

Feb. 27/28, 2016

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

Feb 29 • 6pm • Rc Chair of St. Peter

† Albert Rodgers

[Parent 1st Penance/Communion Session]



Mar 1 • 9am • Rc Polycarp

† Roy & Dolores Gius (59th Wedding Anniv.)

[Stations of the Cross]

Mar 3 • 6pm • Rc • Katherine Drexel † Joseph Gigliotti

Mar 4 • 9am • Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah • Casimir

† Michael J. Elchisak, Jr. r/o Mary & Larry Frizzell

[24 Hours of Mercy around the World]

Mar 5/6 • 4th Sunday Lent C

3:30pm • J † Josephine & Max Gabardi r/o Family

5:15pm • M † Anthony Piniuk r/o Daughter, Janet & Bill

8:15am • J † Josephine Sherwood r/o Cindy Bankes

10am • M † Sophie Kayes r/o Virginia & Jim Spudis



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1676; E. Flowers: 566;

J: S: 1643; E. Flowers: 566; Campaign: 300

• myEoffering: M: \$35 • J: \$165

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ Scripture: • Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9

• Next week: Josh 5:9a,10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3;11-32



Pray For..

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

• John & Ann Biros • Richard Buczkowski • John Washko • Dorothy Yanuskiewicz • Rose Ann

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❖ NEW MAILING ADDRESS: [No PO Box!]

82 N Center St., Ringtown, Pa. 17967

Parish Office hours: Mon. & Wed. 4-7pm

Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4-6pm

❖ Birthday Blessings: Andrew Osilka: 2/28; William

Bradley: 3/1; Damian Fritz: 3/4; Bill Maczees: 3/5.

❖ Year of St. Luke's Gospel: Pray your Bible!

❖ St. Joe's 50/50: February drawing this week!

❖ Stewardship: No one can do everything, everyone can do something!

Make an offering of a gift in gratitude for all God has done for us!



❖ Orange Ribbons: Wear one as a sign of support that we wear the "color" that the "people of the Cross" wear when they're martyred.

❖ Stations: Celebrated this week @ Rc only, Fri: 24 Hours of Mercy w Pope Francis!

❖ Knights: next meeting 4/17 after 10am Mass @ M.

KofC Bleenie/Soup Sale: St. Mary's [Garage]:

March 11th, Noon 'til sellout.

Support our endeavor, pray for good weather!

❖ www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc

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

❖ Sign of Peace/Cups @ Communion: with the onset of flu/cold season, are suspended. If needed, when a minister serves as Lector, another minister should come forward to assist with communion: The Church recommends that extraordinary ministers be used only when there is a genuine need. Unless Fr. calls for a minister, assistance at the 5:15 Mass @ St Mary's and the 8:15 Mass @ St. Joseph's is not required.

Amazon Purchases: Smile: visit our webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, taking you to your amazon page, the parish receives 5% on your purchase!

We use St Mary's to filter purchases, if you'd like credit to go to St Joseph's, let us know. No cost to you!

Reflection: 3rd S Lent C: We've 5 R's this week: Repent, Retry, Reconcile, Renew, Restore. Jesus challenges us to a new view of the misconception that death, illness & other misfortunes in life are the result of sinning. Punishment by a God who is there taking a toll on us & enjoying it!

Jesus message is the same today. If I had a \$ for every time I've heard or asked in my life: what am I being punished for? We'd be able to pay off our renovation projects & more.

The work of Lent is to put in with a God who does not rejoice in the death of a sinner, but rejoices in the great mercy that Calvary offers. Speaking of Mercy: this First Friday of March is the Divine Mercy 24 Hours that Pope Francis has called for around the world. Join us for Holy Mass & any of the other services from Friday am @ 9 @ Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah til Sat. morning. Let us seek to live that mercy. We'll be gathering Fri, Mar 4 @ 4pm @ Divine Mercy for the recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary: the Fr. Schwarc Council of Knights and myself will be leading prayer during that time. Join us!

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

Fr. Jim 🐾 & Peaches

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❖ SCRIP: We've \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 & \$100 Weis, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 Sheetz, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Giant, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 PetSmart, \$25 Walmart, \$25 Olive Garden, \$25 Dunham's Sports, \$25 Red Robin, \$50 Sunoco on hand. Contact the office, we'll get them to you.

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

St Mary's: \$1,000 Pa Daily 4 Evening #

Next drawing: Mother's Day, May 8th!



❖ Adult Ed: resumes March @ Mass @ RC. We'll continue with our Re-Discover Jesus book. Bring yours & thoughts on a chapter or topic that has impressed you or if you have a question.



❖ **Flowers @ M:**
In Memory of **Josephine Loftus**, by Pat.

First Penance/Communion: Meeting for parents/guardians (no children) is held **THIS Mon, Feb. 29th @ 6:45pm @ Parish Rectory.** Join us for Mass @ 6pm!

❖ **St Joseph's Council:** Meets **this** Thurs after Mass @ Rectory: We'll discuss where to go for our meeting space, hall/church. All are invited for information, input, feedback.

