

# St. Patrick & St. Joseph



## St. Patrick

Reverend Joseph J. Manarchuck Pastor

Deacon Mike Calafiore



## St. Joseph

Deacon Tom Spataro

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### Worship Schedule

<b>Saturday Vigils</b>		
St Joseph	4:00pm	
St. Patrick	5:30pm	
<b>Sunday</b>		
St. Joseph	8:30am	
St. Patrick	11:00am	
<b>Daily Liturgy</b>		
St. Joseph	Monday & Thursday	12:00pm
St. Patrick	Tuesday & Wednesday	12:00pm
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
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	
<b>Adoration</b>		
St. Joseph	11:00am-12:00pm	
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 Communities of St. Joseph & St. Patrick

Remembering  
Jan 5 - Jan 11

## **"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!

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling 2026 Lottery Calendars at each Mass. You can also purchase one from a member. The profits from this fundraiser support local charities including but not limited to, the Food Pantry, local scholarships, Tri State Pregnancy Center as well as both Parishes. Please consider supporting this fundraiser.

## **BOLD & BELOVED WOMEN'S RETREAT:** January 30 - February 1, 2026,

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton, PA Register at the  
[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) Registration closes on January 16, 2026.

## **"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

## **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)

Walter Marcial

*The Bensley Family*

## **TUESDAY**

12:00pm (SP)

Francesca & Petro

Burza

*Santina Valente*

## **WEDNESDAY**

12:00pm (SP)

Francesca & Dominic

Valente

*Santina Valente*

## **THURSDAY**

12:00pm (SJ)

James DiGiantomaso

*Clementina Hess*

## **FRIDAY**

### **NO MASS**

## **SATURDAY**

4:00pm (SJ)

Sandy Scott

*Mary Lou Witkowski*

5:30pm (SP)

Carman Dowling

*Joe & Maureen Dooley*

## **SUNDAY**

8:30am (SJ)

The People of St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

Sean F. Gorham

*Gorham Family*

# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
January 10/11

**Saturday 4:00pm**

**Lector**  
Pat McCooey

**Eucharistic Minister**  
Neal Bensley

**Sunday 8:30am**

**Lector**  
Ed Gutierrez

**Eucharistic Minister**  
Cristin Cavallaro

**Milford Senior Care**

January 18th  
Linda Romano

**DV Nursing/Rehab Facility**  
January 11th  
Chuck Pike

**January 4 - January 10**

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns  
In Memory  
of  
Walter Marcial  
by  
The Bensley Family*

**Weekly Offering**  
December 21, 2025

\$3,912.50

Christmas

TBA

December 28, 2025

\$TBA

(Bulletin Deadline before count)

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## **ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM:**

Come out and join our team. The food pantry continues to help 70-100 families every Friday. Our team donates time one Friday evening, once a month. We stock shelves, hand out groceries and carry shopping bags to their cars. Anyone interested in coming out to lend a hand, please call Clare Nied 570-296-2506.

## **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 and is interested in serving our parish as an altar server please reach out to Deacon Mike or Deacon Tom or call the parish office. **Adults** are welcome!!!

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:**

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$24,484.00 Pledges to date: **\$39,267.00 131.82%** 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.

## **2026 CALENDARS:**

2026 Calendars graciously donated by our local Funeral Homes are available at all entrances of the Church. Take one home!

## **COFFEE SOCIAL:**

Our next coffee social will be Sunday, 1/18/2026, 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!

## **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](http://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](http://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  
January 10/11

**Saturday 5:30pm**

**Lector**

Joe Dooley

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Donna Hersca

**Sunday 11:00sm**

**Lector**

Angelica Barcia

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Bernadette O'Donnell

**Children's Faith Formation:**

For information please  
contact Jack Boyle, DRE at  
908-451-1206 or  
[jackb18337@gmail.com](mailto: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 7th, 2025  
\$3,326.00

**Mortgage Offertory**  
December 7th, 2025  
\$441.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**AS A REMINDER FOR THE WINTER MONTHS THE PARISH OFFICE RUNS ON THE DVSD SCHEDULE FOR CLOSURES AND DELAYS. IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL THE OFFICE WILL NOT BE OPEN.**

**2026 CALENDARS:**

2026 Calendars graciously donated by our local Funeral Homes are available at all entrances of the Church. Take one home!

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:**

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$22,402.00 Pledges to date: **\$47,102.00 210.26%**. 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.

**ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pikefoodpantry@gmail.com) if you have questions. You can volunteer your time to serve at the pantry by calling Sue Anne Vogelsberg at 914-391-2688 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.

**EUCARISTIC 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.

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