

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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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 After the 12:00pm
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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Monday and Thursday
10:00am to 2:00pm

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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 Communities of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

Remembering
Sept. 29 - Oct. 05

BLUE MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:

St Patrick's Church and Knights of Columbus Council 13935 will be celebrating our inaugural Blue Mass on Monday, 9/29/25 at 12:00pm. The "Blue Mass" is a tradition where Police, Fire and EMS Responder personnel gather for a special celebration and blessing for their work on behalf of the community. We hope this service becomes a tradition in our parish in which our local community gathers to celebrate and thank those who serve their community as policemen and women, firefighters, and EMS responders as well as to offer prayers to God for their continued protection. All are welcome to attend this service and recognize those who serve and have served us every day.

"MEN OF THE WORD" BIBLE STUDY:

If you feel that the world is pulling you in ways contrary to God's plan, this Bible Study is for you! It provides us with the opportunity to understand our role in God's story and to live out fully who He is calling us to be. Please join us in St. Patrick's Community Hall (Activities Room) every month on the 4th Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. And bring a friend!

THE TEA LADIES FOR MARY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL, MILFORD, PA:

Join us for PRAYING AN ICON OF MARY (PRESENTED BY SR. MARY MAGDALENE SLADICKA) on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10 AM-1 PM (registration 9:30 AM) in St. Vincent de Paul's Parish Hall. Space and programming constraints limit registration to a maximum of 50. Please plan to join us for faith, fellowship, and sharing centered on Our Blessed Mother. Further details regarding sign ups available soon.

O.C.I.A. CLASSES:

Will start in the beginning of September for O.C.I.A., formally known as R.C.I.A. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, call either parish office to sign up.

"COR"-HEART SPEAKS TO HEART:

If you are a Catholic man looking for an opportunity to meet with other men who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, please come to our monthly "Cor" gatherings on the first Saturday of every month in St. Patrick's Activities Room from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Come join us for coffee and bagels, prayer, discussion, and friendship.

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?:

St. John Neumann's Bereavement/Grief Ministry is a 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 at St. John Neumann's Parish Hall, 705 Route 739, Hawley, PA beginning on **Monday, October 13, 2025 through Monday, November 17, 2025** from 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information, please call the Parish Office at 570-775-6791 or email at stvgriefgroup@att.net. Please join us for various presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere.

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
NO MASS (SJ)

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)
Anna & Joe Valente
Santina Valente

WEDNESDAY
12:00 (SP)
Bruno Valente
Santina Valente

THURSDAY
12:00pm (SJ)
Helen "Honey" Hess
Clementina Hess

FRIDAY
NO MASS

SATURDAY
4:00pm (SJ)
Nicholas Joseph
Babey &
Hannah Babey
Rose & Steve Babey
5:30pm (SP)
Nelly & Charlie
McGarvey
Brian & Bernadette
O'Donnell

SUNDAY
8:30am (SJ)
Walter Marcial
The Family

11:00am (SP)
Mark Petry
Annette Petry

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE October 4/5

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector
Larry Marcial

Eucharistic Minister
Pat McCooey

Sunday 8:30am

Lector
Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister
Linda Romano

Milford Senior Care
October 19
Pat McCooey

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September 28 - October 4

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NO DAILY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S:

There will be NO daily Mass at St. Joseph's on Monday, September 29th. Mass will resume on Thursday, October 2nd. Please see the announcement of the Blue Mass being held at St. Patrick's at 12 noon September 29th on the parishes combined page.

COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next coffee social will be Sunday, October 12th, 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!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

We are in need of Altar Servers. If you have a **child** that has already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion **OR** if you are an **Adult** and is interested in serving your parish as an altar server please contact the parish office 570-491-2618.

FREEDOM DAY USA:

At the Dental Office of Franklin C. Lackee & Mark R. Makiling DDS Thursday, October 9th 2025. Freedom Day is their way of saying "Thank You" to all Veterans/Military for their service to our country. They will be offering complementary same day services to Active Military, Veterans and their immediate family.. Free Services include Examinations, Cleanings, Fluoride Treatments, Fillings and Extractions. You must call the office to reserve an appointment! 845-343-1533.

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

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

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
October 4/5

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Pat Corcoran

Eucharistic Ministers

Janet Finnerty

Sunday 11:00sm

Lector

Rick Horn

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.*

September 14th, 2025

Weekly Collection
\$2546.00

Mortgage Offertory
\$716.00

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will not be open the week of September 29th and October 6th due to hall renovations. Voicemails and Emails will still be checked regularly.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP:

The group will not be meeting in St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Wednesday October 1st, October 8th and October 15th due to the renovations taking place in the building. We will resume our meeting schedule on Wednesday October 22nd. We welcome new members to the group. You do not need to be an experienced knitter or crocheter. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570-296-8363.

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY:

First Friday Novena and Communion Service will be held on October 3rd at 12:00pm and First Saturday will be on October 4th at 12:00pm.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:

Thanks to all who have contributed food over the summer months. The donations for June, July and August were very generous. Since January, we've seen a significant increase in families using the Pantry. This, coupled with a 20% cut in our food supply from government-funded sources, makes it difficult to meet the weekly demand for food. More cuts are anticipated in the future.

Please remember those neighbors who have food insecurity when you shop. You can donate by mailing a check to: Ecumenical Food Pantry, 321 5th St. Milford, Pa. 18337. You can put food items in the donation box in our Narthex. You can contact the Food pantry at pikefoodpantry@gmail.com if you have questions. You can volunteer your time to serve at the pantry by calling Saint Patrick's Office at 570-296-7451 and leaving your name as a potential volunteer. Thank you for caring and sharing!

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.

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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