

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
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 24, 25, 26

Friday 4:00pm

Lector

Volunteer

Saturday 8:30am

Lector

Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Altar Servers

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister

Altar Server

Milford Senior Care
TBA

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns In Memory of*

Thomas Walsh Sr.

By

The Bensley Family

*The Advent Wreath was
donated by Jane Drake*

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

Weekly Offering

December 5, 2021
\$6438.00

Thank you for your generosity!

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS The Deadline is today to turn in your Poinsettia Memorial's. 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. A list of the Memorials will be inserted in the December 26th Bulletin.

YOU'RE INVITED St. Joseph's is hosting an informal Advent prayer meeting each Monday evening during Advent. Come spend an hour sharing scripture readings and personal reflections about our journey through this holy season. We'll gather again this Monday in the multipurpose room at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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 **\$41,355.00!!** 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!

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 **Sunday, December 19th 2:00pm at St. John Neumann Church, Lord's Valley, PA.** Come celebrate the coming of the Savior with an interesting twist on the telling of the beloved Christmas story.

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.

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

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 24-25-26

Friday 6:00pm Christmas Eve
Lector Pat Corcoran
Communion Ministers *****
Altar Servers *****
Saturday 11:00 am Christmas Day
Communion Ministers Joe Dooley
Altar Servers *****
Sunday December 26th 11:00am
Lector Cheryl McCarthy
Communion Minister *****
Altar Servers *****

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

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**

WEBSITE

Please visit our website, 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 (@stpatmilfordpa): Church of St Patrick (@stpatmilfordpa) Twitter. Also visit our Diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org for more resources.

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 or visit www.kofc.com

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL

We will be offering the poinsettia's to be memorialized again this Christmas. The cost is \$20.00 each. The deadline is 19th. There are red envelopes located at the entrance of the Church. Please print the names clearly. A list will be placed in the bulletin.

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Hall Management Committee. Please call the parish office at 570 296-7451 or speak with Joe Dooley or Tony Perito personally.

THANK YOU

Parishioner Tony Perito and his family donated and installed a Celtic Cross placed near the entrance to our new church office in St. Patrick's Hall. Many thanks to the Perito family pictured below after the recent baptism of Tony's daughter Noelle.



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. 20-26

Monday
12:00pm (SJ)
John Hess
Clementine Hess

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)
Margaret Cronin
Ann & Glen French

WEDNESDAY
11:00am Adoration (SP)
12:00PM Mass (SP)
Jeanne Hoffman
Teri Pyrzyński

THURSDAY
12:00PM (SJ)
Genevieve McDermott
Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

FRIDAY
Christmas Eve 4:00pm (SJ)
The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

Christmas Eve 6:00pm (SP)
Yvette & Ted Proulx
Ray & Carol Proulx

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

11:00am (SP) Frank Conte
Denise & Louis Troiano

SUNDAY
8:30am (SJ)
Joseph L. Curzi Jr.
Pat Curzi

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: *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 [Lk 2:11]/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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

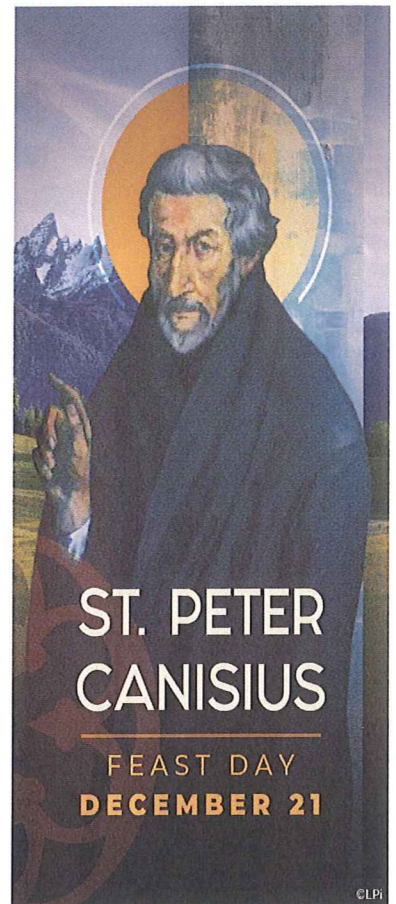
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Friday: Christmas Eve
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord
Next Sunday: The Holy Family

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.



ST. PETER CANISIUS

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 21

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.