

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

Ap 13-19 2015

Ap 13 • 6pm • Rc •

† Albert Gius r/o Mike/Judy Dziak

Ap 14 • 8am • Rc • † Nancy Robel r/o Mary Stitzer

Ap 16 • Noon • Rc • † Gerard Bernhardt

Ap 17 • 6pm • Rc • † Albert Rodgers

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

5:45pm • M † Helen Bukota r/o Family

8:15am • J † Mike Funanage r/o Dolores & Mary Ann

10am • M † Victor Cicioni r/o Family



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: Easter: 3154; Campaign: 130; Dues: 581

• J: S: 2744; Campaign: 20; Dues: 250

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$155 • J: \$465

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

• Next Week: Acts 3:13-15; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



Prayer List

❖ Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!

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: Jeff Brouse, Nicole Richards: 4/13;

Mary Jean Rinkenber: 4/14; John Milosh: 4/16; Tom

Krupilis, Virginia Spudis: 4/17; James Grohol, Anthony Markosky, Liam Messina, Anthony Milosh: 4/18.

❖ St. Joseph's 50/50: April tickets now available!

❖ Welcome to the Parish Family:

Joe & Barbara Williams @ M

❖ **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!

❖ Parish Office: **closed** 4/13 & 4/15.

❖ **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:** place it in the baskets at the doors to Church.

❖ **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)

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



2nd Sun
Easter

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

❖ **"Religious Freedom":** Don't let the culture define you! Think about religious freedom, a fundamental guarantee granted each person by God, not government. Despite the uproar over the misleading headlines about what took place in Indiana, the radical left has succeeded in making our conscience subject to the state. Think about what rights are being taken from believers while the minority becomes the new thought police. See our article links via the parish website.

❖ **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: The Church calendar celebrates two great feasts: Christmas & Easter! For eight days we celebrate the joy of the festival. It isn't the days AFTER Easter, it IS Easter! You might notice our Mass calendar says: the 3rd Sunday OF Easter! Just like we indicated the 3rd Sunday OF Lent: a journey of 40 days, we celebrate now the 50 days of Easter!

Still, eight is an important number, the early Christians called Sunday, the "eighth" day of the week. Since our week has seven days, "eighth" referred to a day beyond reckoning of time, that is, to the end times. Not as something to be feared, but looked to with great HOPE & JOY. When we hear "end times", it conjures up a notion of war, violence, destruction and death. As Catholics, the Bible reminds us that these point toward the end time, but that we are to live in HOPE that despite these troubles, those who believe in Jesus, God's Son, will inherit everlasting life. That's why when we see the bumper sticker: "Jesus is Coming!" our reply is always: "STAY BUSY" [not look busy!]

This Divine Mercy Sunday is an invitation for us to be busy about receiving that mercy & striving to extend that mercy to others! Just because we do not see the Crosses that others carry, it doesn't mean that they don't carry a cross!

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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P.S. Mom's schedule for therapy & assistance isn't quite set, so much for co-ordinating schedules & computers.



: Last weekend, proved to be a great success! Thanks to all who supported, prepared & participated in the annual event!

❖ **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!**

❖ **“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.

❖ **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!

❖ **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 to attend!

First Communion Candidates:

John 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’re ordering more! 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 Fri & continues ‘til this Sun. We offer candle intentions for the feast! The weeklong candles are \$7, will be lit this weekend

through next. 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 the Easter Season. 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 Picnic** provided letters seeking donations for our Grand Raffle! Place your form in Sunday Stewardship! We’ve already have our \$1,000 gift secured! We’d like another 49 gifts for our \$10 ticket. Pledge a gifts valued at a minimum of \$25!

❖ **Memorials @ J: Albert Gius**: M/M Michael Dziak, Donna/Jessica Gulash, M/M Michael Kosciuk: \$90.

@ M: **Ann Kovalewski**: Tom/Lori Campanicki: \$20; **Joseph Aponick**: Billy Jo/David Burger,

Tom/Mary Yeselavage, Ann/James Burger: \$80;

Anthony Piniuk: St. Clair & Assoc. PC: \$150;

Patricia Abicunas: Tedesco Family: \$20.

❖ **Adult Ed**: We’re reviewing a new series entitled: **“Symbolon”** We’d like a few disciples to review the series dvd’s & material. A great way to learn about, strengthen our faith! We’ll offer the series over the next few months, mostly on Mon evening. Our first gathering is **next Mon, Ap 20**. We focus on Trinity, Faith and the God who is Love. Let us know if you’ll be joining us. Our sessions run about 90 min’s.



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

● **Divine Mercy Candles**: are lit this Sun: offering is \$7 each. Envelopes are at Church entrance or place your own in

Stewardship marked: Divine Mercy Candle.

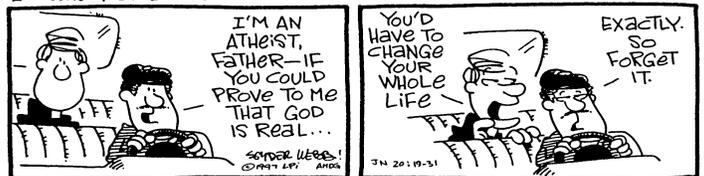
● **Easter Hope**: See the listing that adorns our Church entrance of those who have been buried from our parish since last Easter.

● **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!”**

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



❖ **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**: THIS SUN: 4/12 @ 1

➔ **Bereavement Support Group**: Starts this Wed. 4/15; Broad Mtn. Nursing & Rehab, Frackville: 800-726-8761.

➔ **Movie Night**: Aurand Memorial UMC: this 4/17 @ 7pm.

➔ **Helen Roulin Foundation Scholarship**: for High School girls completing 9th -12th grade this year, & parents of Ringtown area! Contact the Parish Office. Submit by 5/3. ➔

Healing Mass: Mon. 5/11: 6:30pm, St. Ambrose, 201 Randel St., Sch Haven. Bishop Barres, Celebrant; Msgr. Walt Scheaffer, homilist. For any who have experienced trauma.

Holy Hour & Confession to follow, concludes: 8:30pm. ➔

A.D.: the bible continues: Sun @ 9pm: nbc: 12 weeks.