

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 309 AVENUE F, MATAMORAS, PA 18336 PH 570-491-2618 or 570-491-4404
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12:00 PM	Feb. 22	Mary Rita Cortright requested by Tina Hess
Tuesday		Feb. 23	NO MASS
Wednesday		Feb. 24	NO MASS
Thursday	12:00 PM	Feb. 25	Jill Chant Jones requested by Tina Hess
Friday		Feb. 26	NO MASS
Saturday	4:00 PM	Feb. 27	Peggy Klotz requested by Rosemary & Steve Babey
Sunday	8:30 AM	Feb. 28	For The People of St. Joseph's Parish
Sanctuary Candle		2/21 – 2/27	In Memory of Robert Blackman requested by The Bensley Family

“THE LIGHT IS ON “ CONFESSIONS: Beginning Monday, February 22nd and every Monday during Lent. Confessions will be heard from 6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Chapel/Cry Room. We will provide disinfectant wipes as you are asked to clean in and around the areas that you sit. Thank you for your understanding.

VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be posted to our website beginning Thursday, February 18th and will be available for your viewing anytime during Lent. A printable version of Stations of the Cross is also accessible.

CRS RICE BOWL: The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger. Through our **prayer**, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we **fast**, we encounter the obstacles that stop us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we **give alms**, we share what we have with others. This Lent CRS Rice Bowl takes us to three countries—Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste. Hunger and malnutrition, which happens when we don't get the right amount of nutrients, are challenges that too many families face each day. One out of every 10 people worldwide don't have enough to eat. Sometimes this is caused by natural disasters like floods and droughts. Other times, families don't have enough money to buy the food they need, or the food they can get doesn't have all the vitamins and minerals they need to stay healthy. CRS helps communities find solutions to each of these problems. Farming families learn new skills and grow stronger, healthier harvests. Communities train health care workers so children can get regular check-ups and parents can learn new nutritious recipes to make sure their families get a balanced diet. People in vulnerable areas prepare for unpredictable weather that could destroy crops. Jesus calls us to help those in need. Our Lenten prayers, fasting and sacrificial gifts help us answer this call. Pick up your families Rice bowl at the exits of the Church.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS: Not By Bread Alone by Mary DeTurrís Poust & Word On Fire by Bishop Robert Barron are daily reflection booklets for Lent 2021 and are available for you to take home at the back exit of the Church. These booklets include Scripture readings and meditations that can help deepen your Lenten experience.

WARMING STATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!: The Tri-State Warming Station in Port Jervis opened for the fifth season to provide shelter for those in need. The need in our community is very real, and this year—with all the extra work and care required to operate safely in a pandemic—the Warming Station truly needs all the help it can get. Please consider getting involved by volunteering. More information is available at www.mealtrain.com/trains/m7y677

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](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsmatamoraspa) and on Twitter [@stjosephs_pa](https://twitter.com/stjosephs_pa) OR [@stjoes_ccd](https://twitter.com/stjoes_ccd). Also visit our Diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org for more resources.

ONLINE GIVING: If your circumstances permit, we ask you to kindly continue your generous support of our parish during the Pandemic. Your offerings make a huge impact on being able to pay our monthly bills. If you are interested in online giving, please visit our website and click on WeShare. We are grateful to you for your continued generosity.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 8:30am. We will still be social distancing, wearing face masks, and sitting in the seats marked with the “X”. If you are not quite ready to attend Mass inside the Church remain in your car and tune into **99.1 FM** to listen to Mass from your car radio. Mass is available for viewing on our website. Thank you for your patience during this pandemic.

DAILY MASS / CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE: Daily Mass is held Monday's and Thursday's at **12:00 noon**. In addition to “The Light is On”, **CONFESSIONS** are also being heard by appointment. Please call the Rectory to arrange a time with Father Joseph.