

Jan 29th – Feb 18th 2018

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph • Rc: rectory chapel
Our bulletin covers several weeks!

• 4th week of Ordinary Time •

Jan 30 6pm • M † Special Intention
r/o MaryEllen Krigbaum
Jan 31 6pm • J Rc † John Edward Cieluk r/o Fuehrer Family
Feb 1 9am • J Rc † Kenneth Heckman
Feb 2 6pm • J Rc † Memorial Fund Intentions
First Friday: Exposition/Divine Mercy/Benediction

Feb 3/4 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time •


3:30pm • J † Robert Brown
5:15pm • M Special Intention r/o MaryEllen Krigbaum
8:15am • J † Irene Mehalick r/o Bette Shamany, Sons & Families
10:15am • M † Esther Sohn & Family r/o Steven Miller

Feb 6 6pm • M † Rita Walawender r/o The Swing Masters
Feb 7 6pm • J Rc † Peter Gius r/o Roy & Dolores Gius
Feb 8 9am • J Rc † Nick & Kyle Nicholas r/o Cathy Stamatopoulos
Feb 9 9am • J Rc † Pearl, Frank & Mary Lingousky
r/o Fran Abdou

Feb 10/11 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time •

3:30pm • J † Fr. Slezak r/o Mike & Judy Dziak
5:15pm • M Diaconal Ministry of Marco Lattarulo
r/o Kuzmisky Family
8:15am • J † Winifred Mitchell-Lyons
10:15am • M † Violet Baranowsky r/o Children

Feb 13 6pm • M † Ray Milosh r/o Bill & Alice Jarzinko

 Feb 14th
6:00pm • J Special Intention
r/o MaryEllen Krigbaum
7:15pm • M † Irene Cicioni r/o George Barlow

Feb 15 9am • J Rc † Nick & Kyle Nicholas Stamatopoulos
r/o Cathy Stamatopoulos

Feb 16 9am • J Rc † Christine Antol
7:00pm + Stations of the Cross @ SM parish

Feb 17/18, 2018 • 1st Sunday of Lent •

3:30pm • J † Robert Kerstetter
5:15pm • M † Joe Aponick r/o Joanne, Tracey & Family
8:15am • J † Adam & Antoinette Dainauski r/o Mike & Jane Reese
10:15am • M † Margaret Kowalsky r/o Luann & Charles Scordari

+ PARISH MAILING ADDRESS +
84 N Center St., Ringtown, PA 17967
Office hours: **Mon - Thurs: 3:30pm – 6:30pm.**
(we no longer have the PO Box address)

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

❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 1/7:S:2069; 1/14:S:807; 1/21:S:1436
Dues:948; BF:202; Christmas:445; Sol. of Mary:154;
Redners:107 • **J:** 1/7:S:1594; 1/14:S:1139;
1/21:1226; Dues:482; BF:521; Christmas:346; Sol. of
Mary:213 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Stewardship:** Ask if you can offer your help in our parishes
*No one can do everything, **everyone can do something!***

+Notes from Fr. Miller:

Bible Study Schedule:

Wed, Jan 31st 6:30
Wed, Feb 7th 6:30
Thurs, Feb 15th 6:30
Wed, Feb 21st 6:30

From February to May: First Friday Masses will be at 6:00pm.

+ Our Lenten Obligation

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 & 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispense or excused from fast and/or abstinence? Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

❖**Note:** At the direction of the diocese, due to the reported widespread flu outbreak, the greeting at the sign of peace and the ministry of the cup is suspended. Which leaves us to ask: why not assist at Holy Mass by serving/lecturing, ushering.

Birthdays Blessings: Robert Baranowsky: 1/29; Edward Krusinsky, Brian Schwalm: 1/31; Sean Shatalsky: 2/1; Cherise Yablonsky, Kathleen Richards, Judith Vasey, Ashley Yurcho: 2/2; Michael Zubowicz: 2/3; Tracey Aponick, Kevin Sasuman: 2/5; Dorothy Mattes, Jonathan Biros: 2/6; Sara Osilka, Daniel Tomtishen, Megan Tomtishen: 2/8; Randy Brown: 2/9; Leo Flaim: 2/10; James Fish, Anna Gharghouey: 2/15; Helen Fisher: 2/16

❖**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! • Grace Snover • Amanda Twambly • Joanne Ciszek Frank • Jean Jarzinko • Fr. Jim Torpey

❖**2017 Contributions:** if for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office.

❖**Welcome new parishioner:** (J) Liz Tolan

❖**Grand Raffle @ SJ:** The forms will be handed out this weekend asking you to sponsor a gift. The sooner we get them back, the quicker we can list our prizes and get our tickets out. It would be great to sell all of our tickets this year. As in the past, there are various ways to support: sponsor gift cards or donate a gift (\$25 min value). We've cards & the parish gets a %, the winner gets the full amount of the card!

❖**Women of Grace:** meet 1/30 after the 6pm mass. @ 232 Arch St. Ringtown. Call Arlene @ [570.590.5810](tel:570.590.5810) or Nancy @ [215.801.5797](tel:215.801.5797) if you are interested. **Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some fellowship and prayer.**



- ❖**K of C Happenings:** meeting 2/18 after the 10:15am mass.
- ❖**Bleenie Sale:** 3/16/18 @ St. Mary's
- ❖**40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!**

Our commitment to the poor challenges us to serve Christ by donating a can good for each day of Lent. Our goal is to reach **1,000 lbs of canned items** between both parishes. The food will be distributed to support the poor in our area. This will start sometime in February please watch for the collection boxes.



❖**Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours:** February 11th, @ 12:30

St. Joseph at St. Ann, 49 N Line St, Frackville



❖**St. Mary's Choir:** is seeking donations of flour for their upcoming Shoo Fly Pie Sale. Donations can be dropped off at church or the parish office. **New members always welcome!**

❖**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%. ***For your receipts to count toward the church you must sign up at Redners service desk!***

❖**Yankee Candles:** @ 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, \$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: \$908.00 – Thank you for your support!

❖**Cards:** Birthday, Get Well, Anniversary, etc. are available for \$2.00 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/ea



❖**Outside Events:** •Sheppton Fire Co: Bingo: 2/11 @ 1pm. • 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

• **Deppen Pie Sale:** benefit Ringtown Library. Order by 2/8 pick-up at the library 2/21. Visit the Library to place your order. All orders must be pre-paid. \$10.50/pie

+ Trinity Academy National Catholic Schools Week Dates:

Monday: 1/29 Prayer Service, 9:30 AM: Celebrate the Vocations of the founders and foundresses in American Catholic Education: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Katherine Drexel, St. John Neumann, Mother Lange

Tuesday: 1/30 Home & School Meeting, 6:30 PM in the TRINITY ACADEMY Cafeteria. Our Guest Speaker is a PA State Trooper speaking on Internet Safety

Wednesday: 1/31 Student Appreciation Day with a Charger Challenge between the various Saint Houses within the School, and Blue and Gold Day

Thursday: 2/1 Community Day of Service, TRINITY ACADEMY Students bring in non-perishable food items to restock local food pantries. Each grade will be assigned a letter of the alphabet and their donation will begin with that letter.

Friday: 2/2 Teacher Appreciation Day with Noon dismissal for students followed by a Faculty Luncheon