

St. Patrick & St. Joseph



St. Patrick



St. Joseph

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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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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
September 21- September 27

NEW TESTAMENT ZOOM CLASSES:

ZOOM classes on the New Testament starting with the origins and meaning of the Gospels, through Acts, Letters of Paul and the Book of Revelation. Each week we will read and discuss verse of the New Testament. For more information, and in order to get access to the ZOOM website call or text Dick Ryan at 201-906-7466, or email him at dickryan4488@aol.com.

COR MEN'S GROUP:

The Knights of Columbus welcome all men to monthly Bible Studies for an opportunity of fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth. CorA meet sat 9am on the 1st Saturday of every month and Cor B meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6pm. CorA reads and discusses the next Sunday's readings and CorB is going over the Gospel of Life Encyclical and Bible Study. All men are encouraged to come.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Please join your fellow parishioners on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm as we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

BLUE MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:

St Patrick's Church and Knights of Columbus Council 13935 will be celebrating our second annual Blue Mass on Tuesday, 9/29/26 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. This tradition in our parish is when 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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #13935:

The Pennsylvania March for Life is September 21st. Both parishes have had a presence at the PA March for Life every year for the past five years! Please join the Knights of Columbus and The Parish Respect Life Committee for another year of lending our voice to the voiceless. The van will leave St Patrick's at 7:30am arrive back in Milford approximately 8pm. There's no charge to participate, however, we do stop for dinner on the way back. Please contact either parish office or Tony Perito directly.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF MILFORD & MATAMORAS:

Will be having it's monthly dinner at St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday, September 27th at 5:00pm. All donations we collect will be donated to St. Patrick's towards the installation of Altar railings. Please come out and support this worthy cause.

AMBASSADORS IN FAITH GALA:

Reservations are now being taken for the Ambassadors in Faith Gala, Thursday, November 5th, 6-9 pm, at the Tom 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 ambasadorgala@gmail.com.



THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY:

Students in the 7th-12th grades are invited to join us on Saturday, November 7th for our fourth annual Diocesan Youth Rally! This day will focus on who God is, how to listen to His Voice, and how we as the Young Church can more fully align our wills to the will of God! 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 11:45a.m. – 8 p.m. The youth will hear from people such as Natalie Garza, and Conall Hughes, music by the Maria Salameda and many more. Additionally, the participants will experience Adoration with other young Catholics and Mass with Bishop Bambera. Registration is \$30 and includes dinner and a t-shirt. Contact Saint Patrick's office no later than October 15th to register.

MONDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Frederico Galmes

Dan & Marilyn Bradley

TUESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Brian Finerty

Gene & Maureen

Burns

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm (SP)

Margarita Melendez

Gene & Maureen

Burns

THURSDAY

12:00pm (SJ)

Ella & William

Werner

Bill & Susan Werner

FRIDAY

NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00pm (SJ)

Ann Clouse

The Bensley Family

5:30pm (SP)

Andy & Peter Louge

Bill & Aideen Hansen

SUNDAY

8:30am (SJ)

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

11:00am (SP)

Dominick Fico

The Cirello Family

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
September 26/27

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector
Diana Sierra

Eucharistic Minister
Michele Bensley

Sunday 8:30am

Lector
Terry McDonough

Eucharistic Minister
Cristin Cavallaro

DV Nursing/Rehab Facility
October 11
Pat McCooley

Milford Senior Care
September 20
Carol Cordova

September 20 - September 26

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of

Ann Clouse

By

The Bensley Family

Weekly Offering

September 13, 2026
\$3,425.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$25,425.00 Pledges to date: \$11615.00. 45% 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:

Summer or Fall, whatever the season 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 is increasing every year! Come out and join our team. The food pantry continues to help 70-100 families every Friday. Our team donates time one Fri- day 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.

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.

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 Monday, October 12 through Monday, November 16, 2026 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.

FREEDOM DAY USA:

At the Dental Office of Franklin C. Lackee DDS & Kat Morgan DMD Thursday, October 8th 2026. Freedom Day is their way of saying "Thank You" to all Veterans/Military for their service to our country. They will be offering complementary same day services to Active Military, Veterans and their immediate family.. Free Services include Examinations, Cleanings, Fluoride Treatments, Fillings and Extractions. You must call the office to reserve an appointment! 845-343-1533.

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

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
September 27/28

Saturday 5:30pm

Lector

Annette Petry

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Boyle

Sunday 11:00am

Lector

Ray Proulx

Eucharistic Ministers

Laurie Barcia

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.

September 20 - September 27

*The Sanctuary Candle
burns*

In Memory of:

Eileen Izatt

By

The Parish Council

Weekly Collection

September 6th 2026
\$2701.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP: Meeting Sunday Mornings Starting Sept. 20th. The St. Patricks 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

Introducing The Upper Room: Something new is coming to St. Patrick's! The Upper Room is a new gathering for teens in grades 7-12, meeting in our old choir loft on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM Starting on October 14th. The Upper Room is a place to hang out, share dinner, have fun, build friendships, and grow together in faith—and the teens will help shape it! You'll have a voice in what we do, where we go, and the activities, outings, service projects, and events we plan. Come as you are, bring a friend, and bring your ideas. Come help us make The Upper Room yours! If you have any questions or are interested in helping please contact the parish office.

Help Us Build The Upper Room!

We're transforming our old choir loft into a welcoming space for the teens of The Upper Room, and we could use your help! We are looking for donations of gently used couches, comfortable chairs, bean bag chairs, coffee/end tables, floor or table lamps, rugs, games and other teen-friendly items that can help us create a comfortable place to gather. If you have an item you think might work, please contact the Parish Office **before bringing it to the church**, as our space and needs are limited. Thank you for helping us create a place where the young people of our parish can feel at home, build community and grow closer to Christ

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$24,213.00 Pledges to date: \$17,675.00 73%. 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.

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 6pm at Saint Patrick's Church Hall. Please contact Shannen in the parish office at 570-296-7451 with any questions.

FOOD PANTRY:

St. Patrick's Food Pantry Ministry can always use more volunteers for our monthly service commitment. Perhaps you can help on 'our' Friday morning, transporting our donations to the Pantry for sorting prior to Pantry's opening for "business"? Perhaps you can help on 'our' Friday evening from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, when volunteers distribute food, help clients carry their items to their vehicles and then restock the Pantry for next week's volunteer group. If you have an hour or two each month to help our neighbors in need or have any questions, please contact me Sue Anne Vogelsberg, St. Patrick's Team Lead, 914 391-2688 or samv1021@gmail.com. for 2026: 10/16, 11/13, 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.