

Mar 9 • 6pm • M • Frances of Rome

• Stations •

Lenten Faith Sharing: Parish Office



Mar 12 • 6pm • Rc •

† Nancy Robel r/o M/M Roy Gius

Lenten Faith Sharing: Rectory

Mar 13 • 9am • Rc •

† Jane Ann Dinger (14th Anniv.) r/o Fr. Jim

• Stations •

• Mar. 14/15 • 4th Sunday of Lent

4pm • J • † Vincent Fanelli r/o Cathy Andrews

5:45pm • M • † Edward Gilliam & Joseph Puorro r/o Family

8:15am • J • † Christy & Dorothy Joy r/o Family

10am • M • † Theresa Ney r/o Family



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1084; Dues: 350; Campaign: 1019  
• J: S: 1890; Dues: 411; Campaign: 561  
Offered through myEoffering: M: \$15 J: \$190.  
*Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ SCRIPTURE: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25;  
John 2:13-25 • Next Week: Chn 36:14-16;19-23; Eph 2:4-10;  
John 3:14-21



❖ 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: •Betty Lou Torpey •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

❖ Birthday Blessings: Bob Richards, Marjorie Lorah: 3/9; Kaitlyn Lorah, Margaret Popalis: 3/12; David Krajnikovich, Dorothy Yanuskiewicz: 3/14



❖ 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!  
Feb. Winner: Joseph Schneider: \$75!

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

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

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

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

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

❖ 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: 3rd Sunday of Lent: When I first came here, a few folks asked: "what about a ramp?" "what about a hall?" "what about. ...." Constructing something is always a challenge. Design details, funding concerns, permits & codes, they all take time and be a source of worry.

Building the community of the Church as the living temple of God's Presence is even more challenging. Truth is, much more is at stake. As your priest, if I don't speak a Word of challenge, support, encouragement & growth, how will we ponder the reality that there is much to life than simply this life!

As we hear that Jesus overturns tables, don't get lost in the deeper impact He was trying to impart: he's not against sales, fundraisers, a fair price. He is against these things being our sole focus to the exclusion of growth in love of God by means of worship, prayer, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & the other sacraments.

The Lord wants us to take care of our worship place (and it costs real \$), still He wants us to bring to completion the construction of God's new temple: our sacred bodies, that are made in His very image and likeness.

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: **Mon, Mar. 23rd, 6pm**  
Communion is offered at different times starting Holy Thursday & throughout the Easter Season.

❖ Knights of Columbus: Meet next Sun. 3/15, 11:30 @ Parish Office.

**Knight of Columbus Bleenie/Soup Sale:**

**St. Mary's Garage:**

**March 20th, 3pm 'til sellout.**

Support our endeavor, pray for good weather!

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

❖ "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.

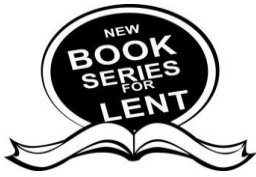
❖ Catholic Men's Conference: **King's College, Wilkes Barre: Sat, Ap 25.** \$30 before 3/31; students: \$15. Fr. Larry Richards & Damon Owens, Mike Guman & a presentation on Fr. Vincent Capodanno (the grunt padre). Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass: 6am-3pm. The parish will pay for anyone who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

❖ **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 %.



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:** presided at our Sunday Masses last week, he was impressed by your faithful participation at Holy Mass and 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!

❖ **Trips:** We're thinking of 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.

❖ **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 **THIS Fri., Mar 13 @ 6:30pm**.

❖ **St. Joseph's Table:** bring **donations for the poor** to the table in honor of St. Joseph. At weekend Mass, Mar. 21-22<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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!"

❖ **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,

**Memorials @ M: Joseph Aponick:** W. Mahanoy Twp. Class of 1953: \$10;

**Ann Kovalevsky:** Dolly & John Zakavage, Sophie Kalinowski, Joanne & Don Wishing, John & Mary Milosh: \$80; **Eleanor Weikel:** Fr. Richard Schwarc Council, Knights of Columbus: \$25;

**Anthony Piniuk:** James & Mary Beth Ambrose, Ruth Ann Brouse, Richard Steel & Karen Ferenchick, Stephen & Bradley Oravitz, Socash Family, Lawrence Klocek Family, Polish American Fire Co., Mary Ann Cherneski, Joe & Sue Chernesky, Leon Chernesky, Robert & Anna Marie Decusky: \$180.

❖ **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.

❖ **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!

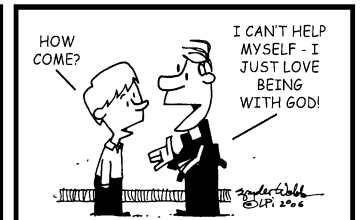
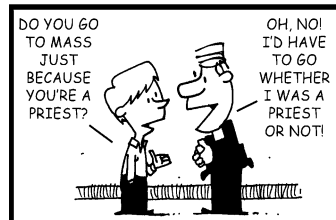
We also increase good works, spiritual renewal that will draw us closer to the life of grace. [e.g. 40 Days for Life...contact Nancy Krajnikovich to travel to the Allentown Abortion Clinic for a peaceful pro-life witness]

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

❖ **Lenten symbols/cards:** Were offered last weekend: they're given in memory of **Ron Rader**, by LouAnn & Lindsay! Extras that remain are at the entrance to Church. You are invited to share them with family, friends, neighbors!

The prayer cards & key chain holders [or magnet] have a powerful image of Salvador Dali's image of the Crucifixion. Our banners assist us visually to help keep our eyes & the eyes of our hearts on Jesus.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Bingo:** Sheppton Fire Co: this Sunday: 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.

➔ **Rotary Seafood Dinner:** 3/27, 3pm-7pm. Contact- 570-889-3184 or 570-889-5611.