



Feb 18 • 4:30pm • J •

† Nancy Robel

r/o Theresa Novak

• 6:30pm • M

Feb 19 • 10am • M •

Funeral: Anthony Piniuk

Feb 20 • 9am • Rc •

† Bishop Thomas Welsh (6th Anniv.)

[Stations of the Cross]

• Feb. 21/22 • 1st Sunday of Lent

4pm • J • † Ida Zangari r/o Bowling Team

5:45pm • M • † Faris Zogby r/o Joann & Mark

8:15am • J • † Fr. Larry Hess (1st Anniv) r/o Fr. Jim

10am • M • † Irene Piaskowski r/o M/M Michael Dziak



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 947; Energy: 399; Campaign: 25

• J: S: 1416; Energy: 852; Campaign: 375

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$40 J: \$235.

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ SCRIPTURE: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

• Ash Wed: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

• Next Week: Gn 22:1-2;9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9: 2-10

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:** Jim Fish: 2/15; Al Gius, Helen Fisher: 2/16; Justin Buchman, Marie Piaskowski, Rick Roulin, Sr., Vic Yanuskiewicz, John Washko: 2/19; Bill Fellin, Ryley Schwalm: 2/21.

❖ **Congratulations:** To the family of Madelyn Reese, Baptized this weekend into the Catholic Family of Faith! Remember, parents/godparents: it is your responsibility to teach your child in the ways of the faith. We trust that you'll do a good job, our prayers are with you!



❖ **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 @!

Condolences to the family of **Anthony Piniuk**, from St. Mary's, who died this past week. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.

❖ **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: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time: For St. Mark, gestures & postures are as important as words. In today's Gospel, the leper's gestures express courage, need & a sense of unworthiness. He contrasts that with the gestures & posture of Jesus who extends compassion, power, reverence for the dignity of the human person who comes to Him in need. He is teaching us a new relationship that God is establishing with us.

By touching, Jesus shows that although others may fear being made ritually or physically "unclean," thus separated from family & community, He is not. Why? As God, He is THE source of healing, wholeness & cleansing.

The response of the leper: "publicizing the whole matter", is what we are called to announce when the Lord touches, heals & cleanses us. Imagine calling or texting our family & friends about that type of "GOOD NEWS" instead of the same old, or some tidbit or gossip.

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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❖ **First Penance/Holy Communion:** our meeting was postponed & **rescheduled** for next Thurs, Feb. 19 after the 6pm Mass.

Penance will be received at our parish penance service later in Lent.

Communion is offered at different times beginning on Holy Thursday & throughout the Easter Season.

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet this: Sun. 2/15, after 8:15 mass @ J.

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

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

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



❖ **THIS WED: Ash Wed.**
Bleenie/Soup Sale:
St. Joseph's:
11:30am 'til sellout.

Support our endeavor, pray for good weather! [Snowdate: Fri, Feb. 20]

❖ **“Women of Grace”:** the weather's been against us, but not the spirit or willingness to deepen our growth in faith! Persevere, ladies! We gather alternating btw Sheppton & Ringtown. From this, we expect a deeper prayer life to enhance the lives of participants and families, including the parish family.

❖ **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 are encouraged at attend!

❖ **SCRIP:** We've **\$25 Amazon, \$10 Arby's \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Burger King, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$10 Domino's, \$10 Dunkin Donuts, \$25 Giant, \$5 KFC, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 iTunes, \$25 Weiss, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Sheetz, \$25 Old Country Buffet, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Wendy's, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Theatres, \$10 Taco Bell, \$100 & \$25 Walmart** on hand. Contact the office, we'll have it ready for you after Mass! When you buy from us, you receive the full value of the card, we receive %.

❖ **Trips:** We're considering taking youth to the **Lifeteen Conference** this August at St. John's Univ, NY & we'd like to find out who might be interested in a van, ½ bus or full bus to **Phila. in Sept. with Pope Francis.** Let us know if you'll go to one/either/both.

❖ **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.*)

❖ **Soups for Lent:** with Lent upon us, we seek disciples to prepare soups for weekend Mass. 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.



❖ **Valentine's Day:** The parish offers a small gift to you as we celebrate Valentine's Day Weekend!

❖ **Lenten Season:** During the journey we fast and abstain on Ash Wed, Good Friday. We abstain from meat Friday's of Lent & make an offering to the Lord for the grace given us by the offering of Jesus' death on the cross. Doing so we give up things like sweets, candy, cakes. Through the 40 days of Lent we fast, then in the 50 days of Easter we feast!

We also increase good works, spiritual renewal that will draw us closer to the life of grace. [e.g. 40 Days for Life...contact Nancy Krajnikovich to travel to the Allentown Abortion Clinic for a peaceful pro-life witness]

Additionally, we learn the hymn: “Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom” in preparation for the World Meeting of Families in Phila. in Sept.

Lenten Adult Ed: ...as with our Christmas Books, we've an easy & educational book during Lent: “The Real Story” by Dr. Edward Sri & Curtis Martin. The cost of the book is \$3 {freewill offering}; envelopes are enclosed in each. During Lent, we'll host “break time” to gather for an overview, questions & to share faith.

If you're more a “watcher”, we've dvd's of “Ordinary Live/Extraordinary Mission” on the Saints and choosing to live like one in today's world. Again the cost: \$3.

❖ **Lenten symbols/images:** We've several ways to enhance the journey: the 1st Sunday of Lent we offer our Lenten Symbols: prayer cards & key chain holders or a magnet. We hope to have banners as we've done each of the past years to help us keep our focus on Jesus.

Our books are provided this week so that we can begin the journey on Ash Wed. (see the related article).

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

St. Mary's hosted our first meeting last week,

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

❖ **Choir Donation:** Thanks to St. Mary's Choir for the donation of \$3,000. We appreciate your support!

❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Chili Sale:** St. Paul's UCC; \$6.50 @ quart. Order by 2/22, pick up 2/24 from 4pm-6pm; Call Janice @ 889-3494. ➔ **“Gun @ Week for a Year”:** Sheppton & other Area Fire Co.'s: \$30 each. 384-4746. ➔ **Trinity Academy School Info Session:** PreK & Kindergarten: Mon, 2/ 23 @ 6:30pm; breakout opportunity follows (includes grades 1-8); Contact Christine Fannick, AD @ 462-3927. Can't make the information session? Call to schedule a tour!

➔ **Ringtown Food Pantry Walk-a-thon:** April 12 @ 1pm;

