

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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

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Monday and Thursday
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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
Oct 27– Nov 2

MYPARISH APP:

Exciting News! We have launched our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St Patrick's & St. Josephs. Be on the lookout for "Parish App Feature-of-the-Week in future bulletins so you can better understand the benefits of this app.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Giving

- Access to online giving
- Quick and convenient
- Help support our parish with the tap of a button

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

HALLOWEEN, HOT DOGS AND TRUNK OR TREAT!: Friday, October 31, starting at 4PM, we will be having our **4th Annual "Trunk or Treat"** in our parking lots, with a Hot Dog giveaway, sponsored by St Patrick's **BINGO!** No sign up necessary...just come to our parking lot by the Parish Hall with your car decorated and join the fun. Please call Shannen in the office (570-296-7451) if you would like to help, or for more information.

THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers to help pack Thanksgiving dinner bags at Saint Patrick's for our People Helping People Thanksgiving food drive. Please call Shannen at the Saint Patrick's office for more information.

SPONSER A TURKEY: Can't volunteer your time this year? Please consider sponsoring a turkey for our People Helping People Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year we have almost 130 families. 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, canned fruit, and corned bread mix. Collection baskets will be placed in the front entrances of the Parishes next week. Thank you so much for your help!

"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!

"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. 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)

Communion Service

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Communion Service

WEDNESDAY

12:00 (SP)

Communion Service

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Communion Service

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Walter Marcial

Dan & Marilyn Bradley

5:30pm (SP)

Antonio & Lucille

Perito

The Perito Family

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

All Souls Intentions

11:00am (SP)

Charles & Joanne
Wieland

The Perito Family

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 1/2

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Anna Blackman

Eucharistic Minister

Michele Bensley

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Linda Romano

Milford Senior Care

November 16, 2025

Debbie Roa

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility

November 9, 2025

Paul Cavallaro

October 26 - November 1

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory

of

*Joseph & Grayce
Ricciardi*

Given by:

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

*October 12, 2025
\$3,303.00*

*October 19, 2025
\$3,182.00*

Thank you for your generosity!

ALL SOULS DAY 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 and will remain there through the month of November. All cards that were placed in the bowl in previous years have already been placed in the bowl for this year. Extra All Souls Mass Intention Envelopes are located at all entrances of the Church.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY ST. JOSEPHS 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 cars. Anyone interested in coming out to lend a hand, please call Clare Nied 570-296-2506.

COFFEE SOCIAL :

Our next coffee social will be Sunday, November 9th, 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!

FREE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMUNITY NIGHT:

Thursday, November 13th at the Dingman Delaware Middle School 5:00pm Pasta Dinner, 6:00pm Free Raffle, 7:00pm DDMS Drama Club Proudly Presents Cinderella. Please RSVP to DDMS 570-296-3143 by November 6th. Limited Seating...

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: **\$27,681.00**. 113% 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 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
November 1/2

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Pat Corcoran

Eucharistic Ministers

Janet Finnerty

Sunday 11:00sm

Lector

Cheryl McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers

Kate Burns

Children's Faith Formation:

There will be no CCD 10/26

**For information please
contact Jack Boyle, DRE at
908-451-1206 or**

*You may have the
Sanctuary Candle burn
In Memory
of a loved one.
Please call the Parish
Office to make arrange-
ments.*

Weekly Collection

**October 5th, 2025
\$1913.00**

Mortgage Offertory

**October 5th, 2025
\$613.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed the weeks of October 20th and October 27th.

ALL SOULS DAY: There will be an All Souls Remembrance altar 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.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS GROUP:

We will resume our meeting schedule on Wednesday October 22nd. We welcome new members to the group. You do not need to be an experienced knitter or crocheter. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570-296-8363.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$22,402.00 Pledges to date: **\$26000.00, 116%**. 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 Saint Patrick's Office at 570-296-7451 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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.