

# St. Patrick & St. Joseph



**St. Patrick**



**St. Joseph**

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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 After the 12:00pm  
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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*We respectfully ask that all observe a reverent silence and appropriate dress*



# The Catholic Communities of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

Remembering  
Dec 8 - Dec 14



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Monday 12/8 12noon at St. Joseph's and 7:00pm at St. Patrick's.

**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 21st. A list of the Memorials will be inserted in the Bulletin at each Parish.

**TEPEYAC FIESTA FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** Our Lady's Fiesta Committee is making plans for our annual Fiesta for The Virgin of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12 at 6:30 pm. We will have music, (Spanish style), prayers in Spanish/English, a beautiful Mass celebration, a narrative of the Miracle of La Guadalupana, and a reception following the 6:30 evening Mass. Volunteers are needed! We will need greeters, donations of finger foods, helpers to serve food and coffee. If you have ideas, if you can help in any way, large or small, please join us by calling the Parish Office at 570-296-7451, e-mail us at [patssec@ptd.net](mailto:patssec@ptd.net), or call Pat Corcoran at 570- 409-9089, Annette Petry at 845-283-7228, or Maureen Burns at 570-441-7466. Muchas Gracias!

**GOD NEVER SAYS "NO"...** Join the *Deanery Choir* for an inspiring service of healing and renewal today, Sunday, December 7, 2PM at St. John Neumann Church in Lord's Valley, PA. **Fr. Ed Casey** will be joined by members of the clergy for your personal prayer and the Laying on of Hands. Praise, Prayer, Worship and Music! All are welcome...bring a friend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Knights of Columbus will be selling 2026 Lottery Calendars at each Mass. You can also purchase one from a member. The profits from this fundraiser support local charities including but not limited to, the Food Pantry, local scholarships, Tri State Pregnancy Center as well as both Parishes. Please consider supporting this fundraiser.

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION NIGHT:** Please join the Knights of Columbus on Thursday December 11th, at 7pm in St Patrick's parish hall. The topic will be: Reasons to believe. How to counter atheist objections to belief in God. Please join us for this important discussion. Coffee and dessert will be served.

**BOLD & BELOVED WOMEN'S RETREAT:** January 30 - February 1, 2026, Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton, PA Register at the [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) Registration closes on January 16, 2026.

## MONDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Patricia Essing

Rose & Steve Babey

7:00pm (SP)

Catherine & Joseph  
Umberto

Aideen & Bill Hansen

## TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Catherine Ambler

The Kyle Family

## WEDNESDAY

12:00 (SP)

Robert Kyle

The Kyle Family

## THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Jerry Dilger

His Parents

## FRIDAY

6:30pm (SP)

Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Mass

Deacon Cliff

Jorgenson

The Legion of Mary

## SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Bern Jablonski

Mare & Dan Bradley

5:30pm (SP)

Rev. Gerald Mullally

Pat & Ken Corcoran

## SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

The People of

St. Joseph's Church

11:00am (SP)

Rev. Gerald Mullally

The Parish Council



# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 13/14

**Saturday 4:00pm**

**Lector**

*Pat McCooey*

**Eucharistic Minister**

*Michele Bensley*

**Sunday 8:30am**

**Lector**

*Bill German*

**Eucharistic Minister**

*Anna Blackman*

**Milford Senior Care**

*December 21*

*Carol Cordova*

**DV Nursing/Rehab Facility**

*December 14*

*Pat McCooey*

*December 7 - December 13*

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns*

*In Memory*

*of*

*Walter Marcial*

*by*

*Susan Skidmore*

**Weekly Offering**

*November 23, 2025*

*\$2,959.03*

*November 30, 2025*

*\$2,577.0*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **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 off the tree and purchase the item printed on the back and return the gift to the Cradle, no need to wrap! Again, we thank you for your continued support!

## **"WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE" 2025-2026 ADVENT BOOKLETS:**

Please remember to take home your copy of "Waiting In Joyful Hope" Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas. The Booklets are available at all entrances to the Church.

## **ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM:**

Come out and join our team. The food pantry continues to help 70-100 families every Friday. Our team donates time one Friday evening, once a month. We stock shelves, hand out groceries and carry shopping bags to their cars. Anyone interested in coming out to lend a hand, please call Clare Nied 570-296-2506.

## **THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT MADONNA #114:**

St. Nicholas Faire Sunday, December 7th 9:30am - 2:00pm. Vendors, Christmas Crafts, Bake Sale, Raffles, Christmas Photos. Lunch will be available for purchase. St. Mary's Hall 48 Ball Street, Port Jervis.

## **ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:**

We are in need of Altar Servers. If you have a child that has already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and is interested in serving our parish as an altar server please reach out to Deacon Mike or Deacon Tom or call the parish office. **Adults** are welcome!!!

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:**

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$24,484.00 Pledges to date: **\$31,376.00 128%** 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.

## **SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!:**

Sign up to be a Bell Ringer! November 21 - December 24. for more information please call 845-856-3214 Ext 200. or email [scott.swires@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:scott.swires@use.salvationarmy.org)

## **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](mailto:zimmermanna@stifel.com)

## **WEBSITE:**

Please visit our website, [www.stjosephsmatamoras.com](http://www.stjosephsmatamoras.com) for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates. You can also follow us on Facebook at @stjosephsmatamoraspa

## **ONLINE GIVING:**

If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website [www.stjosephsmatamoras.com](http://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 13/14

**Saturday 5:30pm**

### **Lector**

*Karen & Guilianna*

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

*Pat Boyle*

**Sunday 11:00sm**

### **Lector**

*3rd Graders*

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

*Karen Loeschorn*

### **Children's Faith Formation:**

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

*December 7 - December 13  
The Sanctuary Candle  
burns*

*In Memory of  
Rev. Gerald F.  
Mullally*

*Given by:  
Pastoral Council*

### **Weekly Collection**

November 16th, 2025  
\$2381.00

### **Mortgage Offertory**

November 16th, 2025  
\$696.00  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:**

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$22,402.00 Pledges to date: **\$45,707.00, 204.03%**. 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.

## **ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:**

Thanks to all who have contributed food over the summer months. The donations for June, July and August were very generous. Since January, we've seen a significant increase in families using the Pantry. This, coupled with a 20% cut in our food supply from government-funded sources, makes it difficult to meet the weekly demand for food. More cuts are anticipated in the future.

Please remember those neighbors who have food insecurity when you shop. You can donate by mailing a check to: Ecumenical Food Pantry, 321 5<sup>th</sup> St. Milford, Pa. 18337. You can put food items in the donation box in our Narthex. You can contact the Food pantry at pikefoodpantry@gmail.com if you have questions. You can volunteer your time to serve at the pantry by calling Sue Anne Vogelsberg at 914-391-2688 and leaving your name as a potential volunteer. Thank you for caring and sharing!

## **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.

## **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.

## **"MEN OF THE WORD" 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 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!

## **ONLINE GIVING:**

If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website [www.saintpatricksmilford.com](http://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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