

MARCH 14, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 309 AVENUE F, MATAMORAS, PA 18336 PH 570-491-2618 or 570-491-4404 EMAIL:
stjosephchurch@optonline.net OFFICE HOURS MONDAY & THURSDAY 10:00am – 2:00pm**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 3/22	12:00 PM	Donald Curtin requested by Deg & Mary Carroll
Tuesday, 3/23		NO MASS
Wednesday, 3/24		NO MASS
Thursday, 3/25	12:00 PM	John Hess
Friday 3/26		NO MASS
Saturday, 3/27	4:00 PM	Robert Curtis requested by Mr. & Mrs. James Farr
Sunday, 3/28	8:30 AM	For The People of St. Joseph's Parish
Sanctuary Candle	03/21 – 03/27	In Memory of Aimee Schanzenbacher requested by Patrice Krause

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS: The Easter Lillie's that will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter are available to be memorialized. Cost is \$20.00 per plant. If you would like to memorialize an Easter Lily in Memory of a loved one, please take one of the special "Yellow Envelopes" available as you exit the Church. Fill it out and return it with your payment. You can drop it into the Collection Box or put it in the Rectory mailbox. If you are not able to get an envelope please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. A List of all the Memoria's will be available Easter Sunday. Deadline is March 30th

"THE LIGHT IS ON "CONFESSIONS: Every Monday during Lent 6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Chapel. We will provide disinfectant wipes as you are asked to clean in and around the areas that you sit. Thank you for your understanding.

VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS: is available for your viewing on our website anytime during Lent. www.stjosephsmatamoras.com. A printable version of Stations of the Cross is also available.

CRS RICE BOWL: Although Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world, the joy of its people is contagious, and Their hospitality is overwhelming. The small communities that make up the country are tightly-knit, and they support each and lasts longer each year—makes it difficult for families to harvest enough food to survive. One in every 2 children in Madagascar are undernourished. But with new farming techniques and knowledge about nutrition, that is changing. Community members are learning how to improve their farms, grow different vegetables and prepare more nutritious meals with training and support from CRS. Aimée's family has farmed their land for generations. They share a large plot of land and help each other plant and sow. Aimée recently learned new ways to plant her vegetables, which has led to bigger harvests—meaning more food and income for her and her family. She is also learning new ways to use her fresh produce to cook more nutritious meals for her children. Her two-year-old son Marela loves the cassava and onion dish that Aimée prepares, and he eats all his food because it tastes so good. Aimée sees that the food from her garden is helping her children grow and stay healthy. She is proud of her hard work and can see the fruits of her labor. She says, "What makes me happy is when I go to my garden and I see all the things that I've planted grow. When I see flowers or the greens or when I see the first seeds sprouting, it's like I've transferred a kind of power from my hands to the plants. That makes me happy."

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm Good Friday, The Passion of our Lord / Veneration of the Cross 2:00pm
Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord 8:30am

WARMING STATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!: The Tri-State Warming Station in Port Jervis opened for the fifth season to provide shelter for those in need. The need in our community is very real, and this year—with all the extra work and care required to operate safely in a pandemic—the Warming Station truly needs all the help it can get. Please consider getting involved by volunteering. More information is available at www.mealtrain.com/trains/m7y677

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 and on Twitter @stjosephs_pa Also visit our Diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org for more spiritual resources.

ONLINE GIVING: If your circumstances permit, we ask you to kindly continue your generous support of our parish during the Pandemic. Your offerings make a huge impact on being able to pay our monthly bills. If you are interested in online giving, please visit our website and click on WeShare. We are grateful to you for your continued generosity.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 8:30am. We will still be social distancing, wearing face masks, and sitting in the seats marked with the "X". If you are not quite ready to attend Mass inside the Church remain in your car and tune into 99.1 FM to listen to Mass from your car radio. Mass is available for viewing on our website. Thank you for your patience during this pandemic. **DAILY MASS / CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:** Daily Mass is held Monday's and Thursday's at 12:00 noon. In addition to "The Light is On", CONFESSIONS are also being heard by appointment. Please call the Rectory to arrange a time with Father Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER CIRCLE: Anyone who wishes to have prayers said for themselves or another may call Karen Sweeney @ 570-491-2228 or Tom Hogan @ 570-872-4925. If you wish you may also send the name via email to sweeneyfive2002@yahoo.com or tchogan@ptd.net