

Feb 9 • 6pm • Rc •

† Peter Gius r/o Roy/Dolores Gius

Feb 10 • 9am • Rc • Scholastica

† Julia Sider r/o Helen Mehalick

Feb 11 • Noon • Rc • Our Lady of Lourdes

† Clifford Balmer

Feb 13 • 6pm • Rc •

† James F. Torpey (14th Anniv) r/o Fr. Jim

• Feb. 14/15 • 6th Sunday of the Year

4pm • J • † Ronald Matenkoski r/o Kosciuk Family
Baptism of Madelyn Reese

5:45pm • M • † Noel Brouse r/o Ty/MaryEllen Krigbaum

8:15am • J • † Mike Funanage r/o Wife, Cecilia

10am • M • † Violet Baranowsky r/o Helen Karas/Chet



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S: 1097; Dues: 523; Campaign: 180
• **J:** S: 2580; Dues: 362; Campaign: 125
Offered through myEoffering: M: \$15 J: \$290.
Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **SCRIPTURE:** Jb 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1: 29-39

• Next Week: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1: 40-45

Prayer List: Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need! If you are family & don't have power of attorney or guardianship, we suggest: write their names 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 Blessings:** Randy Brown, Marianne Harris:

2/9; Leo Flaim: 2/10; Jim Fish: 2/15.

❖ **Anniversary Congratulations:** Dave & Barb Osilka:

1/31; Tom & Jeanette Irwin: 2/3.

❖ **Baptism:** Join us as we gather to baptize Madelyn Reese into the parish family of faith next Sat @ 4pm Mass! If you haven't participated in a baptism within Holy Mass, it is something to celebrate & remember!

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



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

Jan. Winner: Cecilia Coslop, \$85!

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Offer in Stewardship the offering of a gift you'll be giving for Valentine's Day!

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

Read your Bible!

❖ **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.

Reflection: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time: "Everyone is looking for you!" I don't know, it seems that Jesus was not after the attention, His desire was to move about in order to touch as many people as possible to the reality that God's love has taken on flesh. That is why St. Mark reminds us that He was willing to reach out and touch the ill, the sick, the suffering. He was even willing to touch those who were "spiritually ill."

Healing is the very means by which Jesus calls people to a new relationship with God that other religions, other God's are not able. It is what is unique about Christianity. In the midst of so much attention that the "entire town was gathered at the door." Jesus never loses sight of His mission because He never loses sight of the relationship He enjoys with the Father. Thus, the reason we are reminded that He went "off to a deserted place, where He prayed." The very source of His ability to stay true to His mission and not get caught up in the twitter feed of His world was his very relationship with the Father.

How do we maintain that? Claiming our place, with Jesus, as brothers and sisters of His. Sons & daughters of the living and true God. As we take time for prayer (see the prayer we have for St. Valentine this week), may we grow in our love for Him & draw strength from Him. Let us adore Him as we look for Him in our worship & prayer, then seek to serve Him where He is found, moving about our land proclaiming the Good News of God's Kingdom.

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & ❖

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❖ **First Penance/Holy Communion:** meeting for parents/guardians is held this **Mon, Feb. 9th** in the rectory after the 6pm Mass: 6:45pm. Adults only.

❖ **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

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

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet next: Sun. 2/15, 11:30 @ Rectory, Sheppton.

❖ **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. The parish will pay for anyone who needs assistance. Fr's & Sons, Men of the Parish are encouraged to attend!

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

❖ **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, \$10 Wendy's, \$100 & \$25 Walmart 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.

❖ **Cemeteries:** We do our best to keep our cemetery roads open, be mindful however, that drifting may occur. As you visit your loved ones grave, we want you to be safe, cautious & careful.

❖ **Campaign:** We've entered the 3rd year of our campaign. Your continued stewardship helps make necessary improvements & plans for future projects. As of this year, we can announce that **St. Mary's pledges have brought in \$112,000; St. Joseph's pledges have brought in \$74,000** (*with our matching gift still anticipated for our building fund.*)

❖ **Taxes:** like the flu, the Season is upon us, if you desire a statement of your stewardship, contact us via the parish office & thank you!



❖ **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}

❖ **Congratulations:** go out to the students and families from Trinity Academy on the honor roll: **Makenna Piaskowski • Luke Messina • Jacalyn Possessky.**

❖ **Soups for Lent:** with Lent in two weeks, we hope that you'll help us by preparing soups for sale at the weekend Mass. Can you make several quarts? We'll provide the containers. We've already have some offer to make those reliable & tasty ones, how about some new recipes! Contact us via the parish office.

❖ **Visit us on the web:** stmarystjoseph.net
"Like" us: [facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc](https://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc)

❖ **2014 contributions:** if, for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office.

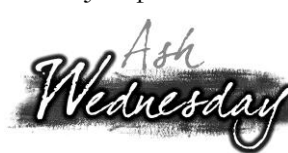
❖ **Lent: Ash Wed. is Feb. 18th,** Easter: April 5th! We have sponsors for our **PASCHAL CANDLES** this year 2015. The candle is lit on Easter & used throughout the Easter Season, at Sacramental celebrations, especially Baptisms/Funerals. Our Lenten symbols have arrived, we're looking to make a banner that will accompany the gifts.

❖ **Lenten Adult Ed:** We're trying something "new"... similar to our Christmas Books, we've ordered 250 books to read during Lent: "The Real Story" by Dr. Edward Sri & Curtis Martin. The cost of the book is \$3 {freewill offering}; payment envelopes will be enclosed in each book. During Lent, we'll host "coffee time" to gather for a brief summary & share faith on the book. For those who aren't readers, we've ordered 44 dvd's of "Ordinary Live/Extraordinary Mission" on the Saints and choosing to live like one in today's world. For our youth, they are free, adults: \$3.

❖ **Block Party/Picnic:** Time to start planning, especially our **basket raffle** and **gifts for our ticket!**

St. Mary's is hosting a meeting: 2/11 @ 6pm, Barb/Dave Osilka's home (345 Ringtown Blvd.)

St. Joseph's will be scheduling theirs in the near future.



St. Joseph's: 4:30pm:
Mass & Distribution of Ashes;

St. Mary's: 6:30pm

Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

❖ **St Valentine:** As the culture takes advantage of the great Saint, why not honor the love that inspired Valentine: of the Lord Jesus and His Church! Pray this prayer during the week:

Pray, then, O holy Martyr, for the Faithful, who are so persevering in celebrating thy memory. The day of Judgment will reveal to us all thy glorious merits.

Intercede for us, that we may then be made thy companions at the right hand of the Great Judge, and be united with thee eternally in heaven.

This Saint fought, even unto death, for the law of his God, and feared not the words of the wicked; for he was set upon a firm rock.

Let us pray: Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who solemnize the festival of blessed Valentine, Thy Martyr, may, by his intercession, be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Bingo:** Sheppton Fire Co: 2/8 @ 1pm.

➔ **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":** Sheppton & other Area Fire Co.'s: \$30 each. 384-4746. ➔ **Ringtown Food Pantry Walk-a-thon:** April.