

Parish Community Life

Altar and Rosary Society: A women's group that meets on the first Monday of the month. The group sponsors spiritual and social affairs.

Altar Servers: All boys and girls from grades 3 through 12 are welcome and encouraged to serve Mass. They bear the cross during the procession, assist with incense, bring the Sacramentary to the priest for the Opening Prayer and Prayer after Communion, set the altar, assist with bringing the gifts to the altar and washing of the hands.

Senior Acolytes: Men and Women who assist at the celebration of Funeral liturgies. Anyone interested in this ministry is asked to call the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharist Ministers primary role is to assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful in Holy Communion. Training is provided by the Diocese's Office of Parish Life. They also, at times, bring the Eucharist to the Homebound and to Milford Senior Care nursing facility.

Finance Council: The Finance Council consists of 5 members who are appointed by the pastor for a term of 3 years. They meet quarterly to review the finances of the parish, and advise the pastor in the areas of income and expenditures.

Food Pantry: St. Joseph participates in the Ecumenical Food Pantry located in Milford consists of 5 teams working on a rotating basis. St. Joseph's continually accepts non-perishable food to help supply and distribute every 5th Friday from 6-8:30pm.

Knights of Columbus: Our Knights of Columbus Council #13935 Pope John Paul II meets on the second Thursday of each month at St. Patrick's Hall in Milford at 7:30pm. The Council consists of Catholic gentlemen of both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's and is true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. To become a member is to serve your parish in the spirit of Jesus Christ, according to the charisms of the Council Charter.

Lectors: The lectors are invited from young adult to adults. This ministry is rightfully open to all the baptised. Please consider it. Training sessions are held with Father Walsh and the assistance of Mr. James Burnett.

Parish Council: The Parish Council serves as advisors to the pastor and meet each month to service the needs and direction of the Parish. If you are interested in serving on the council please respond at the time of application for nomination.

Social Justice Committee: This committee is in the process of being formed for the purpose of collaboration and coordination among the five Pike County Parishes so that more efficient and effective delivery of services may be available to all in need.

Ushers: Our Parish Ushers welcome everyone as they enter the Church for Mass with a warm smile, introducing strangers, assisting those with special needs, helping individuals find a seat if the church is crowded and caring for any needs as they arise. During Mass, ushers coordinate the flow of people, take up the collection, find gift bearers, and assist with the flow of Communion.

Ministry of Hospitality: This committee is in the process of being formed. Anyone interested in this ministry is asked to call the Parish Office.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation at St. Joseph's is for everyone, whether you are just beginning the faith journey or a veteran. Join us and discover more about your faith or how to better connect it to your daily life.

ADULT CHOIR - The adult choir enhances the music at the 9 am Mass. New members are always welcome.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA - The CDA is a vibrant organization whose members, from all walks of life and all age groups, work diligently to strengthen family life, promote educational opportunities, aid our sister parishes, and help those less fortunate. United in sisterhood, we raise funds to help unwed mothers and award scholarships, we offer local bus trip and international trips to fund charitable projects, we sponsor the National Education Writing Contest to help young people develop their ability to publicly defend their faith, to name a few of our projects. Whatever talent you have, it will find expression and opportunity to grow in a welcoming, loving community of Catholic women, Women of Faith Making a Difference.”
Our local chapter is run through St. Mary's Church in Port Jervis, NY

PRAYER CIRCLE - We maintain a prayer circle which begins when an individual is in need. Our members call one another and pray together for the intentions of the prayer. This is an opportunity for us to help each other through the power of prayer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Religious instruction program (CCD) for the children of our parish offers classes from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. The program begins in September and runs through April. In addition to the weekly classes, classes are also provided for sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Registration is in the spring for the upcoming fall classes.

RCIA - (The Rite of Christina Initiation of Adults) is a process the church uses to prepare adults to enter the Catholic faith and receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. If you are willing to serve on the RCIA team, please contact the rectory.

RETREAT - Is held annually in the spring by the 5 parishes of Pike County

SAINT PATRICK'S/SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY – This group consists of the youth from St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Parishes and meet once a month at St. Patrick's Hall, Milford. It is open to youth in grades 9 – 12. A Middle School Age Youth Group has also been formed. Anyone interested in joining either group should contact the Parish Office.

YOUTH CHOIR – Sing at the Sunday, 9:00am Mass every 1st and 3rd week of the month. They practice one weekday each week beginning September thru May in the Church. New members are most welcome!