

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00am to 2:00pm

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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		

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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

Remembering
Dec. 16 - Dec 22



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS:

Again this year the Poinsettia's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. 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 of your Parish or at your Parish Office. Deadline is December 18th. A list of the Memorials will be inserted in the Bulletin at each Parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF MATAMORAS & MILFORD:

The Knights of Columbus will be selling the 2025 Lottery Calendars for \$20 until the end of this year. You can purchase one after Masses in either parish or by contacting one of our members. This fundraiser supports our scholarship fund as well as many local charities.

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 18336 for St. Joseph's or 18337 for Saint Patrick's.

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.

MONDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

William Fontana Sr.
Clementina Hess

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Tom Garrabrant

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Mary and George
Clearwater

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Olga Christine
Hastings

Lena Fitzpatrick

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Margaret Cordisco

The Family

5:30pm (SP)

Moglia Family

Emil and Arlean
Moglia

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

The People of St.
Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

Louis Juers
Christine Allen

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 21/22, 24/25

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Diana Sierra

Eucharistic Minister

Michele Bensley

Christmas Eve

*CCD Children, Lector
Michele & Neal Bensley, EM*

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Ed Gutierrez

Eucharistic Minister

Cristin Cavallaro

Christmas Day

*Terry McDonough, Lector
Linda Romano, EM*

Milford Senior Care

*December 15th
Linda Romano*

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility

*January 12
Debbie Roa*

December 15 - December 21

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Jane Helms

By

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

*December 8, 2024
\$TBA*

(Bulletin Deadline Before Count)

Thank you for your generosity!

IN MEMORIUM:

Please keep in your prayers the Soul of Parishioner **Jane Helms**, who passed away last week. May all the Souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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 Family & Pregnancy Center distribute baby items to needy families in our area. If you wish to participate just take an ornament (made by our CCD Classes) 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!

2025 CALENDARS:

2025 Calendars graciously donated by our local Funeral Homes are available at all entrances of the Church. Take one home!

COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next coffee social will be Sunday, 1/19/2025, immediately following the 8:30am Mass. Freshly baked goods will be available including everyone's favorite **Bagels!** There will also be individually wrapped treats, fresh fruit, Coffee, tea, juices, and bottled water and at least one sugar-free item!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$23,046.00. Pledges to date: **\$30,450.00 132%**. To those who have already pledged 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, Vocations, Faith Formation, and Parish Life.

ROSARY AND TEA:

We will resume after the Holidays. 1/29/25.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

We are in need of Altar Servers. If your child has already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and is interested in serving our parish as an altar server please see Deacon Mike or Deacon Tom or call the parish office 570-491-2618. Adult 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

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
December 21/22, 24/25

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector 12/21
Annette Petry
Christmas Eve
Angelica Barcia

Eucharistic Ministers 12/21
Pat Boyle
Christmas Eve
Donna Hersca
Pat Corcoran
Janet Finnerty
Pat Boyle

Sunday 11:00am

Lector 12/22
Cheryl McCarthy
Christmas Day
Jack Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers 12/22
Midge Curreri
Christmas Day
Karen Loeschorn
Annette Petry

Children's Faith Formation:

12/15- Class

12/22- Class

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

Weekly Collection
December 1st, 2024
\$2375.00

Mortgage Offertory
December 1st, 2024
\$772.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE ANGEL TREE: The tree is now decorated, and in the Narthex with gift tags for Pike County area children. Please consider making a child's Christmas bright. Please bring all gifts back to the Narthex by December 15th with the tag attached to outside of the gift. **PLEASE DO NO WRAP THE GIFTS**, you can put the gifts in gift bags with tissue paper but please do not wrap the gifts. We cannot collect any later than December 15th so please remember if you take a tag to bring it back. Thank you so much for your generosity!

LEGION OF MARY: Please join the St. Patrick's Legion of Mary every Tuesday at 11:20 to pray the Holy Rosary and every Wednesday at 11:00 for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy being prayed at 11:15. These community prayers are followed by the celebration of Mass at 12:00 noon on both days.

DONATION DRIVE: St. Patrick's Legion of Mary will be sponsoring a "Season of Giving" donation drive during the season of Advent to benefit the Tri-State Pregnancy Center. There is a poster with more details along with a collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to support families who have the faith and courage to choose life despite the challenges they may face.

FIRST FRIDAY: Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Communion service will be prayed on Friday January 3rd at 12:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY: Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Communion Service will be held on Saturday January 4th at 12 noon.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL HAS BEEN MET!!:

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$20,273.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 46,391.40 228.83%**. To those who have already pledged **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! WE MADE OUR GOAL!** Remember that 75% of all donations over our goal comes back to our parish!!

WEBSITE:

Please visit our revamped website, www.saintpatricksmilford.com for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates.

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.

ONLINE GIVING:

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St. Patrick's Parish Mission Statement:

The people of St. Patrick's are devoted 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 with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to know, love and serve God. All are welcome to participate in the spiritual and social life of our Parish family.

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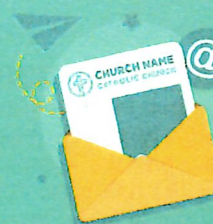
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