

# St. Patrick & St. Joseph



**St. Patrick**



**St. Joseph**

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## MINISTRY TEAM

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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

|             |         |
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| 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  
Dec 15 - Dec 21



## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](http://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)

William Fontana Sr.  
Clementina Hess

### **TUESDAY**

12:00pm (SP)

Dominic Valente  
Santina Valente

### **WEDNESDAY**

12:00 (SP)

John Saunders  
Pat & Ken Corcoran

### **THURSDAY**

12:00pm (SJ)

John F. Hess  
Clementina Hess

### **FRIDAY**

**NO MASS**

### **SATURDAY**

4:00pm (SJ)

Francis & Jane Ann  
Jackovich  
The McGoey Kids

5:30pm (SP)

Laurie Warchol  
John Warchol &  
Roe Rodoia

### **SUNDAY**

8:30am (SJ)

The People of  
St. Joseph's Church

11:00am (SP)

Carman Dowling  
Bonnie and Paul  
Schatteman



# The Catholic Community of St. Joseph

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 20/21

**Saturday 4:00pm**

### Lector

Alice Molampy

### Eucharistic Minister

Chuck Pike

**Sunday 8:30am**

### Lector

Larry Marcial

### Eucharistic Minister

Carol Cordova

### Milford Senior Care

December 21

Carol Cordova

### DV Nursing/Rehab Facility

December 14

Pat McCooley

December 14- December 20

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns*

*In Memory*

*of*

*Nancy Vocci*

*by*

*The Bensley Family*

Weekly Offering

December 6, 2025

\$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 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!

## 2026 CALENDARS:

2026 Calendars graciously donated to our Parish by our local Funeral Homes are available at all entrances of the Church. Take one home!

## "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.

## 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: **\$31,826.00 130%** 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](mailto: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](mailto:zimmermanna@stifel.com)

## WEBSITE:

Please visit our website, [www.stjosephsmatamoras.com](http://www.stjosephsmatamoras.com) for the most recent announcements, spiritual references and updates. You can also follow us on Facebook at @stjosephsmatamoraspa

## ONLINE GIVING:

If you are interested in making your donations online, please visit our website [www.stjosephsmatamoras.com](http://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 20/21

**Saturday 5:30pm**

### Lector

*Joe Dooley*

### Eucharistic Ministers

*Donna Hersca*

**Sunday 11:00am**

### Lector

*Annette Petry*

### Eucharistic Ministers

*Midge Curreri*

### Children's Faith Formation:

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

December 14 - December 20

*The Sanctuary Candle  
burns*

*In Memory of  
Rev. Gerald F.  
Mullally*

*Given by:  
Pastoral Council*

### Weekly Collection

November 23rd, 2025  
\$2062.00

### Mortgage Offertory

November 23rd, 2025  
\$354.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE ANGEL TREE:

The tree is now decorated, and in the Narthex with gift tags for Pike County area children. Please consider making a child's Christmas bright. Please bring all gifts back to the Narthex by December 14th with the tag attached to outside of the gift. **PLEASE DO NO WRAP THE GIFTS**, you can put the gifts in gift bags with tissue paper but please do not wrap the gifts. We cannot collect any later than December 14th so please remember if you take a tag to bring it back. Thank you so much for your generosity!

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

Our Annual Appeal goal is \$22,402.00 Pledges to date: **\$45,957.00, 205.15%**. 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:

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.

### 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 [thogan@ptd.net](mailto:thogan@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](http://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.