

# Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

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

*Our bulletin covers several weeks!*

## • 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent B •



**Christmas Eve: Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

3:30pm • J

5:15pm • M (*candlelight*)

**Christmas Day: Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am • J

10:15am • M

Dec 26 6pm • *No Mass*

Dec 27 9am • *No Mass*

Dec 28 9am • *No Mass*

Dec 29 9am • *No Mass*

## Dec 30/31 • Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph •

3:30pm • J † Carl & Helen Wolk r/o Bob & Sons

5:15pm • M † Ed Balkiewicz Sr. r/o wife, Mary & Family

8:15am • J † George Mehalick r/o Helen & Family

10:15am • M † Frank Kalinowski r/o Lisa & Frank Kalinowski

## New Year's Day: Jan. 1, 2018

8:15am • J † Tony Valanty  
r/o Kathy Cheetham & Joanne Holland

NEW  
YEAR'S  
MASSES 

10:15am • M † Irene Cicioni r/o Betty Dower

Jan 2 6pm • M † Ray Milosh r/o Kathy & Dan Milefsky

Jan 3 6pm • J Rc *No Mass*

Jan 4 9am • J Rc † Peg Gordon

Jan 5 6pm • Memorial Fund Intentions

## Jan 6/7, 2018 • Epiphany •

3:30pm • J † Carmen Fierro r/o Rose Rizzo

5:15pm • M † John Zakavage r/o Thomas, Maureen & Molly McNelis

8:15am • J † Eugene & Helen Recla r/o Children & Their Families

10:15am • M † Victor Cicioni r/o Ray & Arlene Sachleben

### Parish Mailing Address

**[PO Box address has been cancelled!]**

84 N Center St., Ringtown, PA 17967

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

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

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

Re-opens Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Inclement Weather: Parish will be closed when North Schuylkill School closes

❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 12/10:S:1190; 12/17:S:975;  
Dues:415; Immac. Concept:276; BF:208; Retirement  
Religious:194; Christmas Flowers:380 • **J:**12/10:S:1200;  
12/17:S:2348; Dues: 110; Immac. Concept:375; BF:25;  
Retirement Religious:371; Christmas Flowers:696;  
Energy:110 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

### ❖ Stewardship:

*No one can do everything, everyone can do something!*

### *A Note from Fr. Miller:*

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We remember the true meaning of Christmas, the arrival of the Son of God. He comes not with thunder and lightening and not loud trumpets blasts and charioteers, rather he comes in silence as a new born child from a simple young mother. Never forget that our faith is a not faith that remembers the past events of God's arrival to us in the flesh, but our faith is a faith that proclaims God's presence here and now. Yes, God is here, his presence is within the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist. Every time Mass is said, God comes to us. He is also present in the Sacrament of Confession, where is he is ready, through the unworthy priest, to forgive us of our sins. God is not a distant past event, but an ever present being. He gives us the Church and the Sacraments as a constant reminder that He is here. As the New Year comes to us, I pray that we open our hearts and minds to God, who is so ready to receive us. May God Bless You.

There will be no daily Masses next week. I will be spending the week with my family in Reading. There will also be no January 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass and the first Friday Mass will be moved to 6:00pm on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Birthday Blessings: William D'Arcy, Daniel Flaim:** 12/26; **Ruth Brouse, Jacob Johnstone, Desiree Milosh, Joseph Tomtishen, Joshua Lex:** 12/27; **Patrick Loftus:** 12/28; **Carol Stancik:** 12/29; **Dianne Fulton:** 12/30; **Kelsie Kramer, Edward Opanel, Kim Davidson, Roseann Evangelista:** 12/31; **Alison Monaghan:** 1/2; **Henry Kiernan:** 1/3; **Matthew Jones:** 1/5; **Mary Beth Kosar, Margaret Dixon:** 1/6; **Ann Biros, Julia Grohol, Donna Gulash, Joseph Mellon, Madelyn Reese:** 1/7 [In an upgrade if our record system, we noted a number of birthday's listed for 1/1: if yours was missed, let us know]

❖ **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 Yadiniskie • Grace Snover • Fr. Jim Torpey

❖ **K of C Happenings:** No meeting for December.  
Next meeting Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10:15am mass.



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



❖ to the families of **Bill Maczees & Theresa Krupilis**, who were buried this past week (M).  
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord...

❖ **Epiphany Blessing Packets:** It's time to reserve yours for your home blessings for 2018. We provide the outline, the chalk, the incense, bring a jar for holy water for blessing your home! Call the office to reserve yours.

❖ **Welcome new parishioner:** (M) Christina Baugh

❖ **Women of Grace Group:**  
**GIVING TREE**

This year our parish Giving Trees will continue to support young moms & their babies through Birthright.

• **Please return these items "UNWRAPPED" or in gift bags no later than 12/31.** 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'll make sure you get them.

❖ **Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours:**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am**  
Sacred Heart, 259 Lafayette Ave., Palmerton

❖ **St. Mary's Choir:** New members always welcome!

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

❖ **Has Your Information Changed Lately?** If so, please contact the parish office by calling/email/writing. We like to keep our records as current as possible. If you are unsure complete a parishioner form and write **update file.** Drop it in the collection basket/email or at the office.

❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** visit 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%.  
***In order for your receipts to count toward the church you must sign up at Redners service desk!***

❖ **Yankee Candles:** for sale @ church benefit St Mary's.

❖ **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, \$25 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.



❖ **Outside Events:** • **Sheppton 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 • **St. John's Lutheran Church, Ringtown:** will be hosting the Ashland Area Community Choir/The Simple Joys of a Merry Christmas. Saturday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm • **LOVE SAVES LIVES** - Join us for the 45<sup>th</sup> 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 [lisassipv@gmail.com](mailto:lisassipv@gmail.com). For information contact Nancy ([nanberchtold@yahoo.com](mailto:nanberchtold@yahoo.com), 570-732-4001). • **St. Michael's Church:** February 2018 Calendars are on sale \$5 for two chances to win daily. Sold after Sunday Divine Liturgy. For more information call 570-462-0809 or 570-985-3381