

March 12th – March 25th 2018

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

Our bulletin covers several weeks!

• 4th Sunday of Lent •

Mar 13 6pm • M † Victor & Dorothy Yanuskiewicz
r/o Victor & Michael

Mar 14 6pm • J Rc † Peter Gius r/o Roy & Dolores Gius

Mar 15 9am • J Rc † Samuel Martin

Mar 16 9am • J Rc † Julia Martin

+ Stations of the Cross @ (M) @ 7:00pm +

March 17th/18th

• 5th Sunday of Lent •

3:30pm • J † Grace Snover r/o Lisa Balkiewicz & family

5:15pm • M † Barbara Byrne r/o Dan & Kathleen Milefsky

8:15am • J † Cassandra Stockton r/o Bob & Cindy Bruno

10:15am • M † Joseph Piampi r/o K of C Council #16072

Mar 20 6pm • M † Margaret Kowalsky r/o Dan & Kathy Milefsky

Mar 21 6pm • J Rc † Special Intention

Mar 22 9am • J Rc † Pauline Brennan

Mar 23 9am • J Rc † Peg Gordon

+ Stations of the Cross @ (M) @ 7:00pm +



Mar 24th/25th • Palm Sunday •

3:30pm • J † Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sullivan r/o Cathy Andrews

5:15pm • M † Mary Kanute r/o Kanute family

8:15am • J † Eugene & Helen Recla r/o Children & their families

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



❖ **STEWARDSHIP:** M: 2/18:S:989; 2/26:S:973; 3/4:S:1389
Dues:808; BF:10; Energy:435; Ash Wed:344; Redners:94;
Easter Flowers:565 • J:2/18:S:1327; 2/26:S:1754;
3/4:2647; Dues:705; BF:378; Energy:782; Ash Wed:379; Easter
Flowers:686 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

MAILING ADDRESS: [PO Box address is cancelled]

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Office hours: **Monday - Thursday: 3:30pm – 6:30pm.**

Holiday - Office will be closed 3/29, 3/30 & 4/2

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

❖ **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! • Amanda Twambly
• Joanne Ciszek Frank • Jean Jarzinko • Victor Yanuskiewicz
• MaryLu Popalis • Dorothy Hovanec • Frank Hovanec • Rose Drozdowski • Elizabeth Kroh • Fr. Jim Torpey • John Kanute

*Notes from Fr. Miller:

1. I was overwhelmed with gratitude for your support of the Kairos retreat. It was a success and I believe the teens really enjoyed it. Thank you for your support. I also want to let you know that two of our parishioners attended the retreat. Preston Biros was one of our student leaders and did a phenomenal job. Cassie Casella, who helps with our parish prep program, also attended and really enjoyed it. Great job to the both of you!

2. After the 8:15 mass last week I received a lot of support for mass on Easter Sunday to be at 9:00. Not one person said we should have it at 8:15. Therefore, on

Easter Sunday only:

Mass will be at 9:00 at St. Joseph's and 10:30 at St. Mary's.

3. Extra Confessions will be held Tuesday March 20th at St. Mary after the 6:00 mass to 7:15. Wednesday March 21st at St Joseph's after the 6:00 mass to 7:15. I ask that you try to come by 7:00.

4. Bible study lessons Wednesday March 14th 6:30, Thursday March 22nd 6:30 and Tuesday March 27th at 7:00

5. Volunteer Needed for Holy Thursday Mass. During the mass there is an optional foot washing ceremony that occurs after the homily. I understand this was not done before, but I have done it at my other assignments so I figured I would give it a try here. The symbolizing of this ceremony is humility, allowing oneself to be served so that one can then go out and serve others. I need 6 to 8 volunteers to participate in this ceremony. I preferably would like to have an equal number from each parish. Call Lisa at the office if interested.

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Kaitlyn Lorah, Margaret Popalis: 3/12; Sara Freyne, David Krajnikovich: 3/14; Jeffrey Markosky: 3/15; Rachel Bell, Jennifer Fritz: 3/17; Daniel Roulin: 3/18; Sean Kramer, Allison McClafferty, Matthew Milosh, Josh Pukavage, Paul Burke: 3/20; Matthew Stivers: 3/22; Linda Morgovnik, Dorothy Hovanec: 3/24; Joseph Morgovnik Jr: 3/25

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

❖ **Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours:**

March 13th, @ 6:00pm

St. Joseph 526 North St., Jim Thorpe

❖ **Welcome new parishioners:** (M) Shawn & Kristina Redanauer & sons: Shawn, Christopher & Nicholas; Joanne McCann, Georganne Weber & daughter Alayna



❖ **Flowers (M)** by the Blessed Mother in memory of Josephine Loftus by son, Pat

❖ **Memorial (J):** Beatrice Gius: \$200.00

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** Feb Winner:
Catherine Stamatopoulos - \$86.50 Congrats!

