

Dec 11th – Dec 24th 2017

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

Our bulletin covers several weeks

• 2nd Sunday of Advent •

Dec 12 6pm • M † Ann Kaczmarczyk

r/o MaryAnn & Leonard Savitsky

Dec 13 6pm • J Rc † Irene Mehalick

r/o M/M Pete Bard & Family

Dec 14 9am • **No Mass**

Dec 15 9am • J Rc † Fr. Jim Torpey r/o K of C Council #16072

Dec 16/17 • 3rd Sunday of Advent •

3:30pm • J † Nicholas Stamatopoulos r/o Ginny Raimann

5:15pm • M † Arthur Hetherington r/o Family

8:15am • J † Stanley & Mary Mahalick r/o Al & Joanne

10:15am • M † IMO Noel Brouse r/o Ruth Ann & Family

Dec 19 6pm • M † Eugene “Abe” Gollos

r/o Mary Balkiewicz & Family

Dec 20 6pm • J Rc † Angelina (Antonelli) Ovechka

r/o Niece, Carol & Nelson Ladue

Dec 21 9am • J Rc † Tony Valanty r/o Bob & Jeanette Fellin

Dec 22 9am • J Rc † Edward Wolk r/o Reena Yencho

Dec 23/24 • 4th Sunday of Advent •

3:30pm • J † Albert Scalleat r/o M/M Jerry Evangelista

5:15pm • M † Sister Theodora r/o Tait Family

8:15am • J † Irene Mehalick r/o M/M Michael Dziak

10:15am • M † Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bergman

r/o M/M Robert Bergman



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 11/19:S:1374; 11/26:S:896;

12/3:S:1038; Dues:550; Energy: 290; BF:246;

• **J:**11/19:S:1341; 11/26:S:1252; 12/3:S:1602; Dues: 421;

Energy:755; BF:1165 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

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

MAILING ADDRESS: [PO Box has been cancelled]

84 N Center St., Ringtown, PA 17967

Office hours: **Mon - Thurs: 3:30pm – 6:30pm.**

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The office will be open on an as-needed basis only

from Dec. 22nd through Jan 1st.

Re-opens Jan. 2nd



Notes from Fr. Miller:

Christmas Schedule

Christmas this year falls on a Monday which as a priest is the worst day to have it. The schedule is a little complicated this year which is why we are putting it out there now. As Catholics we are obligated to attend the 4th Sunday Advent and Christmas Mass which happens to be just one day apart.

4th Sunday Advent (obligated to attend one of these four)

Saturday December 23rd

St. Joseph 3:30 pm

St. Mary 5:15 pm

Sunday December 24th

St. Joseph 8:15 am

St. Mary 10:15 am

Christmas (obligated to attend one of these four)

Sunday December 24th

St. Joseph 3:30 pm

St. Mary 5:15 pm (candlelight)

Monday December 25th

St. Joseph 8:15 am

St. Mary 10:15 am

New Year's Day (this year is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but I will have Mass anyway, January 1st only).

St. Joseph 8:15 am

St. Mary 10:15 am

Advent Confessions:

Dec. 13th @ St. Joseph 6:30-7:30 pm

Dec. 19th @ St. Mary 6:30-7:30 pm

Birthday Blessings: Sara Grow, Janet Kuzma, Eleanor Pryzblick: 12/11; Rose Mary Boady, James Johnstone, Lawrence Pryzblick: 12/13; Anna Malocu, Lydia Bankes: 12/14; Mary Beth Ambrose, Joni Aponick, Ann Opanel: 12/16; Jeanette Irwin: 12/17; James Ambrose Jr., Dolores Oscovitch: 12/18; Jonathan Casella, Rosanna Freyne: 12/19; Rose Ann Aponick, Lynnette Motil, Robert Yurcho: 12/20; Madison Kramer, Cathy Andrews: 12/21; Dylan Baranowsky: 12/22; Mary Balkiewicz, James Dixon: 12/24; *(if you were missed, let us know! Sometimes our computer software is not up to date.)*

❖ **Prayer List Permission Form:** Names placed on the prayer list, unless otherwise notified, for 60 days. After that time, a permission form must be re-submitted.

❖ **Pray for:** Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need! • Anna May Kealy • Mary Yadinskie • Grace Snover

❖ **K of C Happings:** No meeting for December.
Next meeting Jan. 21st after the 10:15am SM mass.