❖ **Lenten Symbols/Books:** Books arrive later in Lent, they're backordered 'til mid-March, just in time for Holy Week.

The symbol, extras @ Church, given in memory of **Ron Rader by Lou Ann/Lindsay.**

Our **banners** are up inviting us into the journey in the year of Mercy.

We're listening to/introducing our song: **Come Hold My Son** by the Thirsting. See the video link on facebook/web page.

❖ **Integrity Restored.com** Children age 7 porn finds them! IR provides education, encouragement & resources to break free from porn, heal relationships, help parents prevent & respond to porn that devastates lives/families. To fight: **covenanteyes.com:** enter the code *Patrick* for a 30 day trial. Put this on our computers, laptops & mobile devices. The price? Saving our lives, family, marriages, faith: priceless!

❖ **Yankee Candles, Crosses:** Prices vary! Crosses are handmade & donated by John/Dolly Zakavaga (M) & Bob Bruno & Randy Brown (J).

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** Lavender, Rose & Unscented. Favors, graces continue to be reported. A favor granted? Let us know. Our Lady's intercession reveals Christ's healing. The offering is \$10@.

Mercy ❖ **24 Hours of Mercy w Pope Francis:** Proclaimed by the Pope Francis we spend 24 Hours

around the world focusing on God's Mercy. The full schedule can be found on our parish webpage, Facebook. We begin with Mass at 9am @ Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah. The next 24 hours includes the divine mercy, stations, rosary, confession & adoration!

Join Fr. & our Knights Fr. Schwere Council for the 4pm Recitation for the Joyful Myteries of the Rosary!

From 7pm to 6am you can enter into the Great Mercy by visiting the Perpetual Adoration Chapels @ Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City or St. Patrick, Pottsville.

Sat. continues from 6am to 9am @ Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah.



❖ **Books..** are available for visitors, new registrants & guests! Written by **Matthew Kelly**, it's our prayer that the book inspire what it is meant to do: Rediscover Jesus.

❖ Men's watch found on sidewalk @ St M, unique identifier, #'d. Contact the parish office.

❖ Choir practice @ M resumes on Sunday's after mass. New members always welcome!

Mass at St Mary's: We're thinking Sunday Mass at 10:15/10:30am after our month of Masses while renovations were going on. It will allow fr. greater ease getting from/to Sheppton & Ringtown. We've heard from a few so far, time to get yours in!

❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** Val Sutton speaks @ Mass @ St Joseph's this weekend to get the Raffle gifts completed!

Picnic Sponsors are sought to get our ticket out early! See the board on the wall at Church, sign up to sponsor one/several gift cards. We'll order the cards, you'll get the credit, the parish gets the % of the purchase & the winner gets a great gift card!

❖ **St M Block Party:** Seek: brand named soda (& diet), water, ketchup/mustard, start collecting items or sponsor a basket for our raffle.

❖ **St. Mary's Choir** sells homemade **Shoo-Fly Pies @ \$8.** We seek donations of flour.

Forms @ church, see a choir member/parish office. Order by Sun, 3/13. Pick up: 3/18, 10-Noon @ Parish Office; after 6pm @ Rectory.



❖ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!** Bring your cans/food supplies to Mass, leave them @ the altar of St. Joseph/St Mary. Boxes are provided.

Our commitment to the poor challenges us to serve Christ by asking for a can for each day in Lent. We encourage you to pray for the Sanctity of Life during these days, seeking God's protection for the unborn & support for those who carry their children to term.

❖ **St Paul's UCC:** Drop your card of thanks in Sunday Stewardship. Offering envelopes are out or mark yours: St. Paul's, we'll accept them 3/12 & 3/13.

❖ **We Are Remembered:** the 25th Anniv where families remember their children lost to death is on Wed, Mar 30 @ 7pm @ St John Church, Allentown. Fr., touched by the death of 2 young people brought the ministry from Pittsburgh to our diocese. If you've a child who has died, enroll them. Contact us for a form, join us for Holy Mass. Bishop Barres join us to preach/preside. [His own nephew died before his time, so he knows the loss of a family member.]

Umbert the Unborn



Outside events: ◎ **50/50 Spectacular** tickets \$1@: benefits Trinity Academy @ 570-462-3927 ◎ **Extraordinary Ministers needed:** Schuylkill Med Center: Fr. Zelonis @ 570-429-0701. ◎ **Marian HS** '16/'17 applications: 570-668-2225 ext. 2217. ◎ **Pre-K Register/Enroll:** Trinity Academy; @ 570-462-3927. ◎ **Padre Pio Healing Mass:** Divine Mercy, Shenandoah; 4/1 @ 7pm. ◎ **John Anczarski Memorial Scholarship:** Applications at NSHS & St. John's Office, Ringtown. NS Sr's. Deadline: 4/30 @ NS Guidance Office. ◎ **Bingo:** Sheppton Fire Co: 3/13, 1pm ◎ **St. John's Blood Drive:** 3/5, 10am-3pm.