

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

Reverend Joseph J. Manarchuck Pastor

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MINISTRY TEAM

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Rich Gherardi
Director of Music
Brian O'Donnell
Building/Grounds/Maintenance

Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm

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570 296-7451
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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	

MINISTRY TEAM

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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 Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 11/12

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Pat McCooey</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Chuck Pike</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Diana Sierra</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Carol Cordova</i>
Milford Senior Care <i>March 19th</i> <i>Carol Cordova</i>

<i>March 5 - March 11</i>
<i>The Sanctuary Candle</i>
<i>burns</i>
<i>In Memory of</i>
<i>Drew Críne</i>
<i>By</i>
<i>The Family</i>

Weekly Offering
February 19, 2023
\$2597.50

February 26, 2023
\$2867.50

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday evening at 6:30pm in the Church.

THE "LIGHT IS ON" CONFESSIONS:

Every Monday Evening from 6:45pm - 7:30pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Come join us Sunday, March 12th at 2:00pm in the Church for Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, Silent Prayer and Benediction. The Legion of Mary will also be here to lead us in praying the Rosary!

"GOD'S LOVE UNITES US " PROGRAM:

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by: mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter, or bringing it to Mass next Sunday, or you may visit our parish website at www.stjosephsmatamoras.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card. **All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, March 26.** As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe and secure** way to support St. Joseph's Church. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the WeShare instructions. **We are grateful for your support!**

DEANERY LENTEN HOLY HOUR:

With Bishop Bambera, Monday, March 27th 7:00pm at Queen of Peace Church, Hawley, PA. All are Welcome!

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

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.

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

March 11/12

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Jack Boyle

Eucharistic Minister:

Pat Corcoran

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Cody Sebring

Eucharistic Minister:

Kate Burns

Children's Faith Formation:

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

CCD IMPORTANT DATES:

Communion Retreat- Mar 18th
Living Stations -March 24th, 6:30
First Holy Communion- May 6th
May Crowning- May 14th
Deacon Cliff Golf Outing- June 12
Vacation Bible Camp- June 26th-
June 29th

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\$1961.00*

*Mortgage Offertory
February 19th, 2023
\$586.00*

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DIOCESAN MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT:

Join us for an overnight Lenten retreat from March 31 to April 1 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton. The experience will include talks, Adoration, Confession, and Mass. This year's theme will be "Son of the Father." Monsignor John A. Esseff will speak on "True Fatherhood." The retreat fee of \$75 includes overnight accommodations and two meals. The retreat will conclude at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please contact Tony Perito at (845)943-0035 or by email antoniocperito@gmail.com for more information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the cross will be every Friday starting February 24th at 6:30pm at both Saint Patrick's and Saint Josephs.

FORMED: We now have free access to the "formed" app. This app will let you access thousands of Catholic video-based study programs, movies, documentaries, audio talks, and audio books. Let these materials facilitate your spiritual journey as you try to more fully understand, live and share your Catholic Faith. To access download the formed app or go to www.formed.org, from there you can sign up as a parishioner by putting in the zip code 18337 and selecting Saint Patrick Catholic Church.

SOUP AND BREAD DINNERS FOR LENT: Join with your fellow parishioners for a light Lenten dinner at 5:30PM on Fridays of Lent before **Stations of the Cross**, which begin at 6:30PM. First dinner will be Friday, February 24.

COFFEE AND CHAT: Sunday, March 12 after the 11AM Mass.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY: Our Patronal Feast Day will be celebrated with Mass at 12 noon on Friday, March 17. Our traditional Saint Patrick's Day party will begin at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall...our first get together since 2019! Please watch the bulletin for more info.

NEXT MEETING OF THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Tuesday, March 14 @ 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. *Volunteers needed! All Are Welcome!*

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.

Remembering March 6– Mar 12

Monday

12:00pm (SJ)

Linda Kozak

Jane Drake

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Lucille Perito

The Perito Family

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Antonio Perito

The Perito Family

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Stanley Jashembowski
Steve & Rosemarie Babey

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00PM (SJ)

Jodi Haas

Robert Long

5:30PM (SP)

Charles Wieland
The Perito Family

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

For The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00 (SP)

Shane Sullivan
The Perito Family

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life.
(2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid?

Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins



Saint of the week

Sister Thea Bowman tirelessly blazed a way for Black Catholics to fully live their faith out loud and with joy! You can listen to her music on all streaming services and experience her legacy though the many institutions that now boast her name.

Prayer

Prayer for Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman's intercession

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity. In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession (mention your request), so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.