

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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Deacon Tom Spataro

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Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00am to 2:00pm

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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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Parish Office Hours
Monday and Thursday
10:00am to 2:00pm

CONTACT US
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For more information, contact the Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 x1100

“CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS:

With the New Year approaching, I’m sure we could all benefit from some renewal. Join us for a Day Retreat to start off the New Year by being renewed in Christ! Saturday, January 4, 2025, for ages 21-40, at Saint Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin. Doors open at 1:30pm, \$10 donation at the door. RSVP to Bridget Guarneri at familylife@dioceseofscranton.org”

PARISH OFFICES & DAILY MASS:

The Parish Offices of St. Joseph’s & St. Patrick’s will be closed December 24, 2024 thru January 1, 2025 and will reopen Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 10am. **There will be no Daily at either Parish between Christmas & New Years.** Daily Mass will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at St. Joseph’s Church at 12:00noon. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF MATAMORAS & MILFORD:

The Knights of Columbus will be selling the 2025 Lottery Calendars for \$20 until the end of this year. You can purchase one after Masses in either parish or by contacting one of our members. This fundraiser supports our scholarship fund as well as many local charities.

FORMED:

We now have free access to the “formed” app. This app will let you access thousands of Catholic video-based study programs, movies, documentaries, audio talks, and audio books. Let these materials facilitate your spiritual journey as you try to more fully understand, live and share your Catholic Faith. To access download the formed app or go to www.formed.org, from there you can sign up as a parishioner by putting in the zip code 18336 for St. Joseph’s or 18337 for Saint Patrick’s.

NOTICE REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR:

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

MONDAY

12:00pm (SJ)
NO MASS

TUESDAY

New Years Eve
4:00pm (SJ)
Kevin Cunningham
The Family

WEDNESDAY

New Years Day
12:00pm (SP)
Ron & Mabel
McMaster
Brian and Bernadette
O'Donnell

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)
Rev. Alfred J. Vito

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)
Jane Drake
The Lapriore Nieces

5:30pm (SP)

Sarah Green
Brian and Bernadette
O'Donnell

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)
The People of
St. Joseph's Parish
11:00am (SP)
Anthony Celentano
Steven & Marisa
Celentano

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 4/5

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Larry Marcial

Eucharistic Minister

Chuck Pike

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Linda Romano

Milford Senior Care

January 19th

Debbie Roa

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility

January 12th

Debbie Roa

December 29 – January 4

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St. Joseph's Altar &
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Weekly Offering

December 15, 2024
\$8214.50

December 22, 2024
\$TBA
Christmas
\$TBA

(Bulletin Deadline Before Count)

ADVENT GIVING TREE:

There is still time to purchase a gift for the Advent Giving Tree. Donations will be picked up January 9th! 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 Family & 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!

2025 CALENDARS:

2025 Calendars graciously donated by our local Funeral Homes are available at all entrances of the Church. Take one home!

COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next coffee social will be Sunday, 1/19/2025, immediately following the 8:30am Mass. Freshly baked goods will be available including everyone's favorite **Bagels!** There will also be individually wrapped treats, fresh fruit, Coffee, tea, juices, and bottled water and at least one sugar-free item!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$23,046.00. Pledges to date: **33427.00 145%**. To those who have already pledged 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, Vocations, Faith Formation, and Parish Life.

ROSARY AND TEA:

We will resume after the Holidays. 1/29/25.

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
January 04/05

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Jack Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Corcoran

Sunday 11:00sm

Lector

K & G DeMaio

Eucharistic Ministers

Karen Loeschorn

Children's Faith Formation:

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 15th, 2024
\$2374.00*

*Mortgage Offertory
December 15th, 2024
\$540.00*

Thank you for your generosity!

COFFEE AND CHAT: Please join us for coffee and chat in the Narthex after the 11:00am mass on Sunday January 12th.

THANK YOU FROM PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE: Thank you so much for all your generosity with donating toward the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Angel Tree! Your donations helped 120 local families have a Thanksgiving dinner and over 100 children get gifts on Christmas!

LEGION OF MARY: Please join the St. Patrick's Legion of Mary every Tuesday at 11:20 to pray the Holy Rosary and every Wednesday at 11:00 for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy being prayed at 11:15. These community prayers are followed by the celebration of Mass at 12:00 noon on both days.

ST. PATRICKS KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS: Our group has recently made donations of the items we have made to the Port Jervis warming center, Twin Cedars Assisted Living, and Belle Reve. Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Our last meeting before the holidays will be on December 11th. We will resume meeting on January 8th, 2025. If you would like more information about the group, please contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570-296-8363. You do not need to be experienced to join the group. You can come and learn to knit or crochet.

FIRST FRIDAY: Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Communion service will be prayed on Friday January 3rd at 12.00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY: Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Communion Service will be held on Saturday January 4th at 12 noon.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL HAS BEEN MET!!:

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$20,273.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 47,641.40 235.00%**. To those who have already pledged **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! WE MADE OUR GOAL!** Remember that 75% of all donations over our goal comes back to our parish!!

WEBSITE:

Please visit our revamped website, www.saintpatricksmilford.com for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates.

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. Please join us as we pray for an increase in vocations to consecrated religious life and your own personal intentions.

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.

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:

The people of St. Patrick's are devoted 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 with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to know, love and serve God. All are welcome to participate in the spiritual and social life of our Parish family.

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