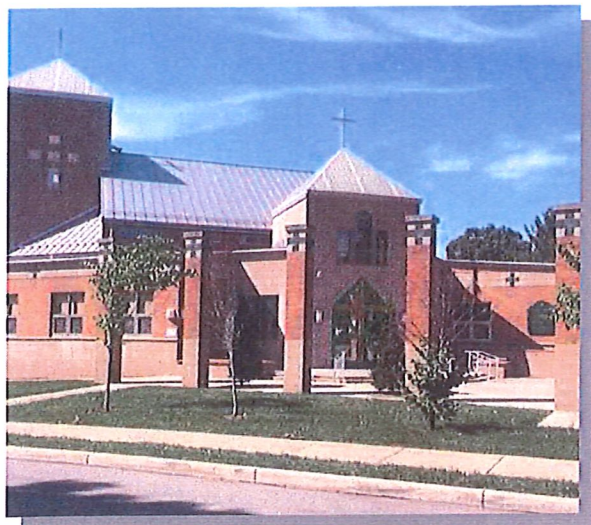


St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



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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 11:00am-12:00pm
St. Patrick
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
February 12/13

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Diana Sierra</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Neal Bensley</i>
Altar Servers *****
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Volunteer</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Linda Romano</i>
Altar Server *****
Milford Senior Care <i>TBA</i>

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Richard Kowal
By
Catherine Westfall*

Weekly Offering

January 30, 2022
\$2,886.00

Thank you for your generosity!

IN MEMORIUM

Please remember in your prayers **Grace "Pat" Hart** who passed away last week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

LECTORS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in volunteering for this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 570-491-2618.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #13935 OF ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. PATRICK'S SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

The Knights are kicking off their fundraising year by holding their annual Super Bowl Pool! Members from our Knights of Columbus will be in the Vestibule before and after Mass selling super bowl squares at \$10.00 per square. All proceeds will go to local charities! Thank you for your support!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$37,000.00. To date our pledges total **\$41,760.00**. \$4,760.00 over our goal!! 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 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 Anne Zimmermann @ 570-491-5216. If you wish you may also send the name via email to zimmermanna@stifel.com

REMINDER

Just a reminder with the increase in Covid 19 infections the Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors and mask wearing remains an important tool against community spread. If you are experiencing any Covid Symptoms please stay at home and do not come to Mass. Thank you.

PLAY YOUR PART IN THE SYNOD

By calling for the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to gather and to listen to each and every Catholic to find the Church's path forward at this time in our history. This is a moment for the voice of God's people to be heard to give voice to the direction of the Church. Pope Francis is providing the opportunity for this ancient and tested model to find relevance in light of today's challenges and opportunities. The Holy Father seeks to hear every voice. Prayerfully consider participating in an upcoming in-person session at our parish and through the online survey at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

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 February 12/13

Sat. 5:30pm
Lector
Communion Ministers *****
Altar Servers *****
Communion Ministers
Altar Servers *****
Sunday 11:00am
Lector
Communion Minister *****
Altar Servers *****

Weekly Collection

January 30th

TBA

Mortgage Offertory January 30th
\$BA

Thank you for your generosity

You may have the Sanctuary
Candle burn
in memory of a loved one.

Please call the Parish Office
for arrangements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SALE

A Soup and Chili Sale will be held following the Masses on February 12 and 13th. The proceeds of this sale will help support local charities

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

It's easy to remember: **SOUP for the SOUPERBOWL!** Please help us celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in the Saint Patrick's tradition by bringing a can of soup to church! Take a can of soup, any kind, wrap a dollar bill around it, and secure it with a rubber band. Bring it to Mass on **Sunday, February 13, 2022** and deposit it in the special boxes near the doors. All soup and dollars will be used for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Help feed the Hungry...the need has grown by 33% in the last year...we average 50 families each week seeking assistance...bless you for caring and sharing!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to serve at the food pantry one Friday each month from 6:30 to 7:30pm. For additional information please see Deacon Tom after Mass. Thank you!

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 (@stpatsmilfordpa): [Church of St Patrick \(@stpatsmilfordpa\) Twitter](https://twitter.com/stpatsmilfordpa). 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

SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may send via e-mail to Tom Hogan at tchogan@ptd.net or 570-872-4925.

SAINT PATRICK'S KNITTERS

Our regular weekly meetings are held on Wednesdays at 2:00 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. If you need any information, please contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570 296-8363

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

Feb. 7-13

Monday

12:00pm (SJ)

Daniel Pflanz Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Ronald Demczak

John & Mary Murray

WEDNESDAY

11:00am Adoration (SP)

12:00PM Mass (SP)

Elizabeth Hartey (Living)

Debi Cotugno

THURSDAY

12:00PM (SJ)

Pete Pettit

Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00PM (SJ)

For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

Jack & Betty McElligott

Emil & Arlene Moglia

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

John Hess

The Family

11:00 (SP)

Frank Conte

Joe & Lisa Cirello

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10**Next Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

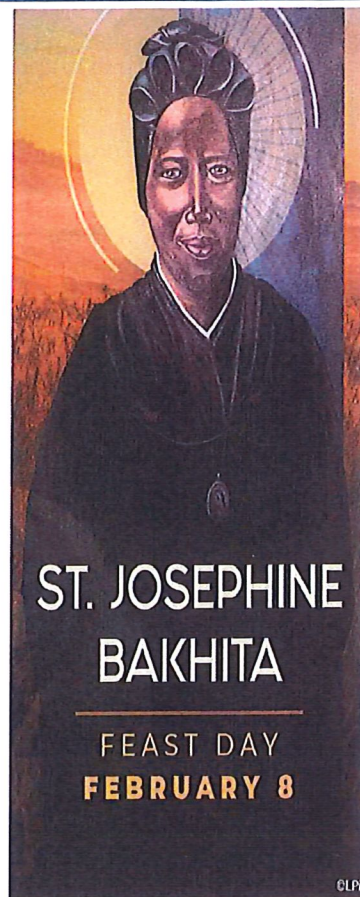
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**Tuesday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**Thursday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin**Friday:** Our Lady of Lourdes**Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When we encounter or even ponder God's magnificence, power, and awesomeness, we easily begin to feel our own smallness and perceived insignificance. After all, who can compete with eternal greatness, seraphim, or the ability to catch great numbers of fish? We unfortunately think that God's presence somehow overrides us, reduces our importance, and only seeks to judge our inadequacies and doubts. Things begin to change a bit when we realize that what we may have seen as overwhelming and frightening is really only unconditional, unmerited love. Love has tremendous majesty and power. When we listen to this power and stop seeing it as threatening or dooming, our fear dissipates and Divine friendship takes root. Remaining close to what we once preferred at a distance, we can journey to places we never thought possible and do things we never thought we could do. Strengthened by Divine friendship and encouraged by its life-giving power, we can say "here I am, send me!" when God asks, "whom shall I send?" Sin and fear no longer are of concern to the one who remains close to God in a bond of trust.

ST. JOSEPHINE
BAKHITAFEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 8

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

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