❖ **Easter Egg Hunt:** Both parishes are seeking donations of candy, small trinkets, large gift items or a monetary donation to make Easter a day of great Hope & Joy! A Box for donations will be at the back of church or can be dropped off at the parish office. **St. Mary's:** Barb Osilka & Pam Monahan will be organizing the event but is seeking volunteers to help. If interested call Barb @ 570-590-5216 Please BYOB-bring your own basket.

❖ **Pascal Candles: 2018 @ M:** in memory of **Joseph Scodari** by LouAnn/Charlie Scodari. **@ J:** in memory of **Thomas Gulash & George Mehalick** by Donna Gulash. The candle burns throughout the Easter Season & the year, at baptisms, funerals & other celebrations.



❖ **K of C Happings:** meet 3/18 after the 10:15am mass.

▶ **Bleenie Sale:** 3/16 @ St. Mary's.
11:30am-sell out. \$1.00/ea or \$10/doz

▶ **KofC Council 16072-2018 Scholarship:** Information can be found on the parish website or by contacting George Motil. Seniors from either of our parishes are encouraged to apply.

▶ **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.

Collection boxes are in the church for your donations!



❖ St. Mary's Choir: \$8.00/ea - order by 4/7. Pick up 4/11. Forms @ church, see a choir member or call the parish office.

Much thanks to all for your generous donations of flour!

A frequent theme of the Gospels is a call of Christians to charity.

Recognizing that charity begins at home, we are forming a new ministry to support the needs of parish members ...

H.O.P.E. "HELPING OTHER PEOPLE EVERYDAY"

At some point in our lives, we all could use a helping hand because of job loss, sickness, injury, childbirth or just down on our luck.

The MISSION of this new ministry is:

Provide temporary assistance with meals and errands, drive people to Mass on the weekend or other requests may be considered.

If you or someone you know could use some temporary assistance with meals, errands or other assistance, please contact the parish office at 570-889-380. Your request and situation will be kept confidential and we will only share pertinent information with those providing the service.

In order for this new ministry to succeed, we are looking for concerned volunteers who are willing to help others. When a need is identified, volunteers will be contacted to determine who is available and able to assist with the request. By joining the ministry you are simply stating that you would like to help, when and in whatever way you can. If you would like to serve with or learn more about this ministry, please contact **Arlene Sachleben @ 570-590-5810** or **Nancy Krajnikovich @ 215-801-5797**.

❖ **Lenten Practice/Rosary: Seeking Volunteers**

The parishes of St. Mary and St. Joseph are seeking people who would like to participate in a Lenten practice of praying the Rosary. Each week, we will be praying the Rosary dedicated to a special intention. The special intention will focus on asking God's healing Graces for our hurting world.

If you cannot commit to a daily Rosary, even praying a decade of the Rosary are prayers heard in Heaven.

If you have a special intention that you would like included in our prayer intentions, please write them in your Parish prayer request book, and they will be included in the last week

❖ **Communion Prayer Partners:** We begin praying for our 1st Penance & Holy Communion youth. (J) **Jacob Andrews • Zoey Bankes.** We're offering prayer cards see Fr. as you leave mass. 1st Penance will be celebrated 3/20 (M) & 3/21 (J). Confessions @ 6:30-7:15. Communion will be celebrated anytime from Holy Thursday through the Easter Season.

Easter Triduum



Holy Week

Holy Thurs: 7pm @ J;

Adoration @ Rc til 10pm.

Good Friday: Stations: Noon @ J.

Passion Service: 3pm @ M.

Holy Sat: Basket Blessing:

(for both parishes) Noon @ J;

Vigil Mass: 8pm @ M (gather by 7:45)

Easter Sunday: 9:00am @ J

10:30am @ M

❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** visit webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, to your amazon page, the parish receives 5% on your purchase! We are using 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!**

❖ **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**

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

❖ **Outside Events:** • **Ringtown Rotary Lenten Seafood Dinner:** 3/23 4-7pm @ Ringtown Fire House. See any Ringtown Rotary member for tickets. • **Trinity Academy Annual Theme Basket Spectacular** will be held 4/27 & 4/28 at St. Joseph Parish Hall, **9 S. Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville.** Over 100 Theme Baskets will be available to bidders. This is a major fundraiser for the school and all visitors are welcome to browse and bid. • **St Paul UCC:** Kauffman's Chicken B-B-Q, 4/10, 3-7pm pick up. \$9 • **Ringtown's Pastors' Association:** Helen Roulin Foundation established as a perpetual memorial fund: Given to Ringtown Area girls completing grades 9-12 for their involvement & leadership in community activities. Apply for this \$100 scholarship by completing the application by 5/6. Applications are at the entrance to church or by calling 889-3074 • **John Anczarski Memorial Scholarship:** Applications at NSHS & St. John's Office, Ringtown. NS Sr's. Deadline: 4/30 @ NS Guidance Office or mail to address on application.