have already pledged THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! If you haven't made a pledge yet we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember that 75% of all money over our goal 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.

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.



Merry Christmas!!

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
December 31/January 1

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector
Joe Dooley

Sunday 11:00am

Lector
Ray Proulx

Children's Faith Formation:
For information please
contact Jack Boyle, DRE at
908-451-1206 or
jackb18337@gmail.com.

*You may have the
Sanctuary Candle burn
In Memory
of a loved one.
Please call the Parish
Office to make arrange-
ments.*

Weekly Collection
December 11th, 2022
TBA

Mortgage Offertory
December 11th, 2022
TBA

Thank you for your generosity!

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE ANGEL TREE: Thank you to all those who took the time to buy a gift for the angel tree. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give gifts to 109 local children!

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

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed December 22nd through January 2nd 2023. If you need to get a hold of someone in the office you can leave a voicemail as those will still be checked regularly.

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.

NEW YEARS EVE SPECIAL BINGO!: Welcome 2023 with Saint Patrick's Bingo on Saturday night, Dec 31st. Special games, \$1000 Grand Prize and Free Food for all players. Doors open 5:30pm, games start at 7pm.

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.



Merry Christmas!

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 Dec. 26th – Jan 1st

Monday
12:00pm (SJ)
NO MASS

Tuesday
12:00pm (SP)
NO MASS

Wednesday
12:00pm (SP)
NO MASS

Thursday
12:00pm (SJ)
NO MASS

Friday
NO MASS

Saturday
4:00PM (SJ)
Kevin Cunningham
The Family

5:30PM (SP)
Howard Schutt
Paul and Bonnie Schatteman

Sunday
8:30am (SJ)
The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00 (SP)
James and Edward Williams
A Friend

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

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

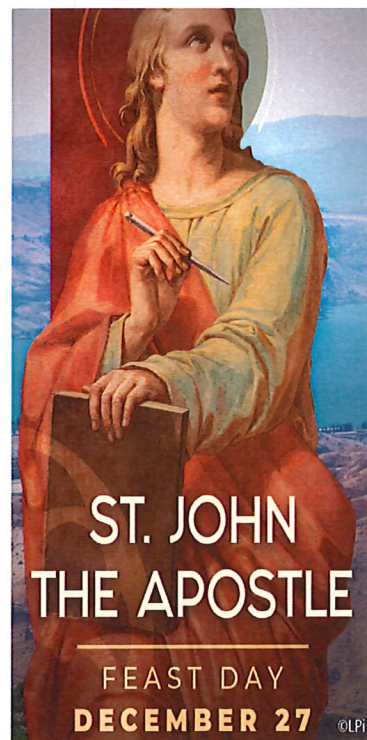
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord
Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Next Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 27

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.