

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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9:30am to 1:30pm

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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	To Be Announced
Thursday	
St. Patrick	11:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday	

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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 Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 3/4

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Michele Bensley</i>
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Bill German</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Carol Cordova</i>
Milford Senior Care <i>December 18th</i> <i>Carol Cordova</i>

Nov. 27th - Dec. 3rd
The Sanctuary Candle
burns
In Memory of
Anna Rizzitano
By
Elizabeth Kowal

Weekly Offering

November 20, 2022
\$3756.50

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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 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!

MARY, A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER:

An exploration of the life and work and meaning of Mary the Mother of Jesus. Session #2 will be at St. Patrick's Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 7:00pm and be repeated at **St. Joseph's on Tuesday, December 6th at 3:30pm.** Please contact Clare Nied at 570-296-2506 with any questions!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:

Will meet **Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 2:00pm** in the multipurpose room. We will say the Rosary and have a mini **Afternoon Tea.** All are Welcome! Simple and Sweet! Come join us and meet the Ladies of our parish. Please call to register so we know how many to plan for. Call Clare Nied 570-296-2506 Thank you!

KIDS AND COOKIES:

Parents and your kids come join us making cookies on **Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 10:00am** in the multipurpose room. Just for fun and chat. Reservations are required so we know how many to plan for. Call Clare Nied 570-296-2506 Thank you!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$37,000.00.** To date our pledges total **\$29,815.00!! 81%** To those who have already pledged THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! If you haven't made a pledge yet we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember that 75% of all money over our goal comes back to our parish!! The Annual Appeal helps support Catholic Social Services, Clergy Formation, and Parish Life plus the Tri-State Pregnancy Center and The Food Pantry right here in Pike County!

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST:

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly is sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Any high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior who is a practicing Catholic of St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's, St. Vincent De Paul's, St. John Neumann's, or St. Ann's parish can apply. Applications can be found with the parish secretary or you can email AntonioCPerito@gmail.com to obtain an application. This year's theme is "How do Catholic values affect you, your family, community, and nation". The essay must be between 500 to 750 words, and will be graded on content, style, and grammar. Three separate students will be awarded \$150 each. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Antonio Perito at (845)943-0035.

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. 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 3/4

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Jack Boyle

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

7th Grade Family Mass

Children's Faith Formation:

For information please contact Jack Boyle, DRE at

908-451-1206 or

jackb18337@gmail.com.

Faith Formation is cancelled on November 27th!

Nov. 27th - Dec 3

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Marie Gaynor

By

Caroline Pellegrino

Weekly Collection

November 13th, 2022

\$2423.00

Mortgage Offertory

November 7th, 2022

\$490.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CALL YOUR MOTHER! MEETING MARY IN MATAMORAS & MILFORD:

Have the crises of the past few years left you feeling anxious or uncertain, sometimes a little overwhelmed? Would you like to reconnect with a fun, supportive group of friends seeking new - and very old - sources of hope in our lives? This fall the communities of St. Joseph's, Matamoras and St. Patrick's, Milford will embark together on an exploration of the life and work and meaning of Mary the Mother of Jesus, for centuries an emblem of family, faith and victory. Using dynamic multimedia materials, thoughtful talk, and centered prayer, we'll seek to rediscover Mary Our Mother as a source of wisdom, peace and purpose who can change our lives right now. The next sessions will be at St. Patrick's Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 7:00pm and be repeated at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 3:30pm. Curious? Intrigued? Ready to call "Mom"? Please contact Clare Nied at 570-296-2506 with any questions or to try it for one session!

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 11th with the tag attached to outside of the gift. We cannot collect any later than December 11th so please remember to bring them back.

GREATER MILFORD SOCIAL CLUB: Thursday, December 8th, at 6pm at St. Patrick's Community Hall there will be a free dinner. All are welcome. Special presentation by Martha Dubinsky of Gait, who will be speaking about horse therapy, and how it helps the veterans and young people in the community. Along with live music. Please call Tony Perito at 845-943-0035 if you have any questions.

SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN: Anyone wishing to have prayers said for themselves or another may e-mail Tom Hogan at thogan@ptd.net or call 570-872-4925.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Baby Shower: At St. Patrick's during November to benefit the Tri-State Pregnancy Center. Items needed are Diapers, Baby formula, baby wipes, and toiletries, and new or gently used high chairs, cribs, and strollers. Please contact Benny Marasa with questions at 570-296-5564.

KRIS KRINGLE 5K RUN AND FUN WALK: The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Run and Fun Walk to benefit local charities. On December 10th, 8:45am, at Airport Park in Matamoras. Pre-Register by November 25th for \$25. Contact Chris Brighton or Tony Perito for registration forms JBright2@optonline.net or AntoniocCPerito@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY: Please join us for our Children's Christmas Party, December 11th immediately following the 11:00 mass. Children are invited to come in their favorite Christmas pajamas! We will have Christmas crafts, Minute to Win it games, family photo opportunities, food, a hot chocolate bar, a Christmas Movie, and more! If you'd like to volunteer setting up, helping with crafts/games, cleaning up, or have any fun ideas please call Shannen at 570-296-7451.

FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA: Join us for the First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Communion Service, Friday, December 2nd at 12:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY NOVENA: Join us for the First Saturday Novena to the Miraculous Medal of our Blessed Mother and Communion

Service, Saturday, December 3rd at 12:00pm.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Patrick's Parish

is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and vibrant area of northeastern Pennsylvania. As disciples, we dedicate ourselves 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, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to know, love and serve God. We strive to promote a culture of love and respect for all human life and for the beautiful world in which we live. We welcome all people to participate in the spiritual and social life of our parish family.

Remembering
Nov. 28th – Dec 4th

Monday
12:00pm (SJ)
Communion Service

Tuesday
12:00pm (SP)
Communion Service

Wednesday
12:00pm (SP)
Communion Service

Thursday
12:00pm (SJ)
Communion Service

Friday
NO MASS

Saturday
4:00PM (SJ)
Rev. Casimir Stanis and
The Deceased Members of the
Pugatorial Society

5:30PM (SP)
Edward Petry
Annette Petry

Sunday
8:30am (SJ)
Donna Crawford
Jim & Ellen Burnett

11:00 (SP)
Margie Arcarola
From Family

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Whether it is the surgeon performing an operation or the pilot directing a flight, one expects them to be alert. When we entrust our lives to someone, we presume that they will attend to them with the utmost care and vigilance. If we have this expectation of others, why would we not have it of ourselves? Our lives are precious vessels on an eternal journey. We can only stay afloat and on the course because of God's love and mercy. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. God's word transforms all that it touches, even a lukewarm heart. Let us seek God's grace this Advent season so that we can walk more fully in His light. Then, finding ourselves more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful, we will be eager and well prepared to meet our Lord when He comes. Why would we not want to be ready, awake, and watchful for the One we have waited for so long?



ST. ANDREW

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 30

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

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