

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

Mar 23 • 6pm • J • 1<sup>st</sup> Penance/  
Parish Penance Service  
[6:30: Adult Confessions begin]



Mar 24 • Noon • Rc •  
† Albert Gius r/o Roy/Dolores Gius

Mar 26 • 6pm • Rc •  
† Julia Sider r/o M/M Scott Shemany  
Faith Sharing: Rectory

Mar 27 • Noon • Rc • † Francis Marzen, Sr.  
• Stations •

• Mar. 28/29 • Palm Sunday  
4pm • J • † M/M Joseph Sullivan  
r/o Cathy Andrews

5:45pm • M • † Joseph Aponick  
r/o Wife, Joanne/Children

8:15am • J • † John & Rachel Horvath  
r/o Family

10am • M • † Joan Perrong  
r/o Dorothy Mattes/Family



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1170; BF: 218; Campaign: 650  
• J: S: 869; BF: 273; Campaign: 315  
Offered through myEoffering: M: \$15 • J: \$45  
Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ SCRIPTURE: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 • Next  
Week: Mark 11: 1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47



❖ 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: •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: Matt Stivers: 3/22; Linda  
Morgovnik, Dorothy Hovanec: 3/24; Joe Morgovnik:  
3/25.



❖ Winning #: 4450  
Congrats to our \$1000  
Winner: Shirley Gard,  
Kulpmont. Winning ticket

sold by Grabosky/Pennypacker Family!

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

❖ Condolences: to the family of Al Gius, from St.  
Joseph's, who was buried this past week. Eternal rest,  
grant unto Him, O Lord.

❖ Stewardship: No one can do everything, everyone can do  
something! Make an offering of a gift in thanks 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/stmarystjosephrcc](https://facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc)

❖ Easter Egg Hunt: St. Joseph's is on, St. Mary's:  
coordinators needed! We're looking for donations of candy,  
\$ and large gift items to make Easter a day of great 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: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: One of the most  
touching moments leading up the NCAA basketball  
tournament bracket was the last second shot by an  
athlete that came back from his mother's bedside. She,  
dying of cancer, had her son give up his precious  
education classes & several games, at her bedside 16 hrs.  
@ day. After her funeral, he returned to the states & his  
team. The reaction of the fans, very much aware of his  
journey, was awe inspiring! In the interviews, instead of  
focusing on himself, he spoke of his mom's courage &  
grace, the support of family, friends, teammates &  
coaches.

This is the type of "dying to self" Jesus teaches us in  
our Gospel. His promise is that those who glorify  
themselves and make an opportunity a time to advance  
their own cause have received their "reward", very  
unfulfilling. What He offers is the gift given by God: that  
of "eternal life" to those who self-serve in a good way,  
the way God intends us to be.

This Mon., we've our parish penance service at St  
Joseph's and 1<sup>st</sup> Penance for our parish youth preparing  
for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion! Join us, be an example to them  
that God's forgiveness does make a difference in life!  
We start at 6pm, if you come around 6:30, you should be  
set to receive the sacrament of God's forgiveness!

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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P.S. As you are aware, my mother has been ill. We are  
working on getting her the necessary treatment to assist.  
Until that time, I'll be with her. We'll be adjusting the  
weekday mass schedule so that I can get back/forth,  
priests from the diocese will be assigned to cover  
weekend Masses. Your understanding and cooperation is  
appreciated.



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

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

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet Sun. 4/19, after 8am Mass @ Rectory. **Knights Bleenie/Soup Sale: Thanks to all who supported our endeavor.**

❖ **Confessions/ 1<sup>st</sup> Penance/Holy Communion:** We're hearing confessions and receiving our young people's 1<sup>st</sup> confession this **Mon, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm @ St. Joseph's!** We gather with our young people & families at 6pm to invite them to the Lord's grace!

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

❖ **"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!

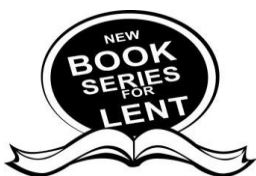


Lenten Soups

❖ we're at the end of our Lenten journey and seek disciples to make soups for Holy Week! We provide the containers. 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. **This week, we host one gathering only: Thurs. @ St. Joseph's** (since this Mon is our Parish Penance Service & 1<sup>st</sup> Penance.)

We're finishing up with the Old Testament Chapters and will conclude in Holy Week with the Gospel! 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.

❖ **St. Joseph's Table:** bring donations for the poor to the table in honor of St. Joseph. At Mass THIS 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 had a great supper for the Feast of St. Joseph! Thanks to all who cooked, baked, and helped!

❖ **Block Party/Picnic:** We ask donations of 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 past week.



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 **THIS** Sun, 3/22. Pick up: 3/27, 9-2 @ Parish Office; after 4pm @ Rectory.



**Attn: Ministry Disciples:** help is needed, if you'll minister at a service, let us know for scheduling!

**Holy Thurs: 6:30pm: J**

Mass of the Lord's Supper

[Adoration 'til 10pm]

**Good Fri: Noon @ J:**

Stations/Veneration of Cross/ Divine Mercy

**3pm @ M: Passion of the Lord**

**Alleluia**

Holy Sat: Basket Blessing: 10am @ M; 11:30am @ J

**Easter Vigil: M: [gather @ 7:15 @ M]**

**Mass: 7:30** [No 4pm Sat. Mass in the diocese!]

**Easter Sunday: • Sunrise Mass: (weather permitting)**

**M cemetery 6:30am** [sunrise is 6:34]

• **8am @ J** (*Note Time!*)

• **10am @ M** [Egg Hunts: see related article]

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Ringtown Food Pantry Walk-a-thon:**

April 12 @ 1pm. ➔ **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. ➔ **Bingo: Sheppton Fire Co:** 4/12 @ 1pm; ➔ **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 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade this year, & parents of Ringtown area, are available. Contact the Parish Office. They must be submitted no later than 5/3.

