

Jan 26 • 6pm • Rc • Timothy & Titus
† Bernie Coleman r/o Lou/Barb Sommers

Jan 27 • 10am • M • Angela Merici
Funeral: Marie Houser

Jan 29 • 6pm • Rc •
† Eugene Coates r/o Handy Family

Jan 30 • 9:30am • Divine Mercy, Shenandoah •
Catholic Schools Week Closing Mass
† Kathryn Martino

• Jan 31/Feb. 1 • 4th Sunday of the Year
4pm • J • † Josephine Libassi r/o Ruth Delese
5:45pm • M • † Eleanor Lombard r/o Pauline Lorah/Family
8:15am • J • † Gloria & Lewis Horvath r/o Family
10am • M • † Josephine & Bron Rejent r/o Son, Gene/Sherry/Family



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1117; BF: 168; Campaign: 495 •
J: S: 1336; BF: 431; Campaign: 180

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$25 • J: \$60.

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:1-5;10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
• Next Week: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1: 21-28



Prayer List: Forms are at Church, the parish office, online. Fill them out & get them in, even if you are healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of illness! If you are family member and do not have power of attorney or guardian-ship, we suggest: write their initials in the Book of Intercessions!

Pray for: **Dorothy Yanuskiewicz • John Washko • Rose Ann & Tracey Aponick • Jean & Alice Jarzinko • Joseph Washko • Ed & Sally McNamee • Jennifer Gilliam • Margaret Burns • Loretta Zienkiewicz**
❖ Birthday: **Bill Maczees: 1/26; Ryan Coghill: 1/27; Marie Gaudet, Rob Baranowsky: 1/29; Tom Campanici: 2/1.**

❖ **Condolences** to the family of **Marie Houser**, from St. Mary's, whose funeral is celebrated this Tuesday. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.....

❖ **Altar Servers:** To memorialize one, they are \$200 each! We seek adults to serve: Family/Father/Sons. See Fr.



❖ Our next drawing: **St. Patrick's Day: Tues, March 17th, 7pm, Pa. Evening Daily 4 #; \$2 @.** Tickets sellers/buyers needed!

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** January tickets are: \$2 @!

❖ **Year of St. Mark's Gospel continues!**
Read your Bible!

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Offer in Stewardship the offering of a gift you've given to someone you love!

Last Sunday., we gathered for a service of prayer as we focused on the "woman at the well" from St. John's Gospel. As we considered Jesus' attentiveness to her, His desire, His glance, His love, we prayed that we become more like that woman, living as disciples praying for the day when His Church will, once again, be one.

❖ **Men's Spirituality:** We're establishing a "King's Men" regional group that will encourage men to be accountable to the Lord, His Church & each other & live as men of prayer. This is a group distinct from the Knights of Columbus council recently established. We encourage participation in either/both.

❖ **Diocesan Men's Retreat: Feb. 27: 7:30pm-Mar. 1: Noon.** St. Francis Center, Bethlehem. If you are interested in the weekend, contact the parish office. www.cmfd.org

❖ **Catholic Men's Conference: King's College, Wilkes Barre: Sat, Ap 25.** \$30 before 3/31; students: \$15. Fr. Larry Richards & Damon Owens, Mike Guman & a presentation on Fr. Vincent Capodanno (the grunt padre). Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass: 6am-3pm.

Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: There are so many questions surrounding the event of Jonah & the whale. The world, last year, looked on in horror, as radical muslims destroyed and desecrated the tomb of the prophet Jonah in Iraq. It was a Church, then a mosque that tradition said held even the bones & a tooth of the whale! For a great article on the destruction, see: www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2014/07/why-did-isis-destroy-the-tomb-of-jonah

The important lesson: the Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah & repented of their evil ways. By this act, they also experienced the desire of God's heart: compassion. (the root of that word: cum-passion: to suffer with.) This an action, not a description.

St. Paul called the Corinthian community to invest in God's Kingdom as much as they invested in their short lives here on earth. Perhaps a lesson for us. We, living in perilous times, should use our energies focusing on the Kingdom of God with as great a fervor that we do on the needs in this life!

All of this leading us to the question in the Gospel: Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus, as much as did the Ninevites, in the days of Jonah.

If they, how had a totally different view and perspective on God & life could repent, why not us who claim to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Be a saint...what else is there?

