

Feb 23 • **Funeral**: 1:30pm †Ann Kovalewski

6:30pm • **M** • Stations • Lenten Faith Sharing: Parish Office

Feb 24 • 9am • **Rc** •

† Dr. Geraldine Shepperson r/o Donna/Jessica Gulash

Feb 26 • 6pm • **Rc** •

† John Makara r/o M/M Roy Gius

Lenten Faith Sharing: Rectory

Feb 27 • 8am • **Rc** •

† Nancy Robel r/o M/M Edward Shamany

• Stations •

• Feb. 28/Mar 1 • 2nd Sunday of Lent

4pm • **J** • † Josephine Libassi r/o Caroline Kuehn

5:45pm • **M** • † Ron Rader r/o McNelis Family

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

10am • **M** • † Sophie Kayes r/o Jim/Virginia Spudis



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 873; Campaign: 275 • J: S: 811;**

Campaign: 320 • Offered through myEoffering: M: \$5 • J: \$45.

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **SCRIPTURE: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15**

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

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



❖ 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: •Al/Bea Gius •Dorothy Yanuskiewicz

•John Washko •Rose Ann & Tracey Aponick •Jean & Alice Jarzinko •Joseph Washko •Ed & Sally McNamee

•Jennifer Gilliam •Margaret Burns •Grace Snover

•Loretta Zienkiewicz

❖ **Birthdays Blessings: Debbie Stivers, Bob Mummey:**

2/24; **John Daly, Sandra Hetherington: 2/25; Gavin**

Johnstone: 2/26; Andrew Osilka: 2/28.



❖ **Drawing: Tues, Mar**

17, 7pm, \$1000, Pa

Evening Daily 4 #; \$2

@. Tickets sellers & buyers needed!

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

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

Condolences to the family of **Ann Kovalewski**, from St. Mary's, whose funeral is celebrated this Monday. Eternal rest grant unto her, 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 Spring!

❖ **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: 1st Sunday of Lent: The opening prayer for Mass as we enter into the season sets the view of the entire journey. It is a prayer that seeks to inaugurate a period of time as we pray "though the yearly observance of holy Lent." We then pray for growth in "the riches hidden in Christ." Finally we ask that our conduct may reflect those riches of living life in Christ. A life whose public ministry began, in all places, in the desert: a place of life and death where wickedness and grace contend in the story of our lives. By God's gift, grace wins out!

This is what we're after in our short read of "the REAL STORY", where we consider the faithfulness of God, our relationship with Him & one another and our place in the heritage that belongs to the Catholic family of faith! I encourage you to join us on this journey.

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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❖ **First Penance/Holy Communion:** 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 Sun. 3/15, 11:30 @ Parish Office.

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

❖ **Ash Wed. Bleenie/Soup Sale:** St. Joseph's:

Thanks to all who helped our endeavor! Initial #'s show a profit of **\$1011!**

❖ **"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 to attend!

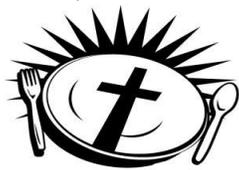


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❖ **Bishop Barres:** will celebrate Mass next Sunday. If you attend Sat. Mass, think about coming Sun. Welcome him, bring him your questions, concerns, constructive ideas & support for your parish & the parish family.
(with coverage, I hope to take mom to the warm North Pole!)

❖ **SCRIP:** We've \$10 Arby's \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Burger King, \$25 Cabela's, \$5 KFC, \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$10 Domino's, \$10 Dunkin Donuts, \$25 Giant, \$25 Weiss, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 iTunes, \$25 Lowe's, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 Sheetz, \$10 Wendy's, \$25 Old Country Buffet, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Taco Bell, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Theatres, \$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 %.



Lenten Soups

❖ We ask disciples to make **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

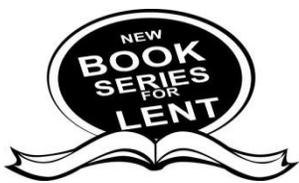
recipes! Contact us via the parish office.

❖ **Lent:** 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.

The Bishop's Lenten Letter can be found in the ADTimes & on the diocesan website (see our web link).



Adult Ed: "The Real Story" by Dr. Edward Sri & Curtis Martin. The cost of the book is \$3 {freewill offering}; envelopes are enclosed in each. This week, we'll meet **Mon. @**

St. Mary's & Thurs. @ St. Joseph's. If you're joining us, let us know! Bring your Book, Bible & notes! We're doing chpt. 1 & 2!

If you're 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/cards:** Are offered this weekend: they're given in memory of **Ron Rader**, by LouAnn & Lindsay! The prayer cards & key chain holders [or magnet] have a powerful image of Salvador Dali's image of the Crucifixion. We've banners to assist us with this visual

image to help us keep our eyes & the eyes of our hearts on Jesus. It's described at Holy Mass this weekend. You can do an internet search as well.

❖ **Choir Practice @ M:** Starts THIS Sun. after mass. New members are always welcome!



Homemade **Shoo-Fly Pie Sale @ \$7.**

Sponsored by the Choir! Forms are at the entrance to church, see a choir member/parish office. Order by 3/21. Pick up: 3/27, 9-2 @ Parish Office; after 4pm @ Rectory.

❖ **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 is scheduling theirs in the coming weeks.

❖ **Trips:** We're thinking about a youth journey 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, 1/2 bus or full bus to **Phila. in Sept. with Pope Francis.** Let us know if you'll go to one/either/both.

❖ **Pope Francis: Coptic Christians murdered by radical Islam:** "The blood of our Christian brothers and sisters is a witness that cries out to be heard. It makes no difference whether they be Catholics, Orthodox, Copts or Protestants, they are Christians! Their blood is one and the same. Their blood confesses Christ. As we recall these brothers and sisters who were killed only because they confessed Christ, I ask that we encourage one another to go forward with this ecumenism that is emboldening us, the ecumenism of blood. The martyrs belong to all Christians." • **FYI:** the word "islam" is a verbal noun from the Arabic verb *aslama*. *Aslama* is from the same root as *salama*, meaning to make peace, but it is a totally different form of the root, which produces several complete verbs, nouns, adjectives, etc. *Aslama* means "to surrender or to submit."
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❖ **Congrats** to NS Boys/Girls Basketball Teams, esp. our own **Rachel Bell & Tevin Murray.** Best of luck in the playoffs!

❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Bingo: Sheppton Fire Co:** 3/8: 1pm. ➔ **Trinity Academy School Info Session:** PreK & Kindergarten: **Canceled** for this Mon 2/23. A new date will be provided. ➔ **Ringtown Food Pantry Walk-a-thon:** April 12 @ 1pm. ➔ **Protecting God's Children Workshop:** Thurs. Feb 26, 6-9pm Nativity HS, Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, register: 622-8110. ➔ **Identity Theft Awareness:** 3/17, 7-8:30pm St. Paul's UCC. Pre-Register Required: 889-3755.

