

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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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

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Monday and Thursday
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
Sept 1—Sept 7

BLUE MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:

St Patrick's Church and Knights of Columbus Council 13935 will be celebrating our inaugural Blue Mass on Monday, 9/29/25 at 12:00pm. The "Blue Mass" is a tradition where Police, Fire and EMS Responder personnel gather for a special celebration and blessing for their work on behalf of the community. We hope this service becomes a tradition in our parish in which our local community gathers to celebrate and thank those who serve their community as policemen and women, firefighters, and EMS responders as well as to offer prayers to God for their continued protection. All are welcome to attend this service and recognize those who serve and have served us every day.

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY:

Students in 7th-12th grades are invited to join us on Saturday, September 27th, for our third Annual Diocesan Youth Rally, Anchored in Hope: ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Come dive deep into who we anchor our hope in as Catholics and learn how to be the anchor of hope in today's world. It will be a day to deepen your faith, make new friends and experience fun and fellowship! The Youth Rally will take place at Notre Dame High School from 1:30 – 8 p.m. Check-in is at 12:30 pm. The youth will hear from people such as Dan Harms, music by the Scally Brothers, and many more. Plus, the participants will experience Adoration with other young Catholics and Mass with Bishop Bambera. Registration includes dinner and a t-shirt. Contact Laurie Barcia at lauriemariel@yahoo.com to register before September 13th.

MEET THE SAINTS NIGHT:

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a meet the future American Saints night on September 11th, at 7pm in the St Patrick's parish hall. Join us to learn about the inspiring lives of our soon to be American Saints, covering the lives of people such as Blessed Solanus Casey and Blessed Stanley Rother. Coffee and desserts will be served. Please join us!

JOINING THE KNIGHTS FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE:

Join the Knights of Columbus John Paul II council in attending the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on September 22nd. We have rented vans to bus attendees to the march. We will be leaving from St Patrick's Church in Milford at 7:40am. You can see the entire itinerary on www.kofc13935.org/march-for-life. If you would like to contribute to the trip but cannot go yourself, you can do so by visiting the itinerary link and donating. Please reach out to Tony Perito, at 845-943-0035, if you would like to attend.

O.C.I.A. CLASSES:

Will start in the beginning of September for O.C.I.A., formally known as R.C.I.A. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, call either parish office to sign up.

"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.

17th DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Scranton will lead the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The day will include opportunities for public as well as private prayer, confession, touring the National Shrine as well as the Campus of The Catholic University of America concluding with Mass. Register on the Diocese of Scranton Webpage. To ensure bus transportation it is requested by the bus company to hold **strictly to a deadline of AUGUST 28, 2025, for reservations.**

LEGION OF MARY MARIAN DAY OF DEVOTION:

The Legion of Mary of St. Patrick's Church in Milford will host a Day of Devotion in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on the anniversary of her fifth apparition to the children of Fatima in 1917. The event will include the celebration of Mass, confessions, a Marian presentation by Fr. Joel Duwai, the Holy Rosary, music, and brunch. Save the date - Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. At St. Patrick's Church. We hope to see you there!

MONDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Concetta Vonoflorio

Lena Fitzpatrick

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

John Mayer

Jeanette Mayr

WEDNESDAY

12:00 (SP)

Claudia Harry

From her sister

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Anne Crine

Clementina Hess

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

**For the People of
St. Joseph's Parish**

5:30pm (SP)

Doris & Bob Harry

From their daughter

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

Anne Crine

Carol & Pat Cordova

11:00am (SP)

Andy & Peter Logue

Aideen & Bill Hansen

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 6/7

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Anna Blackman

Eucharistic Minister

Bill Reed

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister

Linda Romano

Milford Senior Care

September 21, 2025

Linda Romano

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility

September 7, 2025

Carol Cordova

August 31- September 6th

The Sanctuary Candle
burns

In Memory of
Rev. Alfred J. Vito

Weekly Offering

August 24, 2025

\$2,936.50

Mission Collection

\$801.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SPECIAL COLLECTION GAZA RELIEF THIS WEEKEND:

Pope Leo XIV has expressed deep concern for the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, calling on the global Catholic community to respond with mercy and solidarity. Parishes in the Diocese of Scranton are holding a special collection to support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), which are providing vital emergency aid, medical care, and relief to those suffering in the region.

Our parish will take up this special collection this weekend August 30/31. Please place all your Parish Envelopes into the first collection and the Second Collection will be for Gaza.

CCD REGISTRATIONS:

If you haven't registered your child for the upcoming 2025/2026 CCD Classes please do so as soon as possible. Books and supplies will need to be ordered. Registration Forms can be downloaded/printed from our parish website www.stjosephsmatamoras.com

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.

COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next coffee social will be Sunday, September 14, 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!

ST. MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS:

A local and affordable Catholic Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 25/26 school year. Please call 845-858-4208 or email: littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com for more information or to register.

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)

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 September 6/7

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Joe Dooley

Eucharistic Ministers

Midge Curren

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Angelica Barcia

Eucharistic Ministers

Karen Loeschorn

Children's Faith Formation:

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

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

Weekly Collection

August 17th, 2025
\$3,072.00

Mortgage Offertory

August 10th 2025
\$504.00

Thank you for your generosity!

COFFEE AND CHAT:

Our next coffee and chat will be Sunday September 7th in the Narthex after the 11:00am Mass, all are welcome!

FIRST FRIDAY: Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be prayed on Friday September 5th at 12pm.

FIRST SATURDAY: Miraculous Medal Novena and Communion Service will be Saturday September 6th at noon.

"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!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY: We are in need of pet food and younger volunteers to help carry out items to peoples cars. Please contact the parish office if interested. Please remember, when you are shopping for groceries, to buy an item or two for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. All simple food products are needed: soups, pasta, Jelly, peanut butter, tuna, tea, coffee, cereals, tomato sauces. The number of families seeking help has increased by 30 % over the past 2 years. There is a crate in the narthex awaiting your donations. Thank you for caring and sharing.

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION: Registration is open for grades 1-8. Please pick up a registration form in the narthex of the church or the parish office. Forms are also available on the parish website or by emailing jackb18337@gmail.com Deadline for registration is September 5th.

COMMUNITY PRAYER WITH THE LEGION OF MARY:

The Legion of Mary of St. Patrick's Church in Milford leads the following weekly community prayer: • Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary on Mondays at St. Joseph's Church and on Tuesdays at St. Patrick's Church (Prayer begins at 11:20, followed by Mass at noon at each location). • Please join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's Church and on Thursdays at St. Joseph's Church. (The Eucharist is exposed at 11:00 and the Divine Mercy is prayed at 11:15, followed by Mass at noon at each location).

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.