

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

Reverend Joseph J. Manarchuck Pastor

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Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00am to 2:00pm

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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 After the 12:00pm mass and Saturday following 5:30 Mass

Adoration

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

MINISTRY TEAM

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10:00am to 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
Dec 1—Dec 7



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS:

Again this year the Poinsettia's that will be placed in the Sanctuary will be available for memorialization. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. Special RED Envelopes have been placed at all entrances to the Church. If you would like a Poinsettia, please fill out the front of the envelope (please print clearly) and enclose payment. You may drop them into the collection basket of your Parish or at your Parish Office. Deadline is December 21st. A list of the Memorials will be inserted in the Bulletin at each Parish.

TEPEYAC FIESTA FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

Our Lady's Fiesta Committee is making plans for our annual Fiesta for The Virgin of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12 at 6:30 pm. We will have music, (Spanish style), prayers in Spanish/English, a beautiful Mass celebration, a narrative of the Miracle of La Guadalupe, and a reception following the 6:30 evening Mass. Volunteers are needed! We will need greeters, donations of finger foods, helpers to serve food and coffee. If you have ideas, if you can help in any way, large or small, please join us by calling the Parish Office at 570-296-7451, e-mail us at patssec@ptd.net, or call Pat Corcoran at 570-409-9089, Annette Petry at 845-283-7228, or Maureen Burns at 570-441-7466. Muchas Gracias!

GOD NEVER SAYS "NO"...

Join the **Deanery Choir** for an inspiring service of healing and renewal on Sunday, December 7, 2PM at St. John Neumann Church in Lord's Valley, PA. **Fr. Ed Casey** will be joined by members of the clergy for your personal prayer and the Laying on of Hands. Praise, Prayer, Worship and Music! All are welcome... 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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION NIGHT:

Please join the Knights of Columbus on Thursday December 11th, at 7pm in St Patrick's parish hall. The topic will be: Reasons to believe. How to counter atheist objections to belief in God. Please join us for this important discussion. Coffee and dessert will be served.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SPONSER A TURKEY:

This year we gave Thanksgiving dinner to 130 families. That's 130 turkeys. 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. Thank you so much for your help!

"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.

MONDAY

NO MASS

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Edward Petry

Annette Petry

WEDNESDAY

12:00 (SP)

Silvia & Luggi Russo

Santina Valente

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Mitchell John Babey

Rose & Steve Babey

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Rosemarie Havlicek

Rose & Steve Babey

5:30pm (SP)

Logan Higbie

Diane Dennis

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

The People of

St. Joseph's Church

11:00am (SP)

Mark Petry

*Christine, Anthoney, &
Nick Drago*

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE December 6/7

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Larry Marcial

Eucharistic Minister

Diana Sierra

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Diana Sierra

Eucharistic Minister

Cristin Cavallaro

Milford Senior Care

December 21

Carol Cordova

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility

December 14

Pat McCooley

November 30 - December 6

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory

of

Steve Knapp

by

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

*November, 16, 2025
\$2,851.00*

*November 23, 2025
\$TBA*

(Bulletin Deadline before count)

Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT GIVING TREE:ADVENT GIVING TREE:

Our Advent Giving Tree and Cradle are in the front entrance of the Church. Each year your generous support of this fundraiser helps the Tri-State Family & Pregnancy Center distribute baby items to needy families in our area. If you wish to participate just take an ornament off the tree and purchase the item printed on the back then return the gift to the Cradle, no need to wrap! Again, we thank you for your continued support!

"WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE" 2025-2026 ADVENT BOOKLETS:

Please remember to take home your copy of "Waiting In Joyful Hope" Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas. The Booklets are available at all entrances to the Church.

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.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT MADONNA #114:

St. Nicholas Faire Sunday, December 7th 9:30am - 2:00pm. Vendors, Christmas Crafts, Bake Sale, Raffles, Christmas Photos. Lunch will be available for purchase. St. Mary's Hall 48 Ball Street, Port Jervis.

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: **\$30,026.00 122%** 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.

SALVATION ARMY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!:

Sign up to be a Bell Ringer! November 21 - December 24. for more information please call 845-856-3214 Ext 200. or email scott.swires@use.salvationarmy.org

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 for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates. You can also follow us on Facebook at [@stjosephsmatamoraspa](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsmatamoraspa)

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 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

December 6/7

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Corcoran

Sunday 11:00sm

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Annette Petry

Children's Faith Formation:

For information please
contact Jack Boyle, DRE at
908-451-1206 or
jackb18337@gmail.com

*November 30- December 6
The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

*In Memory of
Deacon Cliff
Jorgenson*

*Given by:
Pastoral Council*

Weekly Collection

November 9th, 2025
\$3484.00

Mortgage Offertory

November 9th, 2025
\$868.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FIRST FRIDAY: Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Communion service will be prayed on Friday December 5th at 12.00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY: Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Communion Service will be held on Saturday December 6th, at 12 noon.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$22,402.00 Pledges to date: **\$45,487.00, 203.05%**. 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:

Thanks to all who have contributed food over the summer months. The donations for June, July and August were very generous. 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 5th 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 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 or call 570-872-4925.

"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!

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.