

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph / Rc: rectory chapel

Mar 16 • 6pm • M •

† Irene Piaskowski

• Stations •

Faith Sharing: Parish Office



Mar 17 • 9am • Rc • Patrick

† Julia Sider r/o Dolores Carmadella-Baum

Mar 19 • 6pm • J • Joseph, Spouse of the BVMary

† Nancy Robel r/o M/M Roy Gius

St Joseph Supper: Rectory

Mar 20 • 9am • Rc • † Charles McHugh

• Stations •

• Mar. 21/22 • 5th Sunday of Lent

4pm • J • † Anthony Clatch r/o Sokolofski Family

5:45pm • M • † Paul Byrne r/o Dan/Kathy Milefsky

8:15am • J • † Eugene & Helen Recla r/o Daughters/Families

10am • M • † For the Unborn r/o Brian Irlinger



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1151; Flowers: 447; Campaign: 175

• J: S: 1366; Flowers: 477; Campaign: 350

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$30 • J: \$235.

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ SCRIPTURE: Chn 36:14-16;19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

• Next Week: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

❖ 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 •Betty Lou Torpey

❖ Birthday Blessings: Jeffrey Markosky: 3/15; Janet

Maczees: 3/16; Rachel Bell, Jenn Fritz: 3/17; Daniel

Roulin: 3/19; Paul Burke, Matthew Milosh, Sean

Kramer, Josh Pukavage: 3/20.

❖ Drawing:

THIS Tues, Mar 17,

7pm, \$1000, Pa

Evening #4; \$2 @.



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

❖ Stewardship: *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an 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

"Like" us: [facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc](https://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc)

❖ **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: 4th Sunday of Lent: Nicodemus, a man who was seeking the will of God as an observant Jew, was attracted by the words and example of Jesus.

He was attracted to Jesus but, at the same time, was fearful of what others thought of him, that he would be excluded from the fellowship to which he enjoyed & relished.

Isn't that the same struggle that affects us? We are in search of Jesus and His Church, in search of divine mercy, we're seeking a sign that wake people up to God and God's call. What causes us to pause is the same thing that affected Nicodemus: fear. Who of us wants to be labelled a "hater", who wants to be excluded or be told that you can believe what you want in your home, but leave it at the doorway. No one, still, to draw close to Jesus, some of us have to come to Him under the cover of darkness, some of us have to be encouraged to live our faith openly, some have to be challenged to live our faith!

"Pope Emeritus Benedict points out that John's Gospel reminds us that the only "sign" given to the world is that of Jesus raised on the Cross: Jesus who died and rose is the sufficient sign. Through Him we can understand the truth about life and obtain salvation."

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 @ St. Joseph's!** Communion is offered at different times starting Holy Thursday & throughout the Easter Season.

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

Knights Bleenie/Soup Sale:

St. Mary's Garage: Fri, Mar 20th, 3pm-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 Shepton & Ringtown. From

this, we expect a deeper prayer life to enhance the lives of participants and families, including the parish family.

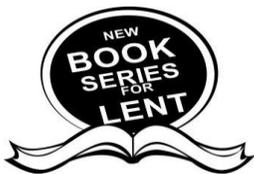
❖ **Catholic Men's Conference: King's College, Wilkes Barre: Sat, Ap 25.** \$30 before 3/31; students: \$15. Fr. Larry Richards & Damon Owens, Mike Guman & a presentation on Fr. Vincent Capodanno (the grunt padre). Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass: 6am-3pm. The parish will pay for anyone who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

❖ **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.

This week one gathering only: Mon. @ St. Mary's since this

Thurs is the feast of St Joseph. If you are joining us, let us know! Bring your Book & Bible! We're doing a few chapters to cover the overview of the book.

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.

❖ **St. Joseph's Table:** bring **donations for the poor** to the table in honor of St. Joseph. At Mass next weekend, 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, this **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!"

❖ **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 next Sun, 3/21. Pick up: 3/27, 9-2 @ Parish Office; after 4pm @ Rectory.

❖ **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 next meeting: **4/1 @ 6pm;** in the Church Hall. St. Joseph's held their meeting this week.

❖ **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:** 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.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT



❖ **Outside Events:** ☞ **Bingo: Sheppton Fire Co:** this Sunday: 3/15: 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. ☞ **Padre Pio Healing Mass:** Divine Mercy, Shenandoah; 4/10 @ 7pm. ☞ **Trinity Academy Basket Auction:** Annunciation BVM, Frackville; 4/11 @ 5pm. ☞ **Bereavement Support Group:** Beginning Wed. 4/15; Broad Mtn. Nursing & Rehab, Frackville. Call 1-800-726-8761. ☞ **Helen Roulin Foundation Scholarship** Applications for High School girls completing 9th-12th grade this year, & parents of Ringtown area, are available. Contact the Parish Office. They must be submitted no later than 5/3.