

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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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	To Be Announced
Thursday	
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

April 9/10

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Larry Marcial</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Diana Sierra</i>
Altar Servers *****
Sunday 8:30am
Lector <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Anna Blackman</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Carol Cordova</i>
Altar Server *****
Milford Senior Care <i>April 17th</i> <i>Carol Cordova</i>
<i>April 3 - April 9</i> <i>The Sanctuary Candle</i> <i>burns</i> <i>In Memory of</i> <i>Steve Moglia</i> <i>By</i> <i>Catherine Westfall</i>

Weekly Offering

March 27, 2022
\$ 3296.00

Thank you for your generosity!

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith, **Owen Bennett**, who was Baptized here at St. Joseph's. God Bless you Owen!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

On March 10, Team Leaders Pat and Carol Cordova helped organize Team C to distribute food to 18 families. A BIG St. Joseph's "Thank You" to: Pat McCooney, Bette Pike, Mary Swartwood, Irene Yakupcin, Patrice Krause, Rhonda Prisco, and Bill Nied. The next food pantry will be April 22 with Team D, 6-8pm. Any questions call Clare Nied 570-296-2506.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

The Easter Lillie's that will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter are available to be memorialized. The Cost is \$20.00 per plant. If you would like to memorialize and Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please take one of the special "Yellow Envelopes" available at all entrances to the Church. Fill it out and return it with your payment. You may drop them into the Collection Basket or bring it to the Parish Office. If you are not able to pick up an envelope, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. A List of the Memorials will be inserted into the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Deadline is April 11th.

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?

St. Vincent de Paul and St. John Neumann church's Grief Group is a faith based support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. A six-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help. All meetings will be held in St. John Neumann's Parish Hall (Route 739 in Lords Valley) on Mondays, April 18 through May 23, 2022 from 2:00 until 3:30 PM. If you would like to attend these meetings **registration is required**. If you'd like more information/or to register please call the St. Vincent's Parish office at 570-686-4545 or email stvgriefgroup@att.net.

SPECIAL APRIL 8th STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's...Friday, April 8 at 6:30PM...Moms, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Grandmas and Grandpas ...ALL ARE WELCOME to pray the Stations of the Cross with our Children and Families. We will be using a special version of the Stations for Children that evening. And don't worry about dinner! Pizza will be provided by the Knights of Columbus following our prayer that evening. Please join us.

DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS

All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese. For reserved seating, please call David Baloga in the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 ext. 1158 or email David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org.

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

April 9/10

Sat. 5:30pm
Lector
Communion Ministers *****
Altar Servers *****
FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES
Sunday 11:00am
Lector
Communion Minister *****
Altar Servers *****

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Weekly Collection
March 27, 2022
\$2868.00

Mortgage Offertory
March 27, 2022
\$450.00

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BAPTISMAL WELCOME: We welcome into the Christian Community of Faith, **Nicholas Genovesi** and **Olivia Saccento**, who were Baptized here at St. Patrick's. God Bless you Nicholas & Olivia!

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: Children from St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's shared a truly memorable day as they celebrated their Catholic faith, and the Eucharist as the centerpiece of that faith, in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion in May. The Retreat, which featured videos, sacramental-based treasure hunt, interpretative dance, arts and crafts and prayer, was held at St. Patrick's Hall in Milford, and featured the popular and dynamic retreat leader, Kristin Travis. Ms. Travis was assisted by catechists Anne French, Mary Caraballo and Linda Tomik, as well as teacher assistant Rachel Swinton and Jack Boyle, Director of Religious Education.

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DEANERY CHOIR: Presents **The Passion of Jesus. Good Friday, April 15 at 7PM.** Please join the Deanery Choir on Good Friday evening, April 15 at 7PM as they present an inspiring program of scripture, mediation and music for Good Friday, **The Passion of Jesus**, at 7PM at Saint John Neumann Church in Lord's Valley. No advance reservations or tickets required.

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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.

WEBSITE: Visit our website, www.saintpatricksmilford.com for announcements, spiritual references and updates. Follow us on Facebook at @Saint Patrick's Church, Milford, PA and on Twitter (@stpatmilfordpa): Church of St Patrick (@stpatmilfordpa) Twitter. Our Diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org for more resources.

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 click WeShare. We are grateful for your support.

HOME HEALTH CARE: Needed in Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley. Up to 20 hours per week. Please call Mary Gurdella at 570-775-7157 if interested.

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
April 4 - April 10

Monday
12:00pm (SJ)

Karen Danforth
Jim & Ellen Burnett

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Donald F. McDowel
Jessica & Diane Brady

WEDNESDAY

11:00am Adoration (SP)

12:00PM Mass (SP)

Mary Jane Bores
Teri Pryzynski

THURSDAY

12:00PM (SJ)

Joyce Pauliso
Jim & Ellen Burnett

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00PM (SJ)

For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

Ellen Carroll
Bob & Mary Cervati

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

Rita Carroll & Joseph Favinger
Deg & Mary Carroll

11:00 (SP)

Christine & Erik Nistad
Rick & Laura Horn

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

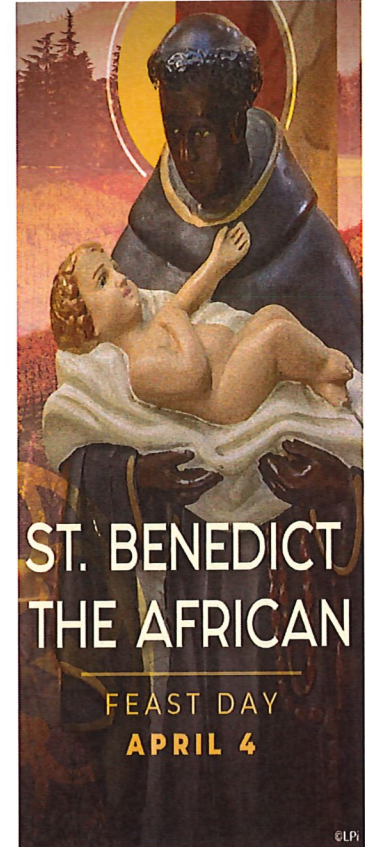
- Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- Next Sunday:** Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that through his gentle and wise persuasiveness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God. Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parents' loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 Benedict joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the independent hermit society, Benedict joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. St. Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is recognized as the patron saint of African Americans.

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