

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	March 01	Gus DeMuzio requested by The Williams Family
Tuesday		March 02	NO MASS
Wednesday		March 03	NO MASS
Thursday	12:00 PM	March 04	Helen Guider requested by Anne Dilger
Friday		March 05	NO MASS
Saturday	4:00 PM	March 06	Michael Garrimone requested by Maureen Garrimone
Sunday	8:30 AM	Feb. 28	For The People of St. Joseph's Parish
Sanctuary Candle		2/28 – 03/06	In Memory of Andy Witkowski requested by The Family

IN MEMORIUM: Please keep in your prayers, **Aimee Schanzenbacher**, a parishioner 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.

“THE LIGHT IS ON “ CONFESSIONS: Every Monday during Lent 6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Chapel. 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: is available for your viewing on our website anytime during Lent. www.stjosephsmatamoras.com. A printable version of Stations of the Cross is also available.

CRS RICE BOWL: In Madagascar, families gather to watch puppet shows that entertain and teach. They love seeing the brightly colored puppets talk to each other, tell stories and ask the crowd questions. After each show, parents leave with new information to help their families. Half of all children in Madagascar are undernourished, meaning they don't have enough nutritious food to stay healthy. Parents want their children to grow up healthy and strong, and the puppet shows give them new knowledge they can use right away to make sure that happens. Community health workers trained by CRS use the puppets to teach families about how doctor visits, hand washing and *rainbow* foods—different colored foods like tomatoes and carrots that have important vitamins and nutrients—are necessary to stay healthy. Frankline and Labaladezy have eight children. Their youngest child, Thorin, is almost a year old. While Frankline was pregnant with Thorin, she and her husband Labaladezy watched the puppet shows and learned new ways to support Thorin's growth and development. When Thorin was born, his parents fed him different, more nutritious foods and took him to the health center for regular check-ups. Thorin is growing a lot and is reaching all his developmental milestones. Frankline is happy her youngest son is doing so well, and she sees the positive effects of their new rainbow diet on the rest of the family. She says, “I dream that my children will stay healthy. I hope that Thorin may become a doctor or a leader in our community.” Every parent wants their children to reach their full potential, and CRS is helping make sure they can do just that. Please pick up your families Rice bowl as you exit the Church.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS: Not By Bread Alone by Mary DeTurris Poust & Word On Fire by Bishop Robert Barron are available for you to take home. 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) 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE: Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Karen Sweeney @ 570-491-2228 or Tom Hogan @ 570-872-4925. If you wish you may also send the name via email to sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or tchogan@ptd.net