

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00am to 1:00pm

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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	11:30am before Mass and Saturday following 5:30 Mass

Adoration

St. Joseph	To Be Announced
Thursday	
St. Patrick	11:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday	

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Parish Office Hours
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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 Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 30/May 1

Saturday 4:00pm
Lector <i>Volunteer</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Chuck Pike</i>
Sunday 8:30am First Holy Communion
Lector <i>Makayla Csencsits</i>
Eucharistic Minister <i>Paul Cavallaro</i>
Altar Server *****
Milford Senior Care <i>May 15th</i> <i>Chuck Pike</i>
 <i>April 24- April 30</i> <i>The Sanctuary Candle</i> <i>burns</i> <i>In Memory of</i> <i>Lena Lucio</i> <i>By</i> <i>Michele Bensley</i>

Weekly Offering

EASTER
April 17, 2022
\$ TBA

Thank you for your generosity!

COFFEE SOCIAL SAVE THE DATE...after 2 very long years we are bringing back our very popular Coffee Social. The Coffee Social will be held on Sunday, May 15th immediately following the 8:30 Mass, approx. 9:30am. To volunteer to help or to donate baked goods, please call Lee Kenney at 570-491-2620.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES: For those parishioners who have donated using the "Easter Flower Offering Envelope" from their monthly packet, your envelopes will be placed and remain on the Altar in remembrance of your loved ones throughout the Easter season.

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF: St. Vincent de Paul and St. John Neumann church's Grief Group is a faith based 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 in St. John Neumann's Parish Hall (Route 739 in Lords Valley) on Mondays, April 18 through May 23, 2022 from 2:00 until 3:30 PM. If you would like to attend these meetings **registration is required** please call the St. Vincent's Parish office at 570-686-4545 or email stvgriefgroup@att.net.

2022 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 26. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 29, 2022. To register, please go to www.dioceseofscranton.org or contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or jflores@dioceseofscranton.org).

TRI-STATE PREGNANCY CENTER: Save the Date! Open House Sunday, April 24th 3:00pm 105 Wheatfield Drive, Milford Pa. Music, Food, Face Painting, Cotton Candy and Lots more...

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are you a Catholic man interested in deepening your faith? Helping your community? Or Getting to know other men in your parish? The John Paul II council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the church Hall, fellowship starts at 6:30pm. Please contact the Grand Knight Tom Hogan at tchogan@ptd.net or visit www.kofc.com

ONLINE GIVING: If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website www.stjosephsmatamoras.com and click WeShare. We are grateful for your continued generosity.

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

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 April 30 - May 1

Saturday 5:30pm
Lector <i>Pat Corcoran</i>
Sunday 11:00am
Lector <i>Joe Dooley</i>
Children's Faith Formation Important Dates:
Saturday, May 7th, 11:00am First Holy Communion
Sunday, May 8th, 11am Mass & May Crowning
Saturday, June 4th, 5:30pm Mass & Confirmation
<i>You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn In Memory of a loved one. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.</i>

Weekly Collection
April 10, 2022
\$1646.00

Mortgage Offertory
April 10, 2022
\$378.00

Thank you for your generosity!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 24th: The Feast of Divine Mercy, known as Divine Mercy Sunday, was declared a feast, to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, by Pope John Paul II in 2000. It was on the same day he canonized Sr. Faustina a saint. Jesus promised great graces on Divine Mercy Sunday that he told to Sr. Faustina. To receive the grace of Divine Mercy Sunday, you simply have to have gone to confession (any time during Lent is okay), be in the state of grace and receive Holy Communion with the prayer of attaining God's grace. We will also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at the 11:00 mass at St. Patrick's. Join us.

NOVENAS & COMMUNION SERVICES: For First Friday (May 6) and First Saturday (May 7) are cancelled for the Month of May.

USHERS/GREETERS URGENTLY NEEDED: Please contact the Parish Office at 570-296-7451 if you are able to assist at either the 5:30pm or 11am Masses.

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BINGO COMING TO SAINT PATRICKS!: Saturday Night Bingo is coming soon to Saint Patrick's, starting on May 28, Memorial Day weekend. Cash prizes, specials, good food and a Progressive Jackpot! Doors open at 6, games start at 7. Anyone interested in helping with Bingo is asked to please email Rich Gherardi at bingo@saintpatricksmilford.com

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Beginning Tuesday April 26th, the Parish Office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES: For those parishioners who have donated using the "Easter Flower Offering Envelope" from your monthly packet, your envelopes will be placed and remain on the Altar in remembrance of your loved ones throughout the Easter season.

WEBSITE: Visit our website, www.saintpatricksmilford.com for announcements, spiritual references and updates. Follow us on Facebook at @Saint Patrick's Church, Milford, PA and on Twitter (@stpatmilfordpa): Church of St Patrick (@stpatmilfordpa) Twitter. For more resources, visit our Diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org.

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 click WeShare. We are grateful for your support.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE: Due to scheduling conflicts in the church calendar, People Helping People WILL NOT be holding its annual Flea Market for 2022. Cash or check donations are always welcome and if you are writing a check, please make the check payable to: Saint Patrick's Church and on the memo line, write-PHP account. Thank you and if anyone has any questions, please contact: carolosterberg@yahoo.com.

St. Patrick's Parish

is the presence of the Catholic Church in a diverse and vibrant area of northeastern Pennsylvania. As disciples, we dedicate ourselves 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, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to know, love and serve God. We strive to promote a culture of love and respect for all human life and for the beautiful world in which we live. We welcome all people to participate in the spiritual and social life of our parish family.

Remembrance April 25– May 1

Monday

12:00pm (SJ)

Barry Longwell

Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

Tuesday

12:00pm (SP)

Joseph Woolley

Bette Eagan

Wednesday

12:00pm (SP)

Maureen Dowling

Aedeen and Bill Dowling

Thursday

12:00pm (SJ)

Estelle Postel

Mr. & Mrs. James Farr

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

4:00pm (SJ)

Jerry Gallagher

Judy Reilly

5:30pm (SP)

Barbara McCafferty

Ron and Kelly Bentley

Sunday

8:30am (SJ)

Jean & Joe Curzi

Pat Craig

11:00am (SP)

Anthony Pinkala

Bernadette Schilling

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Monday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Friday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day

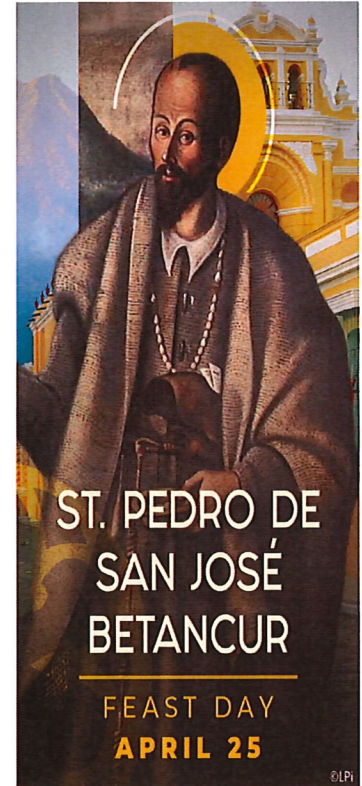
Saturday: St. Pius V, Pope

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!



ST. PEDRO DE SAN JOSÉ BETANCUR

FEAST DAY
APRIL 25

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St. Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Francis of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

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