

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick

St. Joseph

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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
March 31 - April 6

THE "LIGHT IS ON" CONFESSIONS:

Every Monday 5:30pm - 6:15pm at St. Patrick's and 6:45pm - 7:30pm at St. Joseph's.

"MEN OF THE WORLD" BIBLE STUDY:

If you feel that the world is pulling you in ways contrary to God's plan, this Bible Study is for you! It provides each of us with the opportunity to understand our role in God's story and to live out fully who He is calling us to be. Please join us in St. Patrick's Community Hall (Activities Room) every month on the 4th Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. And bring a friend!

2025 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2025 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1st, 2025. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 11, 2025. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133) or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

"COR"-HEART SPEAKS TO HEART

If you are a Catholic man looking for an opportunity to meet with other men who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, please come to our monthly "Cor" gatherings on the first Saturday of every month in St. Patrick's Activities Room from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Come join us for coffee and bagels, prayer, discussion, and friendship.

4TH ANNUAL DEACON CLIFF MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING:

Save the date for an exceptional day of golf! Monday, June 9th at the Lords Valley County Club. Sponsorship opportunities and player spots are available now. Our 2024 event sold out quickly, so reach out early and we will send you everything you need to reserve your place. Benefits go to St. Patrick's Children's Faith Formation and People Helping People. For more information contact Jack Boyle at 908-451-1206 or jackb18337@gmail.com

GOLFERS & SPONSORS:

Please save the date 05/21/2025 for a wonderful day of golf & camaraderie with your friends, as well as the opportunity to assist the local charities supported by Milford-Matamoras Knights of Columbus # 13935 by participating in the 21st annual charity golf outing, as a golfer, sponsor or a generous donor. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, prizes, a good day to enjoy life. A poster will follow soon .

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)

Steven Quinn

Jim & Maureen Farr

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Sean Gorham

The Gorham Family

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Camille Colantonio

Annette Petry

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Angel Gardner

Clementina Hess

FRIDAY

SJ & SP

Stations of the Cross

6:30pm

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

The People of

St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

Peter Saunders

Pat and Ken

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

William Mickley

Anna & Cliff Blackman

11:00am (SP)

Mary Schaub

*Paul & Bonnie
Schatteman*

4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 5/6

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Pat McCooley

Eucharistic Minister

Neal Bensley

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Diana Sierra

Eucharistic Minister

Linda Romano

Milford Senior Care

April 20, 2025

Linda Romano

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility

April 13, 2025

Cristin Cavallaro

March 30- April 5

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Nellie Manarchuck

By

Michele & Neal Bensley

Weekly Offering

March 23, 2025

\$ 2,630.50

Thank you for your generosity!

THE "LIGHT IS ON" CONFESSIONS:

Every Monday Evening at St. Joseph's from 6:45pm - 7:30pm, and from 5:30pm - 6:15pm at St. Patrick's Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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

LENTEN DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS/RICE BOWLS:

"Not by Bread Alone" 2025, Daily Reflections Booklet for Lent is available at all entrances of the Church. These booklets include Scripture readings and meditations that can help deepen your Lenten experience. The Lenten Rice Bowls can also be found at all entrances to the Church. Take one home!

COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next coffee social will be Sunday, 5/18, 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!

BACCALAUREATE:

In preparation for Baccalaureate on June 1st, please contact Anna Blackman at 717-809-0927 if your son/daughter is a high school Senior.

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?:

St. John Neumann's Bereavement/Grief Ministry is a support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. A six-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help. All meetings will be held at St. John Neumann's Parish Hall, 705 Route 739, Hawley, PA beginning on **Monday, April 14, 2025 through Monday, May 19, 2025** from 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more info, please call 570-775-6791 or email us at stvgriefgroup@att.net.

BE A CATHOLIC MAN:

Be A Catholic Man, Men's Lenten Retreat on Friday April 4/5 in Dalton at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center (our old seminary). The Theme is "Be Imitators of Christ" Our guest speaker John Edward's presentations are powerful and will encourage men to step up in their faith walk. The retreat includes opportunity for confession, adoration, stations of the cross and Mass. Register on the Diocesan website. The cost is \$100 including lodging at the center and meals on Saturday. Note that dinner will not be served on Friday night. We are praying for a big turnout!

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

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)

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
April 5/6

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Pat Corcoran

Eucharistic Ministers

Janet Finnerty

Sunday 11:00sm

Lector

Cheryl McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers

Karen Loeschorn

Children's Faith Formation:

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

*You may have the
Sanctuary Candle burn*

*In Memory
of a loved one.
Please call the Parish
Office to make arrange-
ments.*

Weekly Collection

March 16th 2025
\$1740.00

Mortgage Offertory
March 16th, 2025
\$522.00

Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY WALK OF THE CROSS

The Milford United Methodist Church, and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, in Milford Boro, are planning a 2nd Annual Community Walk of the Cross on Good Friday Morning (April 18th). They are once again inviting the Catholic congregation to join with them in an Ecumenical worship. The walk will begin at 10 am, at the Good Shepherd Church (across from Ann St. Park). Stops will be made along the main streets of the Boro, with readings done at each stop. Saint Patrick's church will be one of the stops. The final stop will be the United Methodist Church. If you would like to participate in the Walk, please contact the church office (570 296 7451), ask for Deacon Tom, and leave your name and number with the church secretary.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Saint Patrick's plays Bingo every Saturday night in the Parish Hall. More volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. Please contact Rich after Mass or by email: bingo@saintpatricksmilford.com. Or you may call the Parish Office and leave your contact information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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

COFFEE AND CHAT:

Our next coffee and chat will be on Sunday April 6th in the Narthex after the 11:00am mass, all are welcome!

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.

ST. PATRICKS KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS:

The group meets on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. You don't need to be an experienced knitter or crocheter to join us. You can learn from members, and we have supplies of yarn on hand. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570-296-8363.

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:

If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website www.saintpatricksmilford.com and click WeShare or scan the QR code. We are grateful for your continued generosity.



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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