

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 11:00am-12:00pm
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 Communities of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: The 2024 National March for Life will take place on January 19th in Washington DC. This year's theme is "With every woman, with every child". Tony Perito has a 15 passenger van going down to DC on the day of the event. If you are interested in lending your voice to the voiceless in Washington DC at the National March for Life please reach out to St. Patrick's parish office to add your name to the contact list.

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 18th. A list of the Memorials will be inserted in the December 24th Bulletin at each Parish.

GET IN-FORMED ABOUT FORMED!

Did you know that every member of our parish has free access to FORMED.Org, the premier Catholic streaming service? FORMED, sometimes called the Catholic Netflix, offers over 10,000 movies, streaming series, videos, audio books and more. It's easy to claim your free account today! Simply go to FORMED.org and click the button saying you are signing up as a parishioner (this makes it free to your whole family). You'll be prompted to give the name of "St Patrick's and St Josephs Parish" and your email. FORMED will send you a one-time link to your email for your first login. After that, you'll be automatically logged in for subsequent visits with no annoying password to remember. You can repeat this process for up to three devices per email address if you want to have free access for your whole family to all of FORMED on different devices. Need help navigating FORMED? Want an easy tutorial on how to get the most out of your free account? Email Mark Costello, FORMED Coordinator, at mcostellony@gmail.com.

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER:

Ladies! You're invited to a TSPC Women's Group! Every Thursday at 10:30 am at the Center. A Group to help care for our spirits, souls and bodies. For all ladies 17 and up. Babies and Children are welcome!

DANIEL AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER:

St. Vincent de Paul Church has secured optimal tickets to see this new production Of Daniel. The production begins in March of 2024, and we have planned to see this new production on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The all-inclusive cost of this experience is \$210 per person. This will include the chartered bus to Lancaster, tickets to the show, and dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Tickets are limited and will be available on a First come First served basis. The bus will leave the lower parking lot of St. Vincent de Paul at approximately 10:30 am and return no later than 11 pm. To reserve your spot, please call St. Vincent's Parish Office 570-686-4545. Payment MUST accompany all reservations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOSEPH'S

JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL: The Knights of Columbus #13935 will be selling Lottery Calendars before and after each Mass from now until the end of the year. They are still only \$20.00 and all proceeds go to support many local charities, AND scholarships for our graduates. You have 365 chances to win! They make great stocking stuffers for Christmas! Calendars can also be purchased from any K of C Member. Thank you for your support!



Remembering

Dec. 18 - Dec. 24

MONDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Peter & Linda Kozak

Susan Skidmore

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Jackie Casmay

Her son Steve

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

John & Eileen
Mullaney

Aideen & Bill Hansen

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

John F. Hess

Clementina Hess

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Margaret Cordisco

The Family

5:30pm (SP)

The Moglia Family

Emil & Arlene Moglia

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

For The People of
St. Joseph's Church

11:00am (SP)

David Genovese

Lorraine Ambrose

Christmas Eve

4:00pm (SJ)

For The People of
St. Joseph's Church

6:00pm (SP)

For the People of
St. Patrick's Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 23/24/25

Saturday 4:00pm 12/23

Lector

Anna Blackman

Eucharistic Minister

Chuck Pike

Christmas Eve 12/24 4:00pm

Lector TBA

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele & Neal Bensley

Christmas Day 12/25 8:30am

Lector Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Linda Romano

Sunday 8:30am 12/24

Lector

Janet Bright

Eucharistic Minister

Larry Marcial

Milford Senior Care

December 17th

Linda Romano

December 17 - December 23

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

John F. Hess

By

The Family

Weekly Offering

December 10, 2023
\$TBA

(Bulletin Deadline before count)

**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 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!

"WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE" 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.

CCD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed during the 8:30am Mass for a new children's liturgy program. Kids will go to multi purpose room during readings and homily where a volunteer will lead a discussion/activity geared toward children, then return for Communion. (We provide all the materials!) Volunteers can make a schedule of when they want to do this. Please email Cristin Cavallaro at cjc5@optonline.net if you're interested. Children and young families are the future of our parish-please prayerfully consider giving them some time this year. Thank you.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$37,000.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 24,633.00 67%**. 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 donations over our goal comes back to our parish!! The Appeal helps support Catholic Social Services, Clergy Formation, Faith Formation, and Parish Life plus The Tri-State Pregnancy Center and our local Food Pantry.

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

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 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 23/24

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Diane Dennis

Eucharistic Ministers

Donna Hersca

Sunday 11:00am and 6:00pm

Lector

11am *Ray Proulx*

6pm *Angelica Barcia*

Eucharistic Ministers

11am *Kate Burns*

6pm *Pat Boyle*

Pat Corcoran

Janet Finnerty

Monday 12/25 11:00am

Lector

Cheryl McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers

Karen Loeschorn

Annette Petry

Kate Burns

CCD Upcoming dates:

12/24-Christmas Pageant at 6pm

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

December 3rd, 2023

\$3487.00

Mortgage Offertory

December 3rd, 2023

\$944.00

Thank you for your generosity!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$33,000.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 25,810.00 78.21%**. 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 donations over our goal comes back to our parish!! The Appeal helps support Catholic Social Services, Clergy Formation, Faith Formation, and Parish Life plus The Tri-State Pregnancy Center and our local Food Pantry.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD: Every Sunday at the 11:00am Mass, elementary aged children, who wish to participate, will be excused before the readings and go to the parish hall, for a discussion/activity geared toward children. This will provide them with a focused environment where they are more likely to become conscious, active listeners and responders to God's Word. The children will then return at the offertory. Any child younger than 5 years old will need to be accompanied by a parent.

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 except for December. Please join us as we pray for an increase in vocations to consecrated religious life and your own personal intentions. **We will not have Adoration in December.**

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Saint Patrick's plays Bingo every Saturday night in the Parish Hall. We recently celebrated a very successful 1st year. 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.

OFFERINGS BY CHECK: Due to a new bookkeeping system, when making out checks to Saint Patrick's for multiple accounts, please make out separate checks for each account. (ex: 1 separate check for Saint Patricks, 1 separate check for Saint Patrick's Building Account, 1 separate check for Saint Patrick's Emergency Fund) This includes all the special envelopes for the Diocesan collections as well. We are sorry for any inconvenience and we appreciate all of your support

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:

As 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.

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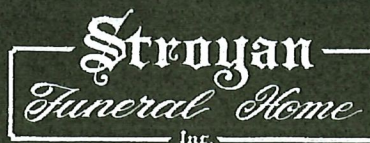
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