

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	April 12	William Fontana Sr. requested by Clementina Hess
Tuesday		April 13	NO MASS
Wednesday		April 14	NO MASS
Thursday	12:00 PM	April 15	Rita Carroll requested by Deg & Mary Carroll
Friday		April 16	NO MASS
Saturday		April 17	Suzanne Arcangeli requested by Maureen Garramone
Sunday	8:30 AM	April 18	For the People of St. Joseph's Parish
Sanctuary Candle		04/11 – 04/17	In John F. Hess requested by Patty & Paul Visioli

BAPTISMAL WELCOME: We welcome into our Christian Community of Faith, *Ella Day Lyon Walter*, who was Baptized here on Holy Saturday. God Bless Ella and her family.

IN MEMORIAM: Please remember in your prayers *Helen Gassmann & Arthur Smith*, parishioners who passed away last week. May their Souls and all the Souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

THE WARMING STATION THANKS YOU!: On March 31, the Tri-State Warming Station in Port Jervis wrapped up its fifth season of providing overnight shelter to all those in need. The organizers send this note of thanks: "God protected us from COVID, and for that we are abundantly thankful. Despite the extra challenges, our support this season was as strong as ever. You were all so generous. You have fed and clothed so many people. We want to personally thank all the donors, volunteers, and staff for the part they played. Until the fall, may God bless each and everyone of you!"

CRS RICE BOWL: We prayed, fasted, and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God who is alive and accompanies us always. One way to do that is by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at any weekend Mass in April by placing it in the basket by the collection box, or by writing a check for the amount you collected or making your gift online at crsricebowl.org/give.

HELP US STAY IN TOUCH: We're working to collect updated contact information from all parishioners and anyone else interested in what's happening at St. Joseph's Church. You may have received a contact information card in the mail, or please help yourself to one as you exit the church. Completed cards can be dropped in the collection box or mailed back to the rectory. We're excited to keep everyone updated as parish life gradually opens up more and more in the months ahead and as we rebuild an even stronger parish community.

CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated Monday, April 19th at 5:00pm. Bishop Joseph Bambera, Bishop of Scranton will be the celebrant. Please keep our Confirmation Class in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will be celebrated on Sunday, May 2 during the 8:30am Mass. Please keep in mind that the first 3 socially distanced pews on each side of the Church will be reserved for the First Communion Class and their families.

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](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsmatamoraspa) and on Twitter [@stjosephs_pa](https://twitter.com/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 social distance, wear face masks, and sit 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 also available for viewing on our website.

DAILY MASS / CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE: Daily Mass is held Monday's and Thursday's at **12:00 noon**. Confessions are 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