

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

Ap 6-12, 2015



Ap 6 • 6pm • M

† Marie Houser r/o Augusta Lindenmuth

Ap 7 • 9am • J • † Nancy Robel r/o Dolores Furedi/Family

Ap 8 • noon • J • † Stephen Lochar

Ap 10 • 6pm • J • † Josephine Bodock

2nd S of Easter/Divine Mercy • Ap. 11/12

4pm • J † Ida Zangari r/o Bowling Team

5:45pm • M † John & Frances Lorah r/o Charlie/Kathy Lorah

8:15am • J † Thomas Gulash r/o Donna/Jessica Gulash

10am • M † Karas & Baranowsky Families r/o Children



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1248; Campaign: 800

• J: S: 1449; Campaign: 300

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$5 • J: \$45

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:37-43; 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Mark 16:1-7

• Next Week: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; John 20:19-31



Prayer List

❖ 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: Cheryl Rejent, Sue Crawford: 4/6; Rhiannon Mummy, Rich Searles: 4/7; Caitlynn Crawford, Charlie Lorah: 4/9; Bea Gius: 4/10.

❖ St. Joseph's 50/50: March winner: Joyce Macus, \$68! Congrats! April tickets now available!

❖ **A Parishioner is....** One who is registered, participates regularly in the liturgical life of the parish (e.g. Sunday Mass), demonstrates support by the gift of Time, Talent & Treasure! Join us!

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

❖ **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 reopens: Easter Wed, Ap 8! ||

❖ 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)



: Held this weekend! Thanks, as always, to the disciples who stepped up to make it a memorable event for our children/families. [if inclement

weather: next Sunday!]

❖ **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: Easter: When we turn on the TV, read the paper or go online, you seldom see the headline: "Buses arrived safely!" "No accidents on rt 924" "No bank's roobed!" "No obituaries" "Airplanes all departed & arrived on time."

We hear about the ones that didn't make it, as they say: "If it bleeds, it leads." Well consider this: the bad news about the one who bled for our salvation has a different headline: "EMPTY TOMB!" "CRUCIFIED MAN RAISED FROM THE DEAD!!"

There's a new movie out as a followup to last year's "God's Not Dead" film. This one asks: "Do You Believe?" It highlights the challenges to the lives of a pastor, a couple whose child died & several others. Each challenged to live what they say they believe. Easter Season is a great time for us to seek to answer that question. It begins with what we say with our lips, but it must, of necessity, go to the next level: be something we do with our lives.

Accept the challenge, the invitation to live what we believe: Jesus lived, died, was crucified for our salvation & now He lives again!

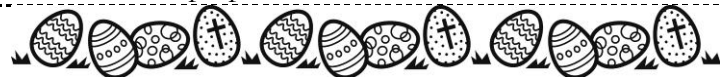
A blessed Easter from our parish staff, music & pastoral ministry & all who name themselves "members" of St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish Family of Faith.

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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P.S. Mom's scheduled for therapy & assistance allowing me to return this week. She'll be with me for weekends until she can stay at home alone. Thanks for your cards, notes, emails & prayers! I pray that we've gained an appreciation of the priesthood in those who have helped. The future for the diocese is clear as we've a number of priests retiring. Sharing a priest for Mass may be in the future, still, what is most important is working to sustain our Catholic faith identity by doing what many of you have done: step up in the time of need.



❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet Sun. 4/19, after 8am Mass @ Rectory.

❖ **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.** \$35; 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!

Congrats Gavin & Isaiah Johnstone,
on receiving your 1st Holy Communion
on Holy Thursday!



First Communion Candidates:

**Johnny Casella ☺ Ava Fritz ☺ Anthony Milosh
☺ Liam Messina ☺ Giavana Halford ☺**

A few prayer partner cards remain: take one & pray for them? They’re at the entrance to Church.

❖ **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 %.



❖ **Divine Mercy:** The Novena began Good Friday and continues ‘til next Sunday: Divine Mercy. We offer candle intentions for the Feast! The weeklong candles are \$7 & will be lit from Divine Mercy through the following week. Place your envelope & intention in Sunday Stewardship.

❖ **Adult Education Books:** ...: **“The Real Story”** by Dr. Edward Sri & Curtis Martin. **Take one to give to family, friends, co-workers, relatives during 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.



❖ **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. Joseph’s Picnic provided letters last weekend seeking donations for our Grand Raffle! We’d like to get our ticket out asap, if you have the form: give it to us or place it in Sunday stewardship! We seek 50 gifts for our \$10 ticket. We ask gifts valued at \$25+!

❖ **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)

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



Easter Items: ● **Flowers:** by parish family members, we rejoice in the beauty of our parish home!

Holy Thurs. Flowers were in memory of the **Salvaterra/Dziak Families**, by Mike & Judy.

● **Divine Mercy Candles:** are lit next Sun: offering is \$7 each.

Envelopes are at Church entrance or place your own in Stewardship marked: Divine Mercy Candle.

● Thanks to our disciples who helped to prepare for our **Egg Hunt!**

● **Easter Hope:** See the listing that adorns our Church entrance of those who have been buried from our parish since last Easter.

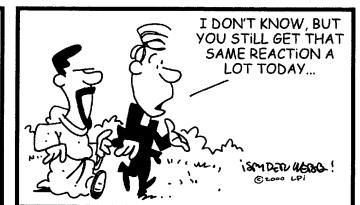
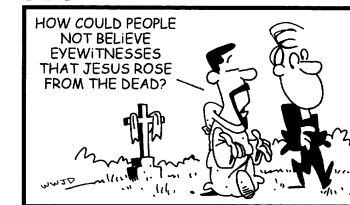
● **Paschal Candles:** offered @ M: In memory/honor of those in our Military. & @ J: In memory **Thomas Gulash & George Mehalick.**

● **Easter Water:** use it in your home, on each other, your children/parents [sign the cross], a great defense vs. evil!

● **Easter Greeting** throughout the Season, begins & ends our Gospel with **“ALLELUIA” & “Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!”**

N. B. On Holy Thursday, the diocese has indicated the sign of peace & offering of the Lord’s Precious Blood is restored.

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❖ **Outside Events:** ➡ **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.