

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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Deacon Tom Spataro

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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 11:30am before
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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Parish Office Hours
Monday and Thursday
10:00am to 2:00pm

CONTACT US
309 Avenue F Matamoras, PA 18336
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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



PARISH OFFICES & DAILY MASS:

The Parish Offices of St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's will be closed December 24, 2024 thru January 1, 2025 and will reopen Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 10am. **There will be no Daily at either Parish between Christmas & New Years.** Daily Mass will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at St. Joseph's Church at 12:00noon. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF MATAMORAS & MILFORD:

The Knights of Columbus will be selling the 2025 Lottery Calendars for \$20 until the end of this year. You can purchase one after Masses in either parish or by contacting one of our members. This fundraiser supports our scholarship fund as well as many local charities.

FORMED:

We now have free access to the "formed" app. This app will let you access thousands of Catholic video-based study programs, movies, documentaries, audio talks, and audio books. Let these materials facilitate your spiritual journey as you try to more fully understand, live and share your Catholic Faith. To access download the formed app or go to www.formed.org, from there you can sign up as a parishioner by putting in the zip code 18336 for St. Joseph's or 18337 for Saint Patrick's.

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)

Nicholas Pecoraro

Lena Fitzpatrick

TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm (SJ)

The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

6:00pm (SP)

Robert Kyle

WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am (SJ)

Special Intentions of

Father Joseph

11:00pm (SP)

The People of Saint
Patrick's Parish

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

NO MASS

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Jane Drake

Tina Hess

5:30pm (SP)

Sean Gorham

The Gorham Family

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

The People of
St. Joseph's Parish

11:00am (SP)

Ken Allen

Christine Allen

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
December 28/29

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector

Pat McCooey

Eucharistic Minister

Bill Reed

Sunday 8:30am

Lector

Bill German

Eucharistic Minister

Carol Cordova

Milford Senior Care

January 19th

Debbie Roa

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility

January 12th

Debbie Roa

December 22 - December 28

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Steven Quinn

By

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

December 8, 2024

\$2464.50

December 15, 2024

\$TBA

(Bulletin Deadline Before Count)

Thank you for your generosity!

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 (made by our CCD Classes) 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!

2025 CALENDARS:

2025 Calendars graciously donated by our local Funeral Homes are available at all entrances of the Church. Take one home!

COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next coffee social will be Sunday, 1/19/2025, 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!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$23,046.00. Pledges to date: **33427.00 145%**. 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.

ROSARY AND TEA:

We will resume after the Holidays. 1/29/25.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

We are in need of Altar Servers. If your child has already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and is interested in serving our parish as an altar server please see Deacon Mike or Deacon Tom or call the parish office 570-491-2618. Adult are welcome!

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 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 28/29

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector
Pat Corcoran

Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday 11:00am

Lector
Rick Horn

Eucharistic Ministers

Children's Faith Formation:

12/24- Christmas Pageant

12/29- No Class

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

December 22 - December 28

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Timothy Greeves

By

Pat Greeves and Family

Weekly Collection
December 8th, 2024
\$2330.00

Mortgage Offertory
December 8th, 2024
\$474.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU FROM PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE: Thank you so much for all your generosity with donating toward the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Angel Tree! Your donations helped 120 local families have a Thanksgiving dinner and over 100 children get gifts on Christmas!

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.

ST. PATRICKS KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS: Our group has recently made donations of the items we have made to the Port Jervis warming center, Twin Cedars Assisted Living, and Belle Reve. Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Our last meeting before the holidays will be on December 11th. We will resume meeting on January 8th, 2025. If you would like more information about the group, please contact Mary Ellen Theodore at 570-296-8363. You do not need to be experienced to join the group. You can come and learn to knit or crochet.

FIRST FRIDAY: Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Communion service will be prayed on Friday January 3rd at 12.00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY: Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Communion Service will be held on Saturday January 4th at 12 noon.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL HAS BEEN MET!!:

Our Annual Appeal goal is **\$20,273.00**. Pledges to date: **\$ 46,941.40 231.55%**. To those who have already pledged **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! WE MADE OUR GOAL!** Remember that 75% of all donations over our goal comes back to our parish!!

WEBSITE:

Please visit our revamped website, www.saintpatricksmilford.com for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates.

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:

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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.

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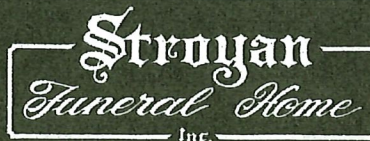
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