

Mar 2 • 6:30pm • M • Stations •

Mar 6 • 9am • Rc • Stations •



• Mar 7/8 • 3rd Sunday of Lent

4pm • J • † Max & Josephine Gabardi r/o Family

5:45pm • M • † Raymond Milosh r/o Milosh Family

8:15am • J • 58th Wedding Anniv: Roy/Dolores Gius

10am • M • † Dorothy Esposito r/o Stan/Marie Piaskowski



❖ **STEWARDSHIP:** M: S: 1292; BF: 147; Campaign: 355

• J: S: 959; BF: 229; Campaign: 280 • Ash Wed: M: 365 • J: 397

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$268 • J: \$65.

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **SCRIPTURE:** Gn 22:1-2;9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34;

Mk 9: 2-10 • Next Week: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25;

John 2:13-25



❖ 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

❖ Anniversary Blessings: 58th Anniv. Roy & Dolores

Gius: 3/2

❖ Birthday Blessings: Damian Fritz: 3/4; Bill Maczees,

Jacob Crawford: 3/5.



❖ Drawing: **Tues, Mar 17, 7pm, \$1000, Pa Evening Daily 4 #; \$2 @.** Last weeks to sell, get tickets sold!

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** March tickets out now!

❖ **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.



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Reflection: 2nd Sunday of Lent: At the baptism of Madelyn Reese, her face radiated with love & joy. Just before I baptized her, she looked right at me with eyes asking: "what are you going to do with me!?!", not of fear, because she was in the loving arms of her parents, but of hope, joy.

She was being prepared for a Transfiguration moment. As the event described in the Gospel, we hear of this experience of the disciples in preparation for the scandal of the cross & the great joy of the Resurrection.

How do we "capture" that moment? Participation in the paschal mystery that is Holy Mass. If we're simply "attending", it's time to ratchet up that level to "active participation." If we're participating, time to enhance that level to a deeper level of participation into the silence, wonder & awe the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass brings.

Every day, every event can't be a "transfiguration event", otherwise we'd quickly say: oh, another. Instead we do what I did: put the image in the "eyes of my heart" so that thinking about it, it helps to recall the great grace by which God comes to us: even through the eyes of a beautiful baby or the scandal of the Cross.

Be a saint...what else is there?

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❖ **First Penance/Holy Communion:** Penance will be received at our parish penance service: **Mon, Mar. 23rd, 6pm** Communion is offered at different times starting 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!

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

❖ **Ash Wed. Bleenie/Soup Sale:** St. Joseph's: Thanks to all who helped our endeavor! Final #'s: **\$1046**

❖ **"Women of Grace":** Our group is enjoying the program and the fellowship, while learning about and strengthening our faith and prayer life together. 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!



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.

❖ **Easter Egg Hunt:** Gifts/Donations/Workers: sought for the great day of Easter Hope/Joy!

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



St. Mary's Choir sells homemade **Shoo-Fly Pies @ \$7**. They ask donations of flour. Forms are at church, see a choir member/parish office. Order by 3/21.

Pick up: 3/27, 9-2 @ Parish Office; after 4pm @ Rectory.

❖ **SCRIP:** We've \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 iTunes, \$25 Weis, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Sheetz, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Wendy's, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Theatres, \$10 Taco Bell, \$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 Adult Ed:** ...: "The Real Story" by Dr. Edward Sri & Curtis Martin. {freewill offering}; envelopes are enclosed in each. Next week, we'll meet **Mon. @ St. Mary's** and **Thurs. @ St. Joseph's**. If you are joining us,

let us know! Bring your Book & Bible! We're doing chpt. 3-6! It's only 20+ pages.

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 offering is \$3.

❖ **Bishop Barres:** presides at our Sunday Masses: impress him by your faithful participation at Holy Mass as well as your love of your Catholic faith! We pray that his experience will solidify what we've humbly but boldly proclaim: St. Mary and St. Joseph parish family is alive and well in Christ!

❖ **St. Joseph's Table:** bring **donations for the poor** to the table in honor of St. Joseph. At weekend Mass, Mar. 21-22nd we invite you to bring two loaves of bread: one to be blessed for your home/table & one for the poor. Keep the loaves with you, we'll announce at the offertory time to place your loaves in the aisle, servers will come around to bring them to St. Joseph's table. The other loaf we'll bless at the end of Mass for you/your family!

We have Mass, **Thurs, Mar 19th @ 6:30pm** followed by an "**simple supper**" hosted at the rectory. Since he is our patron, the Lenten fast is dispensed for that day! If you're joining us, let us know & what you're bringing. Get out of the house to bid farewell to the "winter blues!"

Prepare to pray the **Novena to St. Joseph**, we'll have copies for your to take with you & we'll post it on the website and a link via facebook.

❖ **Trips:** We're considering taking youth to the **Lifeteen Conference** in August at St. John's Univ, NY & we'd like to see if there's interest in a van, 1/2 or full bus to **Phila. in Sept. with Pope Francis**. Let us know if you'll go to one/either/both.

❖ **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.

❖ **Block Party/Picnic:** For March, we're seeking donations of ice melt, no, seriously: we're asking for brand named soda (diet, too), water, and ketchup & we seek sponsors for our **basket raffle and gifts for our ticket!**

St. Mary's held our initial meeting. St. Joseph's is scheduled for **next Fri., Mar 13 @ 6:30pm**.

❖ **Lenten symbols/cards:** Were offered last weekend: any that remain are at Church. You're invited to share them! The prayer cards & key chain holders [or magnet] have the image of Salvador Dali's "Crucifixion". Our banners assist to help keep the eyes of our hearts on Jesus. This is a summary of what was described at Holy Mass last weekend: **Christ of Saint John of the Cross** is a painting by Salvador Dali made in 1951. It depicts Jesus on the cross in a darkened sky floating over a body of water complete with a boat and fishermen. Although it is a depiction of the crucifixion, it is devoid of nails, blood, and a crown of thorns, still it helps us to focus on the reality that the Lord was "lifted up" for the salvation of all the world. It would become the very thing that the Scriptures tell us the disciples proclaimed: "we preach a Christ Crucified!"

For Dali, the importance of depicting Christ in the extreme angle evident in the painting was revealed to him in a dream.

The painting is known as the "Christ of Saint John of the Cross", because its design is based on a drawing by the 16th-c Spanish friar John of the Cross. The composition of Christ is also based on a triangle and circle (the triangle is formed by Jesus' arms; the circle is formed by His head). The triangle, since it has three sides, can be seen as a reference to the Trinity, and the circle may be an allusion to Platonic thought that undergirds the philosophical principles upon which faith and reason intersect. The circle represents Unity: the perfect image for the Trinitarian God revealed in the Divine Plan.

On the bottom of his studies for the painting, Dali explained its inspiration: "In the first place, in 1950, I had a 'cosmic dream' in which I saw this image in color and which in my dream represented the 'nucleus of the atom.' This nucleus later took on a metaphysical sense; I considered it 'the very unity of the universe,' the Christ!"

❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Bingo: Sheppton Fire Co:** 3/8: 1pm;

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

➔ **Identity Theft Awareness:** 3/17, 7-8:30pm St. Paul's UCC. Pre-Register Required: 889-3755.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

