

# St. Patrick & St. Joseph



**St. Patrick**



**St. Joseph**

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10:00am to 2pm

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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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***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 11/12

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> *****
<b>Altar Servers</b> *****
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Volunteer</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> *****
<b>Altar Server</b> *****
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <i>TBA</i>
<i>The Sanctuary Candle burns In Memory of Audrey Elizabeth Saydah  By The Bensley Family</i>

*The Advent Wreath was  
donated by Jane Drake*

*In Memory of the Deceased  
Members of the Drake and  
Lapriore Families.*

Weekly Offering

November 21, 2021  
\$ 3544.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE - Dominique Marcial & Jesse Tyler Clark**  
**December 4, 2021**

## **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8th**

There will be a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's on Tuesday evening, December 7th at 7:00pm. On Wednesday, December 8th, Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's at 12:00 noon.

**POINSETTIA MEMORIALS** Again this year the Poinsettia's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. Special RED Envelopes have been placed at all entrances to the Church. If you would like a Poinsettia, please fill out the front of the envelope (please print clearly) and enclose payment. You may drop them into the collection basket or at the Parish Office. **Deadline: December 19th.** A list of the Memorials will be inserted in the December 26th Bulletin.

**ADVENT BOOKLETS** Please remember to take home your copy of "Waiting In Joyful Hope 2021-2022" Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas. The Booklets are available at all entrances to the Church.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** Our Advent Giving Tree and Cradle are in the front entrance of the Church. Each year your generous support of this fundraiser helps the Tri-State Pregnancy Center distribute baby items to needy families in our area. If you wish to participate just take an ornament (made by our CCD Kindergarten Class) off the tree and purchase the item printed on the back then return the gift to the Cradle, no need to wrap! Again, we thank you for your continued support!

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL** Our Annual Appeal goal is \$37,000.00. To date our pledges total \$39,590.00!! 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!

**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. We are grateful for your continued generosity.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE** Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Karen Sweeney @ 570-491-2228. If you wish you may also send the name via email to [sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com](mailto:sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com)

**COURT MADONNA** Court Madonna #114 is hosting its annual St. Nicholas Faire on Sunday, December 5th in St. Mary's Hall at 48 Ball St. in Port Jervis from 9:30am - 2:00pm This Vendor and Craft Faire is sure to have something for almost everyone on your list, as well as some beautiful Christmas decorations for You! Breakfast and lunch will be sold by Dave's Devil Dogs, or you can pick up something sweet at the Catholic Daughters Bake Sale. There will be a Children's Craft table as well. And of course, St. Nicholas will be available for photos!

## **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 11-12

<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Annette Petry
<b>Communion Ministers</b> *****
<b>Altar Servers</b> *****
<b>Sunday 7:15am</b>
<b>NO MASS UNTIL MEMORIAL DAY</b>
<b>Communion Ministers</b> *****
<b>Altar Servers</b> *****
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Cheryl McCarthy
<b>Communion Minister</b> *****
<b>Altar Servers</b> *****

Weekly Collection

TBA

Weekly Mortgage Offertory

TBA

Thank you for your generosity

(Due to early holiday transmissions. The weekly figures will resume Jan. 2022)

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one.  
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Seeking Teacher's Assistants for all grade levels. Please contact DRE Jack Boyle at 908-451-1206.

**also... SAVE THE DATE! The Children's Christmas Pageant which will be directed by Laurie Barcia will be held at 6PM Christmas Eve followed by the Christmas Eve Mass. Fill your spirit with the joy of Christ's birth as you listen to the Nativity narrative and sing carols of this holy season. Experience again the visual delight that only children can bring as we together celebrate the birth of Jesus, bringing light into the darkness of our world, changing our lives forever. Information: 908-451-1206.**

## SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS

St. Patrick's Knitters will **not** meet on December 15, 22nd and 29th. The group will resume regular meetings on January 5, 2022. For more information please contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570 296-8363.

## WEBSITE

Please visit our website, [www.stpatricksmilford.com](http://www.stpatricksmilford.com) for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates. You can also follow us on Facebook at @Saint Patrick's Church, Milford, PA and on Twitter (@stpatsmilfordpa): [Church of St Patrick \(@stpatsmilfordpa\) Twitter](https://twitter.com/stpatsmilfordpa). Also visit our Diocesan website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) for more resources.

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## DEANERY CHOIR PRESENTS TEACH THE CHILDREN/THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Join the Deanery Choir, along with the St. John Neumann CCD Families, for their annual Christmas Pageant 2pm Sunday afternoon, December 19 at St. John Neumann Church, Lord's Valley, PA. Mark your calendars and come celebrate the coming of the Savior with an interesting twist on the telling of the beloved Christmas story. Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas party will follow the program. No admission charge or tickets required.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are you a Catholic man interested in deepening your faith? Helping your community? Or Getting to know other men in your parish? The John Paul II council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the church Hall, fellowship starts at 6:30pm. Please contact the Grand Knight Tom Hogan at [tchogan@ptd.net](mailto:tchogan@ptd.net) or visit [www.kofc.com](http://www.kofc.com)

## 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 social life of our parish family.



## Remembering

Dec. 6-12

Monday

12:00pm (SJ)

Jerry Dilger

*His Parents*

TUESDAY

7:00pm

Immaculate Conception Vigil(SP)

Eileen Malsch

*Ray & Carol Proulx*

No 12:00pm Mass today

WEDNESDAY

ImMACULATE CONCEPTION

12:00pm (SJ)

For the People of

St. Joseph's Parish

THURSDAY

12:00PM (SJ)

John F. Hess

*Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reedy Sr.*

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Jerry Dilger

*His Parents*

5:30pm (SP)

Lorraine deSmet

*Bonnie & Paul Schatteman*

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

For the People of

St. Josephs Parish

11:00 (SP)

Margie Arcarola

*Andrea Arcarola*

## WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14**Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13**Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

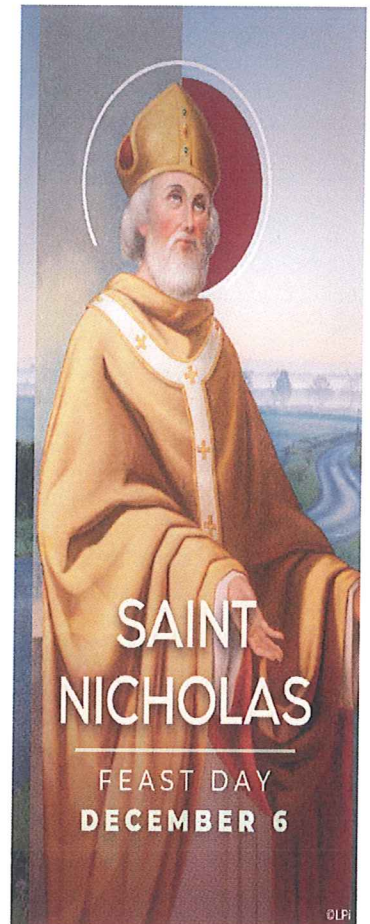
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent**Monday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop**Tuesday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**Wednesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**Thursday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**Friday:** Our Lady of Loreto**Saturday:** St. Damasus I, Pope**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

## Inspiration for the week

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.