

Mar 28-April 5, 2015



Holy Thurs: • 6:30pm: J

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Priests/Religious who have served our parish family
[Adoration 'til 10pm]

Good Fri: • Noon @ J:

Stations/Veneration of Cross/ Divine Mercy

• **3pm @ M:** Passion of the Lord



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

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

Mass: 7:30 Parishioners

[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!) Parishioners

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

❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S: 931; Missions: 118; Campaign: 155
• **J:** S: 1195; Missions: 272; Campaign: 220

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$5 • J: \$55

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **SCRIPTURE:** Mark 11: 1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 • Next Week: Acts 10:37-43; 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Mark 16:1-7



❖ 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 • Vickie Hartz**
❖ Birthday Blessings: **Stan Piaskowski:** 3/31; **Bob Fellin, Donna Fuehrer, Sara Jane Grow:** 4/2; **Theresa Novak, Catherine Laudig:** 4/3; **Kristin Fritz:** 4/4.

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** March drawing next Sunday!

❖ **Condolences:** to the family of **Patricia Abicunas**, from St. Mary's, who was buried this past week. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord.

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an offering of a gift in thanks for Spring!

❖ **Palm from Last Year:** bring it to church, place it in the baskets (please, keep your plastic bag as the palm is burned for ashes on Ash Wed.

The parish office is closed: Good Fri/Easter Mon.

❖ **Year of St. Mark's Gospel continues!**

Read your Bible!

❖ **Visit us on the web:** stmarystjoseph.net

"Like" us: facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

❖ **Easter Egg Hunt:** Both parishes have coordinators! 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: Palm Sunday/Holy Week: The life, suffering, death & resurrection of Jesus happened to Him as an historical event, but it also happen to us who claim to be His followers. Where do we get such a foolish idea? The Passover event of God's chosen people. When they gather, they don't see it as something that happened just in history & remember the event, they relive it. That very event that Jesus & His disciples relived & renewed as a part of their identity.

This week, Jesus doesn't die again, but we relive these events so they impact our lives. Do you see now why the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is so important to us, it is Calvary, relived, in an unbloody manner, not so that Jesus could die over & over again, but so that we who believe in Jesus alive could be sustained as were those first disciples. Make this Holy Week count! Try to get to as many of our services as possible, and yes: pray for no snow next weekend (someone needs to offer a Mass intention for favorable weather!)

Last Mon., we received our young people into the Lord's forgiving embrace. Pray God a lifetime of mercy sought & received. Now they prepare for 1st Holy Communion! Become a prayer partner for them, take a card & pray that they draw close to the Good Shepherd, who not only forgives, but feeds us!

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & ☀

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P.S. As of now, we're waiting for "approval" for mom to receive therapy for a few weeks & then home. Agonizing waits for a system clearly broken. On top of that, my aunt that we rely upon, fell & is off of her feet for a bit. You know the saying up here: when it rains, it snows! I'm hoping to be back as soon as things settle down & fall into place. Thanks to Fr. Z for helping out & thank you, your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.



❖ **Choir Practice @ M:** Continues after Holy Week/Easter Services! There are some great voices out there, we can hear you, why not join us in giving praise and thanks to God!

❖ **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, despite the challenge of the weather, we had a great turnout of workers & supporters, netting: fellowship: priceless & a profit of \$541.

❖ **Confessions/ 1st Penance/Holy Communion:** We heard confessions & welcomed our young people & their families into the ongoing relationship of God's forgiving grace! First Holy Communion is offered at different times beginning with 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!

❖ **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 %.

❖ **Adult Education Books:** ...: "The Real Story" by Dr. Edward Sri & Curtis Martin. **Take one to give to family, friends, co-workers, relatives during Holy Week/Easter.** We've had a great response to the books from Christmas/Lent!

Share the good news! Give the remaining books as a gift of what our Catholic faith is about!

If you know someone who is 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:** donations for the poor are deeply appreciated and shared with our local food pantries! In the name of St. Joseph, who took care of those entrusted to Him, may God bless you for helping the poor whose mission is ours to take care of. If we can do it half as well as did St. Joseph, what an honor.

❖ **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.

First Communion Candidates:

Johnny Casella ☺ Ava Fritz ☺

Anthony Milosh ☺ Liam Messina

☺ Giavana Halford ☺ Gavin Johnstone

☺ Isaiah Johnstone ☺ A few prayer partner cards remain: will you take one & pray for them? See us after Mass.

❖ It's here! gifts for **Easter.**

If you pick up last minute bargains, bring them to the parish office/rectory! We

host our **Easter Egg Hunt** Sunday after Mass @ M/J! byob (basket); byoss [shovel if it snows!]; eggs will be dug up!; jk! [2nd S Easter: if weather is against us] Pray for good weather!



St. Mary's Choir sold homemade **Shoo-Fly Pies.** We had orders for more than 264 pies baked & enjoyed! Thank you to

all who helped us in our endeavor. Our profit was \$1673!

❖ **We Are Remembered:** A ministry for those who lost a child to death (or anyone mourning the loss of a loved one) hosts the 24th Mass, **Wed., Ap. 8th, 7pm @ St John the Baptist Church, 924 N Front St, Allentown.** Join us for Holy Mass! Fr. Jim is the spiritual advisor for the ministry since it's inception. Know someone who is in mourning? Enroll their names, the listing appears in the ADTimes, our diocesan newspaper. (a donation of \$5 is requested for each name enrolled to cover expenses)

PALM SUNDAY



❖ **Outside Events:** ☺ Pray w **Trinity Academy** (gr 4-8) **Living Stations:** this Sun. @ 6:30pm, Divine Mercy, Shenandoah. ☺ **Pot Luck Dinner:** Aurand Memorial UMC: 3/29 @ 11:30. ☺ **Ringtown Food Pantry Walk-a-thon:** April 12 @ 1pm. ☺ **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. ☺ **Movie Night:** Aurand Memorial UMC: 4/17 @ 7pm. ☺ **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. Submit anytime, at least by 5/3.