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❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meeting THIS Sunday, 1/25, 11:30 @ Parish Office.

❖ **Interested in our Catholic faith?** Think about discerning the Catholic faith? Ask, encourage, invite! Share the gift of faith!

❖ **“Women of Grace”:** continues the journey with women gathering for 16 sessions alternating btw Shepton & Ringtown. We expect a deeper prayer life to enhance the lives of participants and families, including the parish family.

❖ **SCRIP:** Assist your parish: We've \$25 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Arby's, \$10 Burger King; \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$10 Domino's, \$10 Dunkin Donuts, \$25 Giant, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 iTunes, \$5 KFC, \$25 Weiss, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Old Country Buffet, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Theatres, \$25 Sheetz, \$10 Taco Bell, \$100 & \$25 Walmart & \$10 Wendy's on hand. on hand. Contact the parish office. When you purchase from us, you receive the full value of the card, we receive % on each. We're looking for disciples to take a Mass @ month to make them available.

❖ **January: the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:** This Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus is designed for group prayer. It is a very good way to incorporate prayer to the Holy Name into our family prayers during January, the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus—perhaps after Grace After Meals.

The father or other leader should recite the antiphon and verse, and the rest of the family or group should recite the response. The prayer is then said by the father or other leader, and the antiphon, verse, and response can be repeated at the end

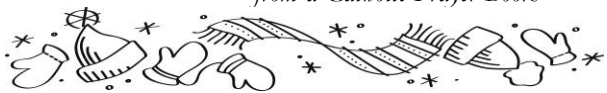
Ant. Thou shalt call His Name Jesus,
for He shall save His people from their sins.
V. May the Name of the Lord be blessed.
R. Henceforth now and forever.

Let us Pray.

O God, Who didst make Thy only-begotten Son the Saviour of the human race, and didst command Him to be called Jesus, grant propitiously that Him Whose holy Name we venerate on earth, we may behold in the glorious vision of heaven. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

❖ **Prayer for Christian Unity:** Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.

-from a Catholic Prayer Book



❖ **Parking @ St. Mary's Ramp:** the area at the end of the ramp is for drop off/pick up. Parking close makes it hard for others to use the ramp. When spring arrives, we hope to have the borough mark the area off clearly. Until then, as so many have done, drop off/park away, please.



❖ For years, our bulletin covers have come from an outside source. Now we venture forth doing our own. This week's bulletin is our first issue. Special “Thanks” to our sponsors: **Gallagher Oil Co,**

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Central Highway Oil Co, Valley Tastee Freeze.

Memorials:

Eleanor Weikel: Kraus & Barrett Families: \$150;

Joseph Aponick: PSP Frackville,

Jordan & Morgovnik Families: \$100.

❖ **Ash Wed. Bleenie/Soup Sale: St. Joseph's: 11:30am til sellout.** Workers/Soup makers are needed. Signup sheets @ Church. {Monetary donations to help defray expenses are appreciated}.

❖ **Lenten Symbols:** Ash Wed. is Feb. 18th, Easter: April 5th! We've a sponsor for our Lenten symbols this year. Once again, they have been sponsored in memory of **Ron Rader** by **LouAnn and Lindsay.**

We have received great feedback on how the symbols mean so much to our parish family members.

Others have inquired as to whether we should provide copies of Lenten Magnificat. If you used it last year & would like to have these companions, let us know. A sponsor has already offered to provide these for our spiritual nourishment to enhance the Lenten/Easter journey.

❖ **Visit us on the web: stmarystjoseph.net**

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❖ **Honorees: Jan 27th** from 8-9pm on WNEP, enjoy **Tevin Murray** being honored for his athletic accomplishments in Football as he's named to the “Dream Team”



❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Marian HS Open House:** 7-8th graders thinking about high school: THIS Sun, 1/25 @ 1-3pm: Call 570-467-0641. Drawing towards \$500 tuition assistance! ➔ **Chili Sale:** St. Paul's UCC; \$6.50 @ quart. Order by 2/22, pick up 2/24 from 4pm-6pm; Call Janice @ 570-889-3494. ➔ **“Gun @ Week for a Year”:** Shepton & other Area Fire Co.'s: \$30 each. 384-4746. ➔ Ringtown Food Pantry Walk-a-thon: April

