

Diocese of Scranton
Year of Saint Joseph
Suggested Intercessions for the Universal Prayer

Solemnity of Saint Joseph – Thursday, March 19, 2020

- For the Church, that through the intercession of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, whose feast we celebrate today, she may be protected from all evils and hold fast to Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all parishes in the Diocese of Scranton, that as we begin this Year of Saint Joseph, we may seek his intercession in developing a greater respect for human life in the hearts of all people. Let us pray to the Lord.

Optional Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker – Friday, May 1, 2020

- For all those who labor, especially those who work in harsh conditions, that through the intercession of Saint Joseph, they may receive just compensation for their efforts. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those who are unemployed may find the work that suits their God-given strengths and talents. Let us pray to the Lord.

Father's Day – Sunday, June 21, 2020

- That through the intercession of Saint Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, all fathers may be strengthened in their devotion to their families. Let us pray to the Lord.

Labor Day Weekend – Sunday, September 7, 2020

- That through the intercession of Saint Joseph, we may develop a greater appreciation for the dignity of labor and take pride in the work we do for the benefit of society. Let us pray to the Lord.

General

- For all parents, that during this Year of Saint Joseph, they may trust the gentle voice of God in discerning what is right for their children. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all those who protect children from harm, that they may look to Saint Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, as a model of strength and courage. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For those who are close to death, that through the intercession of Saint Joseph, they may experience a peaceful passing into the arms of Jesus and Mary in the kingdom of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all carpenters and construction workers, that during this observance of the Year of Saint Joseph, they may experience safe working conditions and develop a greater appreciation for the dignity of their work. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That all fathers may model themselves after Saint Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, and guard their children from all harm. Let us pray to the Lord.

