

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

April 20-26, 2015



Ap 20 • 6pm • Rc •

† Albert Gius r/o Mike/Judy Dziak

Ap 21 • 9am • Rc • Anselm

† Nancy Robel r/o Mary Stitzer

Ap 22 • Noon • Rc • † Nancy Robel r/o Dolores Furedi/Family

Ap 24 • 6pm • Rc • Fidelis • † Vivienne Bruno

4th S of Easter • Ap. 25/26

4pm • J Special Intentions

[1st Holy Communion]

5:45pm • M † Edward Gilliam & Joseph Puorro r/o Family

8:15am • J † Barry Searsoss r/o Mike/Judy Dziak

10am • M † Theresa Sodoski r/o Jim/Virginia Spudis



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** Easter total: 3301; Holy Thurs/Good Fri: 411; S: 1053; Campaign: 490 • **J:** Easter total: 3362; Holy Thurs/Good Fri: 826; Campaign: 415; S: 2821 • Offered through myEoffering: M: \$5 • J: \$30 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **SCRIPTURE:** Acts 3:13-15; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

• Next Week: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



❖ 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 •John Tait •Bill Rydz

❖ Birthdays Blessings: Zachary Piampi, Sandra Helverson: 4/19; Tony Valenty, Cameron Jones: 4/20; Addison Fritz: 4/21; Rick Grabosky, Ruth Milosh: 4/25.

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

❖ **St Mary's** received a "gift" from the **St. Patrick's Day \$1,000 Winner**....Thank You!

❖ **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!

❖ **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 THIS Sun. 4/19, after 10am Mass @ Parish Office {NB: change of mtg location!}

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

❖ **"Same Sex Marriage":** We're expecting the Supreme Court to rule on the attempt to redefine marriage. There are some great resources that we recommend for you. It will help to avoid the "hate" sticker placed upon us for believing that marriage is more than a feeling, an emotion, an embrace. One particularly cogent presentation is at: www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/04/14813

It is entitled: **PS, Justice Kennedy: Same-Sex Marriage Isn't Good for Kids.** There are other links you can view and help form correct consciences, no matter how the court rules. Note: As Catholics, every single person is to be respected & loved, real respect & love means that we tell folks kindly some things they may not want to hear.

❖ **Men's Spirituality:** The "King's Men" are holding an "INTO THE WILD" weekend: Aug. 6-9 at Hickory Run State Park, just outside of Jim Thorpe. www.thekingsmen.org/tkm-retreats/into-the-wild-outdoor-experiential-retreat-for-men/

We encourage men, father/son, fishing buddies, hunting and those who enjoy camping to attend the weekend.

Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Easter: It's Easter, so why forgiveness & sins, I thought that was Lent? Easter is about new life, hope, peace. Our Scriptures speak to the reality that the disciples had the privilege of seeing, touching the Living Lord, we however can see Him by another concrete means, through the Word & the Breaking of the Bread primarily, but also through the other Sacraments!

This is how we experience Jesus & share Him! As we experience the celebration of First Holy Communion this & in the coming weeks, take the time to renew your own faith, recall your 1st Communion & other Sacraments where we encounter the Risen Lord. That is something that helps us be an Easter people who live: Christ is Risen, truly He is Risen!

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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P.S. Mom was in the hospital this week, now she is in Seton Manor, room 702-2, hoping for a few weeks of therapy & then home! If you'd like, her address is: 1000 Seton Dr, Orwigsburg, PA 17961. Your understanding as we attempt to get over this hurdle is appreciated.



❖ **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 Shepton & 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: NEXT 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 ☺ All prayer partner cards are out!

Thank you! This Sat @ 5:45pm: Anthony receives his 1st Communion, next Sat @ 4pm: John & Ava receive & May 3rd @ 10am: Giavana & Liam receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the very first time!

❖ **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

❖ **Divine Mercy:** Candle intentions were offered:

Fanelli & Sullivan Families • Albert Gius • Gene/Sherry Rejent & Family; Living &

Deceased, Milefsky Children • Joe Puorro • Rincione Sisters • Family of Mary Balkiewicz • Edward Gilliam • Deceased of Roulin/Horne & Whitecavage/Hand Families • Theresa & Paul Ney • Krupilis Family • Milosh Family • Special Intentions • Dziak & Salvaterra Families • Family Health & Wellbeing • Helen Zizicchno • End to Abortion • Krajnikovich Family • Art Carroll....

Others to be included next week...

❖ This week we include a list of intentions for our Easter Flowers. Thank you to all; including those who wish to go unnamed. (Forgive our misspellings. We did our best, if they were written and not printed....thanks!)

❖ **Adult Education Books:** ...: "The Real Story" by Dr. Edward Sri & Curtis Martin. **Share the good news! Give the remaining books as a gift of what our Catholic faith is about!** If someone is more a "watcher", we've dvd's as well.

❖ **Memorial Day Flower Boxes:** we'll be taking orders in the coming weeks. The cost will be \$14. We'll keep you updated!

❖ **St. Joseph's Picnic** provided letters seeking donations for our Grand Raffle! Place your form in Sunday Stewardship! We've received a good number of responses, can we count on you to sponsor a gift card? We'd like 50 gifts of a \$25 minimum value for our \$10 ticket.

❖ **Adult Ed:** We're reviewing a new series entitled: "**Symbolon**" We're reviewing the dvd's & material: to learn about, strengthen our faith! We'll offer the series over the next few months, mostly on Mon evening. Our first gathering is **THIS Mon, Ap 20.** We focus on Trinity, Faith and the God who is Love. Let us know if you'll join 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:** were lit last and this weekend: offering is \$7 each.

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

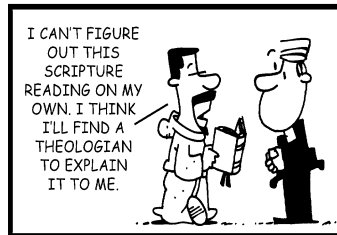
● **Easter Hope:** See the listing that adorns our Church entrance of those who have been buried from our parish since last Easter.

● **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!**"

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Roast Pork Dinner:** St. John's Lutheran Church, 4/25 4-7pm; Call 570-889-5203. ➔ **Trinity Academy Pre-K Registration:** Space is limited! Call 570-462-3927. ➔ **Golf Tournament:** 5/3, Registration starts @ 12:30pm; Benefits Pregnancy Resource Center, Hazleton; Call Gary @ 570-956-0440. ➔ **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.