

# St. Patrick & St. Joseph



**St. Patrick**



**St. Joseph**

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

**CONTACT US**  
200 East High St. Milford, PA 18337  
570 296-7451  
www.saintpatricksmilford.com

**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

**MINISTRY TEAM**

**Michele Bensley**  
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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  
Jan 13 - Jan 19

To My Parish Families at St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's,

**THANK YOU!** in this Christmas tide for your thoughtful remembrance of me with cards and an array of gifts!: Monetary, Confectionary, Practical, & Spiritual; and for your expressions of affirmation.

**I am Prayerfully Grateful,  
Father Joseph**

## **5 YEAR PLAN INSERT:**

Please see today's insert of our Parish's 5 year plan prepared by the Diocese of Scranton.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE:**

Join the Respect Life Committee for a Rosary for Life at St. Joseph's Parish on January 23rd, immediately following the 12 PM Mass. Together, we will pray for the protection of life from conception to natural death. All are welcome to unite in this powerful prayer for life!

## **THE GREATER MILFORD SOCIAL CLUB:**

A Knights of Columbus Food for Families Program, will be held Sunday January 26th at 5pm at St. Patrick's Community Hall. We will be serving pasta with garlic and oil, lemon chicken, soup, sides, salad, deserts, and more. Guest speaker will be a representative from the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice Care Center, who will provide insights about their important work. If you or your child would like to volunteer please reach out to Tony Perito or St. Patrick's Parish Office.

## **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](http://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)

James Crawford

Helen Findlay

**TUESDAY**

12:00pm (SP)

Sean Gorham

The Gorham Family

**WEDNESDAY**

12:00 pm (SP)

Raymond Calestini

Mark Calestini

**THURSDAY**

12:00pm (SJ)

Thomas Dibetto

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Cea

**FRIDAY**

NO MASS

**SATURDAY**

4:00pm (SJ)

For the People of  
St. Joseph's Parish

5:30pm (SP)

Timothy Slain

The Legion of Mary

**SUNDAY**

8:30am (SJ)

Joseph Favinger

Deg & Mary Carroll

11:00am (SP)

Marion Denehy

Joanne & Eileen

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**DIOCESE of SCRANTON** Women's Retreat  
**Bold and Beloved**  
Inspired by the teachings of St. Catherine of Siena

Featuring:  
6 Local Female Speakers    Mass & Worship    Confession    Fellowship

Ages 18+    Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center  
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

January 24-26, 2025

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

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025



# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 18/19

**Saturday 4:00pm**

**Lector**

*Alice Molampy*

**Eucharistic Minister**

*Michele Bensley*

**Sunday 8:30am**

**Lector**

*Bill German*

**Eucharistic Minister**

*Diana Sierra*

**Milford Senior Care**

*January 19th*

*Debbie Roa*

**DV Nursing/Rehab Facility**

*January 12th*

*Debbie Roa*

## **COFFEE SOCIAL NEXT WEEKEND:**

Our next coffee social will be next 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: **33,512.00 145%**. 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.

## **ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:**

We are in need of Altar Servers. If your child has already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and is interested in serving our parish as an altar server please see Deacon Mike or Deacon Tom or call the parish office 570-491-2618. Adult are welcome!

## **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)

## **ONLINE GIVING:**

If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website [www.stjosephsmatamorass.com](http://www.stjosephsmatamorass.com) and click WeShare or scan the QR Code. We are grateful for your continued generosity.



*January 12 - January 18*

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns*

*In Memory of*

*John F. Hess*

*By*

*Clementina Hess & Family*

## Weekly Offering

*Christmas 2024*

*\$9,533.00*

*December 29, 2024*

*\$2,317.50*

*January 5, 2025*

*\$4,49.50*

*Thank you for your 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 18/19

**Saturday 5:30pm**

**Lector**

Pat Corcoran

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Donna Hersca

**Sunday 11:00sm**

**Lector**

Diane Dennis

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Annette Petry

**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 22nd, 2024  
\$2646.00

**CHRISTMAS**  
\$5315.00

December 29th, 2024  
\$12,956.00

**Mortgage Offertory**  
December 22nd, 2024  
\$926.00

December 29th, 2024  
\$722.00

*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 February .

**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. 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.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL HAS BEEN MET!!:**

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$20,273.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 48,041.40 236.97%**. 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](http://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](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 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.