

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 309 AVENUE F, MATAMORAS, PA 18336 PH 570-491-2618 or 570-491-4404
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12:00 PM	March 15	Mary Rita Cortright requested by St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary
Tuesday		March 16	NO MASS
Wednesday		March 17	NO MASS
Thursday	12:00 PM	March 18	Michael Connelly requested by Anna Drapala
Friday	7:00PM	March 19	ST. JOSEPH'S DAY MASS 7:00PM
Saturday	4:00 PM	March 20	Jack Drake requested by The Family
Sunday	8:30 AM	March 21	For The People of St. Joseph's Parish
Sanctuary Candle		03/14 – 03/20	In Memory of Grayce Ricciardi requested by The Bensley Family

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY: This year is the Year of St. Joseph! To celebrate we will have Mass on St. Joseph's Day, Friday, March 19th at 7:00pm. Please join us in honoring our Patron Saint!

“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: Timor-Leste is a small Asian country, slightly larger than the state of Connecticut. It's on the other side of the world near Australia, and it's one of the world's newest countries—only 18 years old. In comparison, the United States will be 245 years old this year! Many families in Timor-Leste live in rural areas and work as farmers. But challenges like changing weather patterns make it difficult to grow enough food. They depend on rice as a main part of their meals, and hunger and malnutrition are big problems. More than one-third of people in Timor-Leste don't have reliable access to enough nutritious food. This especially affects children and their ability to develop to their full potential. With training from CRS, families are starting home gardens to grow different vegetables, beans and other foods that are rich in nutrients like vitamin A and iron. The gardens are built to withstand droughts and flooding, and the families add the food they grow—such as spinach, cabbage, peanuts, carrots and tomatoes—to their daily rice staple, providing more nourishing meals that help children grow and stay healthy. Parents attend nutrition groups in their communities where they learn how to build and improve their gardens. They also learn new recipes that incorporate the produce they grow—and they sometimes have cooking competitions to see who can prepare the tastiest meal! Eliza and her husband Paulino have six children. After participating in her community's nutrition group, she and Paulino started a home garden and began growing different crops based on the rainy and dry seasons. They also started raising chickens, which provide additional protein to their meals and income from selling the eggs. Eliza wants her children to be healthy and says, “I know the vegetables provide essential vitamins for them.”

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