❖ Mark the date: **Sunday, Dec 17th, after the morning Mass @ St. Joseph Parish!** Take pride in your parish, help to bring out boxes, hang the greens and get the SJ Church ready for the Christmas Season.



❖ **Flowers:** at the altar at Christmas are offered in honor & memory of those you have designated in our Christmas Flower Offering.

❖ Immaculate Conception/Blessed Mother flowers
@ M: Donated by M/M Daniel Milefsky

❖ **Women of Grace Group:**

GIVING TREE

This year our parish Giving Trees will continue to support young moms & their babies through Birthright and we'll also be supporting foster children through Brandon's Forever Home. The tags are color coded to distinguish between Birthright and Brandon's Forever Home as follows:

- **Pink & Blue tags** are for items needed by Birthright; **please return these items "UNWRAPPED" or in gift bags no later than 12/31.**
- **Green & Gold tags** are for items needed for foster children. We will use these items to fill 15 extra large Christmas Stockings for young girls, boys and teens. **Please return "UNWRAPPED" gifts by 12/3, with gender/age tag attached, and place in the box labeled for BFH.**
 - Gift ideas for teens: body spray/wash, makeup, chapstick, wallets, Old Navy or Walmart gift cards, jewelry, journals, books, games, young men large/x-large hoodies
 - Gift ideas for younger children: age appropriate art supplies, coloring books, small toys, crafts, models.

Please contact Nancy Krajnikovich @ 215.801.5797 or Arlene Sachleben @ 570.590.5810 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your generous spirit and prayers for those in need.

❖ **Collection Envelopes 2018:** the new envelopes are out and located at the back of the church. Some numbers have changed so go by your last name when picking up your envelopes. **Please put your last name on your first month dues envelope to make sure the accounts are accurate in the parish soft.** If you do not see your envelopes on the table please call the office and we will make sure you get them.

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** Nov. winner: Leo Flaim: \$81.50
Dec. chances are out now!

❖ **Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours:**
Dec. 10th @ 11:00am - Divine Mercy at St. Casimir,
229 N. Jardin St. Shenandoah

❖ **St. Mary's Choir:** New members: come join us,
especially for Advent/Christmas!

❖ **Oplatki: \$3 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European Custom, guides are included.

❖ **Blessed Candles:** (J) Are available at the back of the church.

❖ **Memorials @ M: Elizabeth Krupilis:** Joe Krupilis: \$50

❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** visit our webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, 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!

❖ **Redner's Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%. Sign up at Redners service desk.

❖ **Yankee Candles:** for sale @ SM church,
SPECIAL PRICING - benefit St Mary's Parish.

❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$25 & \$100 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond, \$25 Boscov's, \$10 & \$25 Buffalo Wild Wings, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 Dunham's, \$25 Dunkin' Donuts, \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Gap/Old Navy, \$25 & \$50 Giant Foods, \$25 Home Depot, \$15 iTunes, \$25 Kmart/Sears, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 Lowes, \$100 Lowes, \$25, \$25 Macy's, Olive Garden, \$10 & \$25 Panera Bread \$25 PetSmart, \$10 & \$25 Regal Cinema, Regal Cinema (Admit one) \$25 Sheetz, \$25 Staples, \$50 Sunoco, \$25 Target, \$25 TJMaxx/Marshall's, \$25 Walmart/Sam's, \$100 Walmart/Sam's, \$25 Weis, \$100 Weis. *We're taking orders/sell @ St Joseph's after mass. Contact the parish office to place an order!*

Script Profit: to date \$643.99

❖ **Cards:** Birthday, Get Well, Anniversary, etc. are available for \$2 each. Place your offering in the envelope.

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:**
Lavender, Rose & Unscented. Our Lady's intercession reveals Christ's healing. The offering is \$10.00/bottle

❖ **Outside Events:** •Shepton Fire Co: Will be sponsoring a 52 Gun Extravaganza starting Jan 18-\$30 Donation gives you a chance to win 52 guns. Call 570-384-4746 • LOVE SAVES LIVES - Join us for the 45th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE on Friday, January 19, 2018. St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley and the Diocesan Shrine of St. Therese Lisieux are chartering a bus to leave at 6:00 AM from the Shrine in Nesquehoning, PA and returning at 9:30 PM. We will attend Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore followed by the rally and March to the Supreme Court and Capital Building. Cost is \$25.00. To register call the rectory office at 570-645-2664 or email lisassjpv@gmail.com. For information contact Nancy (nanberchtold@yahoo.com, 570-732-4001).

Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas!