St. Patrick & St. Joseph





St. Patrick

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Tuesday, Wednesday,
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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigils
StJoseph 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 ofReconciliation
St. Joseph- Saturday 3:00 -3:30pm
Monday & Thursday upon request
St. Patrick —Tuesday & Wednesday
After the 12:00pmMass and Saturday following
5:30 Mass

Adoration
St. Joseph
Thursday 11:00am-12:00pm
St. Patrick
Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm

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Monday andThursday
10:00amto 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
November 2- November 8

SPONSOR A TURKEY OR THANKSGIVING DINNER:
Please consider sponsoring a turkey for our People Helping People Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year we have almost 140 families from Pike County Children & Youth and Pike County Area of Aging. Please consider donating whatever you can to help cover the expense of the turkeys. You can place a check written out to St Patrick's Emergency Fund with a memo "People Helping People" in the collection baskets. We are also taking donations for Thanksgiving dinner items such as stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, canned yams, and corned bread mix. Collection baskets will be placed in the front entrances of the Parishes next week. The last day to donate food items will be November 15th. Thank you so much for your help!

MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMBRENCE:
The Northeast Pennsylvania Mental Health Ministry team will hold a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of Saint John, located at 5171 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg. The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. Rev. Dave Cramer, Pastor of the Church of Saint John, will be the celebrant for the Mass. Deacon Ed Shoener, President of the International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers and Deacon at the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Immaculate Conception Parishes in Scranton, will serve as homilist. All are welcome to attend.

AMBASSADORS IN FAITH GALA:
Reservations are now being taken for the Ambassadors in Faith Gala, Thursday, November 5th, 6-9 pm, at theTom Quick Inn in Milford. Bishop Joseph Bambera will be presenting special awards at the black tie/optional fundraising event in recognition of exceptional individual contributions to our parish in the categories of Stewardship, Ministry, Discipleship, Charity and Community. For Reservations and Sponsorship opportunities, email ambassadorgala@gmail.com.

NIGHT OF PEACE:
With Sarah Hart and Francesca LaRosa. Join these award winning Catholic singers and songwriters as they share an evening of songs and stories bringing peace and hope on Saturday, November 14th at 7:00PM at Saint Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. It's an opportunity to pause and refresh, connecting with our Lord and our Lady, as we prepare our hearts for Advent and the coming of Christ. Admission is $10 a person. All are invited for fellowship and light fare after the concert in the parish hall. To purchase tickets and/or for more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org/night-of-peace or call Parish Renewal Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

END OF LIFE ISSUES FOR CATHOLICS:
St. Thomas Church will be sponsoring an informative session on when are life-extending measures required when can extraordinary procedures be refused; heart vs. brain in determining death, and other serious issues. Also: cremation: why is it now permitted; the value of a Funeral Mass over a Service at the funeral home .Our Speaker will be Fr. Pavel Tomczyk, PhD, a priest of the Paterson Diocese and Professor of Moral Theology at Seton Hall. Monday, Nov. 16th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 210 Route 206 North, Sandyston, N. J. Join us for this opportunity during the Month of All Souls. Refreshments will be served

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING 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-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at 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. Additional Safe Environment Compliance information may be found at https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/child-protection-victim-assistance/.

MONDAY
12:00pm (SJ)
All Souls Intentions

TUESDAY
12:00pm (SP)
Antonio Perito
The Perito Family

WEDNESDAY
12:00 pm (SP)
Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary
The Legion of Mary

THURSDAY
12:00pm (SJ)
Stan & Carolyn Polnik
Bill & Susan Werner

FRIDAY
NO MASS

SATURDAY
4:00pm (SJ)
For the People of St. Joseph's Parish

5:30 pm (SP)
Lucille Perito
The Perito Family

SUNDAY
8:30am (SJ)
Edward O'Donnell
The Family

11:00 am (SP)
The People of Saint Patrick's Church

All Saints Day **November 1, 2026**

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
11/7 - 11/8

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector
Larry Marcial

Eucharistic Minister
Neal Bensley

Sunday 8:30am

Lector
Anna Blackman

Eucharistic Minister
Carol Cordova

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility
November 18
Linda Romano

Milford Senior Care
November 15
Linda Romano

November 1st - November 7th
The Sanctuary Candle burns
In Memory of

Grayce Ricciardi

By
The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

October 25, 2026
$3,704.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CROSS:
All are invited to place a prayer card in the All Souls Memorial Bowl In Memory of a loved one or someone special who has passed away this year. The All Souls Memorial Bowl is located next to the Cross in the Sanctuary next and will remain there through the month of November. All prayer cards that have been placed in the bowl in previous years have been placed in the bowl already. Extra All Souls Intention Envelopes are available at all entrances of the Church.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:
Our Annual Appeal goal is $25,425.00 Pledges to date: **$26,211.00 103%** 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.

TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?
St. John Neumann's Bereavement/Grief Ministry is a 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 at St. John Neumann's Parish Hall, 705 Route 739, Hawley, PA beginning on Mondays thru November 16th from 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. If you'd like more information, please call the Parish Office at 570-775-6791 or email at stvgriefgroup@att.net. Please join us for various presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere.

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 OR if you are an Adult and is interested in serving your parish as an altar server please contact the parish office 570-491-2618.

NEW TESTAMENT ZOOM CLASSES:
ZOOM classes on the New Testament starting with the origins and mean-ing of the Gospels, through Acts, Letters of Paul and the Book of Revelation. Each week we will read and discuss verse of the NewTestament. For more information, and in order to get access to the ZOOM website call or text Dick Ryan at201-906-7466,or emai lhim at dickryan4488@aol.com.

WEBSITE:
Pleasevisitour website,www.stjosephsmatamoras.com for the mostrecent announcements, spiritual references and updates. You can also follow us onFacebook at @stjosephsmatamoraspa

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

ONLINE GIVING:
If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website 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 withour HolyFather, ourbishop, andour 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
November 7/8

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Ray Proulx

Eucharistic Ministers

Donna Hersca

Sunday 11:00am

Lector
Jeremy Gesualdo & Annette Petry

Eucharistic Ministers

Kate Burns

Altar Servers

Innocent & Munya Rwakonda

ST 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.

November 1- November 7

The Sanctuary Candle burns

Father Brian Logue

By:
The Parish Council

Weekly Collection

October 18th 2026
$2563.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS of FAITH & 20 YEARS IN OUR PARISH:
THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO RSVP—Space is very limited please RSVP with Shannen if you plan on attending. Sunday, November 8!
Join us as Saint Patrick's celebrates 80 years as a parish (1946–2026) and the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful church (2006–2026)!
We are honored to welcome Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Anniversary Mass. A special anniversary luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall. Come celebrate our history, our faith, and the many blessings of Saint Patrick's Parish!

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL:
There will be an All Souls Remembrance Memorial in the sanctuary for the month of November. If anyone wants to have their loved ones remembered, Please put your written intentions or prayer cards in the bowl beneath the All Souls remembrance board.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:
Our Annual Appeal goal is $24,213.00 Pledges to date: **$36,366.00 150.19%**. 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.

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP:
Meeting Sunday Mornings. The St. Patrick's Youth Group will begin meeting in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings, 915-945 AM, starting Sept. 20th. Youth Group is a fun, affirming exploration of our Catholic faith and God's plan for our peace and happiness. Sunday Youth Group is open to all kids 7th grade and up. Questions please contact Laurie Barcia lauriemariek@yahoo.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:
Who is Jesus? Is a twelve– week journey through the gospels to meet Jesus Christ as He reveals Himself in scripture, Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or opening the Bible for the first time, this study will help you answer Jesus's question: "Who do you say that I am?" The course will begin on Wednesday, September 2, at 5pm at Saint Patrick's Church Hall. Please contact Shannen in the parish office at 570-296-7451 with any questions.

FOOD PANTRY:
Beginning January 1, 2026 through October 16, 2026, our parishioners have generously donated 2,108 lbs. of food to the "Ecumenical Food Pantry of Pike County." According to "Feeding America," each pound of food has a cash value of $1.93, so those 2,108 lbs. are 'worth' $4,068.44! Pretty impressive! But all that food wouldn't get to the Pantry and ultimately our neighbors in need, if St. Patrick's did not have such dedicated volunteers that weigh, transport, sort, stock and ultimately distribute that food on our assigned, one Friday per month! Thank you for your service...it's greatly appreciated! Consider joining us...call/text/email: Sue Anne Vogelsberg, St. Patrick's Team Lead 914 391-2688 samv1021@gmail.com remaining service dates for 2026: 11/13 and 12/11

ONLINE GIVING:
If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website 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.