

# St. Patrick & St. Joseph



**St. Patrick**



**St. Joseph**

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10:00am to 2pm

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

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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  
March 26/27

<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Pat McCooley</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Cristin Cavallaro</i>
<b>Altar Servers</b> *****
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b> <i>Terry McDonough</i>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
<b>Altar Server</b> *****
<b>Milford Senior Care</b> <i>March 20th</i> <i>Debbie Roa</i>

3/20-3/26  
*The Sanctuary Candle*  
*burns*  
*In Memory of*  
*Grace Ricciardi*  
*By*  
*Michele & Neal Bensley*

Weekly Offering

March 13, 2022  
\$ 2118.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**AUTHENTIC LISTENING IS AN ACT OF LOVE**

Pope Francis has invited the Church to gather and to listen to each and every Catholic. What has been your experience of the Church? What do you most love about the Church? What breaks your heart about the Church? Please be part of one of our remaining in-person listening sessions: **Sunday, March 20, 1:00** or **Saturday, March 26, noon**. (RSVPs are requested to [stjosephparishcouncilpa@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephparishcouncilpa@gmail.com) to help with planning.)

**SYNOD SURVEY AVAILABLE THRU MARCH 31**

If you haven't already done so, please also prayerfully consider answering the diocese's online survey at [dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality](http://dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality).

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETS MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

The parish council's monthly meeting will be held virtually via Zoom this month, and all interested parishioners are invited to attend and participate. You can receive the meeting link by emailing [stjosephparishcouncilpa@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephparishcouncilpa@gmail.com).

**NOT POCKET CHANGE BUT CHANGE OF HEART!**

If you're not familiar with the Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowl program, you might think it's just a cardboard bank for you to save your change during Lent. But in truth, it's a beautiful program that offers a daily calendar of reflections, videos, and activities built around prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. How can practicing these Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Pick up the CRS Rice Bowl materials and find out yourself.

**THE CHOSEN**

Come See "**The Chosen**".  
Today, 3/20/22 Episodes 5 & 6 start time 3:00pm **here at St. Joseph's**.  
The Life of Jesus of Nazareth  
3/27/22 Episodes 7 & 8 Start time 2:00pm  
All are welcome! Bring your family, (Kids 12 & Over)  
and friends! For more information call Clare Nied (570)296-2506

**LENTEN DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS**

Not by Bread Alone 2022, Daily Reflections for Lent and The Word Among Us, Daily Meditations are available at all entrances of the Church. These booklets include Scripture readings and meditations that can help deepen your Lenten experience. Take one home!

**VIRTUAL ROSARY FOR LIFE**

Last year the Diocese of Scranton assembled their first Virtual Rosary for Life to observe and honor the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. The Diocese assembled a new rosary with new (and familiar) faces for this year. While the March for Life and the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn has passed, please feel free to share the virtual rosary as a way to continue to pray for life. <https://youtu.be/UuBXRTAOWBc>

**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)

**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

March 26/27

<b>Sat. 5:30pm</b>
<b>Lector</b> Pat Corcoran
<b>Communion Ministers</b> *****
<b>Altar Servers</b> *****
<b>FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES</b>
Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, 3/26/22, 10am-2pm
<b>Sunday 11:00am</b>
<b>Lector</b> Cody Sebring
<b>Communion Minister</b> *****
<b>Altar Servers</b> *****

*You may have the  
Sanctuary Candle burn  
In Memory  
of a loved one.  
Please call the Parish Office  
to make arrangements.*

### Weekly Collection

February 27, 2022

\$3315.00

March 6 & 13, 2022

TBA

Mortgage Offertory

February 27, 2022

\$305.00

March 6 & 13, 2022

TBA

Thank you for your generosity!

## USHERS/GREETERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Please contact the Parish Office at 570-296-7451 if you are able to assist at either the 5:30pm or 11am Masses.

## THE LIGHT IS ON CONFESSIONS

Just a reminder that Father is here every Monday evening during Lent from 5:30pm—6:15pm to hear Confessions. Confessions are also heard Tuesday and Wednesday's at 11:30am and after the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday's.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are being held on Friday evenings at 6:30pm.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$33,000.00. To date our pledges total \$25,676.00 78% \$7324.00 under our goal. To those who have already pledged THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! If you haven't it's not too late to make a pledge! 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!

## FIRST PENANCE

On February 26th 19 of our Faith Formation Students received the Sacrament of First Penance here at St. Patrick's Church. Congratulations to:

**Joseph Barcia, Emma Bauman, Michael DeMaio, Noah Eira, Harper Ganska, Charlotte Keller, Ayden McIntosh, Anaya McIntosh, Anya Nielsen, Aaron Rodgers, Jillian Sell, Jason Stierle, Theodore Stierle, Avery Stewart, Mya Terry, Emma Armandi, Jacob Rizzo, Julianna Rizzo and Liam Johnson.**

Special thanks to Catechist, Anne French, who prepared them for this Sacrament. Please keep the children and Anne in your prayers as they continue their preparation for First Holy Communion on May 1st.

**WEBSITE :** Please visit our website, [www.saintpatricksmilford.com](http://www.saintpatricksmilford.com) for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates. You can also follow us on Facebook at @Saint Patrick's Church, Milford, PA and on Twitter (@stpatmilfordpa): [Church of St Patrick \(@stpatmilfordpa\)](https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Patrick-s-Church-Milford-PA/) Twitter. Also visit our Diocesan website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) for more resources.

**SAINT PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN:** Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may e-mail to Tom Hogan at [tchogan@ptd.net](mailto:tchogan@ptd.net) or call 570-872-4925.

**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. We are grateful for your continued support.

## **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  
Mar. 21 - Mar. 27

Monday

12:00pm (SJ)  
Richard Kowal  
Clementina Hess

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)  
Mildred DiDio  
Bernadette & Brian

Wednesday

11:00am Adoration (SP)  
12:00PM Mass (SP)  
Frank Corcoran  
Pat & Ken Corcoran

Thursday

12:00PM (SJ)  
Michael Hunt Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

4:00PM (SJ)  
Arlene Herbert  
Mr. & Mrs. James Burnett

5:30pm (SP)

Barbara McCafferty  
Richie & Sue

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)  
For the People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00 (SP)

Lillian Mackensie Forbes  
Robert & Theresa Duncker

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

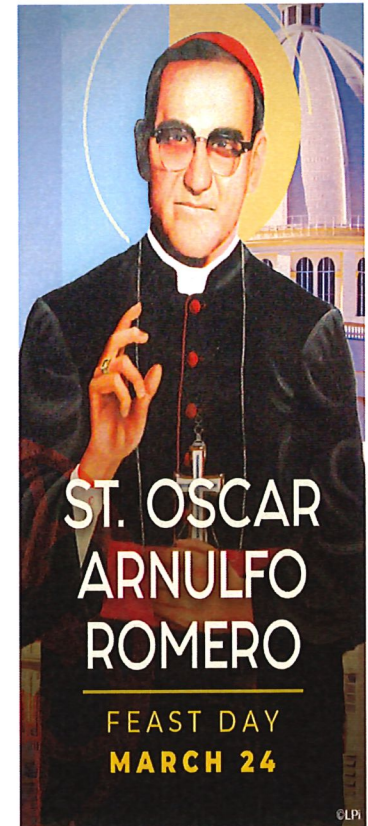
- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Wednesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Friday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.



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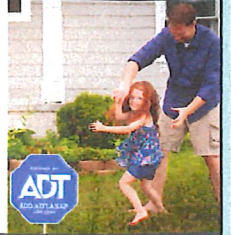
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