

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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Parish Office Hours
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	

MINISTRY TEAM

Michele Bensley
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Parish Office Hours
Monday and Thursday
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 Communities of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

A MESSAGE FROM PHP: The committee of People Helping People would like to extend our gratitude for all for the donations received during this year's Sponsor a Turkey appeal. With your generous response, we raised \$3,482. To date we have not received the bill from Prime Time for the Turkeys, however this sum of money will cover the turkeys plus the additional food that we needed to purchase to complement the donated items. Thank you ALL, donors and volunteers alike!

In addition to the 140 families who received a meal through the Thanksgiving food drive, we have been able to assist over 20 families to date this year who have come to us for the occasional help with meeting basic life necessities such as food, heating, electrical or phone bill needs. We have also referred several people to local social service agencies who can offer more assistance through their rent assistance programs and life-skill training.

We would like to share the following prayer with you and ask that you keep our needy neighbors in your prayers throughout the year.

"For those who have been aided through People Helping People, may the storms in their lives be quieted and may they feel God's loving presence in their lives. And for those who generously give their time and treasure to help our neighbors in need, shower them with your grace and peace."

If you would like to make a designated donation to PHP in another's name, such as for a special event like a birthday or anniversary, please stop in to see the parish secretary and she will be able to assist you with this.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED: The Parish Offices of St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's will be closed 12/25 thru 1/1/2024 and will reopen Tuesday 1/2/24 at 10:00am at St. Patrick's and Thursday 1/4/24 at 10:00am at St. Joseph's. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

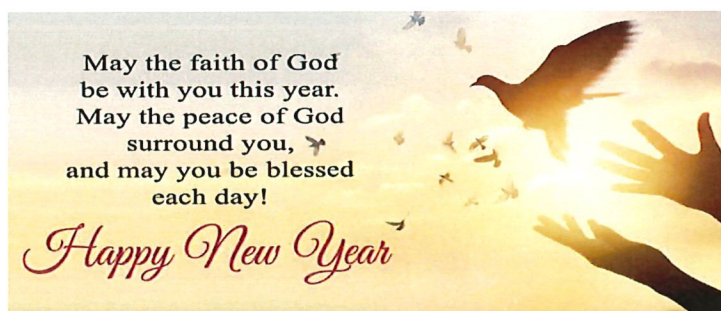
NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: The 2024 National March for Life will take place on January 19th in Washington DC, This year's theme is "With every woman, with every child". Tony Perito has a 15 passenger van going down to DC on the day of the event. If you are interested in lending your voice to the voiceless in Washington DC at the National March for Life please reach out to St. Patrick's parish office to add your name to the contact list.

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!

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.



Remembering

Jan. 01 - Jan. 7

MONDAY

(SJ)

NO MASS

11:00am (SP)

The People of Saint Patrick's

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Maria Clarke

Kacmarcik family

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Hugh Boyle

Brian and Bernadette

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Declan Berry

Clementina Hess

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Eli Johnson

Alice Molampy

5:30pm (SP)

Joseph Kacmarcik

Kacmarcik Family

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

Ron Yakupcin

The Family

11:00am (SP)

Marcio Alves Rodrigues

His sons and daugh-

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 6/7

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Pat McCooley

Eucharistic Minister

Chuck Pike

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Ed Gutierrez

Eucharistic Minister

Cristin Cavallaro

Milford Senior Care

January 20th

Deb Roa

December 31 - January 6

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Kevin Cunningham

By

The Family

Weekly Offering

December 17, 2023

\$2190.00

December 25, 2023

\$TBA

Christmas

\$TBA

(Bulletin Deadlines before count)

***Thank you for your
generosity!***

ADVENT GIVING TREE:

There's still time to donate to the Advent Giving Tree! Gifts will be picked up by The Tri-State Pregnancy Center January 8th. We thank you for your continued support!

CCD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed during the 8:30am 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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$37,000.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 26,853.00 72%**. 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.

BIBLE STUDY:

We will continue with "THE CHOSEN" discussion Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 2:00pm. We will meet at St. Joseph's in the Multipurpose room. All are welcomed. For more info call Clare Nied 570-296-2506.

TEA PARTY GROUP:

Our Afternoon TEA PARTY GROUP will resume Wednesday Jan. 31, 2024 at 2:00pm. All are Welcomed. We will meet at St. Joseph's Multipurpose room. For more info 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

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 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
January 6/7

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector
Annette Petry
Eucharistic Ministers
Pat Corcoran

Sunday 11:00am

Lector
Joe Dooley
Eucharistic Ministers
Kate Burns

CCD Upcoming dates:
01/14- No class
02/11- First Penance at 10am
02/18- No class
03/02- Confirmation Retreat

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

December 31 - January 6
The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of
Kenneth Allen

By
Christine Allen

Weekly Collection
December 17th, 2023
\$2073.00

Mortgage Offertory
December 17th, 2023
\$599.00

Thank you for your generosity!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$33,000.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 30,525.00 92.50%**. 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 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 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.

OFFERINGS BY CHECK: Due to a new bookkeeping system, when making out checks to Saint Patrick's for multiple accounts, please make out separate checks for each account. (ex: 1 separate check for Saint Patricks, 1 separate check for Saint Patrick's Building Account, 1 separate check for Saint Patrick's Emergency Fund) This includes all the special envelopes for the Diocesan collections as well. We are sorry for any inconvenience and we appreciate all of your support

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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