

Community of Faith

Nov. 18th – Dec. 1st

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 11/19 *Weekday*

8:00am M Billy Adams

9:00am J Catherine Lorenz r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

Wednesday, 11/20 *St. Denis & companions*

8:00am M Joseph Mattes

9:00am J John Fodor

Thursday, 11/21 *The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am M Monica Gold

9:00am J Joseph Keller

Friday, 11/22 *St. Cecilia*

8:00am M St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parishioners

9:00am J Roy Gius r/o M/M James Tanner

Saturday, 11/23 *St. Clement & St Columban*

8:00am M Rita Molnar

9:00am J Mary Simko



*** Christ the King • Year C**

4:00pm J John & Steffie Michalik
r/o Al, Joanne & Family

5:30pm M Joanne Aponick r/o Diane & Ed Donovan

Sunday, 11/24 *** Christ the King**

8:00am J Roy Gius r/o Kuzmitsky Family

9:30am M ILM Edward J. Kayes

r/o Daughter, Virginia Spudis

12:00 noon J Rudolf Soltis

Tuesday, 11/26 *Weekday*

8:00am M Phil Kennedy r/o M/M Balkiewicz & Family

9:00 am J St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parishioners

Wednesday, 11/27 *Weekday*

8:00am M Robert Schuster

9:00 am J Mary Hammel

**** Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service**

7:30pm @ St. Mary's Church, Ringtown

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, 11/28

8:00am J *In*

9:00am M *Thanksgiving*



Friday, 11/29 *Weekday*

8:00am M Albert David

9:00am J Anna Prockl

Saturday, 11/30 *St. Andrew*

8:00am M Irene Konya

9:00am J Agnes Laky

1st Sunday of Advent • Year A

Winter Mass Schedule Starts

3:00pm J Vickie Hartz r/o Vivian Havrilko

4:30pm M Joanne Aponick r/o Mary Balkiewicz

Sunday, 12/1 **1st Sunday of Advent**

9:00am J Olga Mensinger r/o Alice Valanty

10:30am M Connie Schipin r/o Ney & Possessky Family



Liturgy & Worship

What is a mortal sin?

Mortal sin is a grievous offense against the Law of God. When one has committed a sin, he/she can tell, by means of his/her conscience whether that sin was mortal or venial. He/she does this by asking his/her self if

- a: the thought, desire, word, action, or omission was seriously wrong or considered seriously wrong.
- b: if he/she was mindful of the serious wrong.
- c: if he/she fully consented to it.

If his/her conscience tells him that all the 3 conditions were present, then he committed a mortal sin. If even only one of those conditions was not present, then his/her sin was venial, not mortal.

In the above illustration, the men are waiting with draw knives for their intended victim, who is about to enter. They know what they are doing, they have decided to kill the man and are acting with full consent of the will. Since murder is strictly forbidden by the Law of God, they commit a mortal sin.

One in the state of mortal sin should perform good actions, not only to keep from becoming worse, but also to dispose himself to regain the grace of God by a good confession or an act of perfect contrition with the intention of going to confession.

❖ LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

M: \$1953 **J:** \$2362

Upcoming Collections: December: Dues, Weekly, Immaculate Conception, Retirement for Religious, Building Fund, Christmas Offering



❖ **Prayer List Permission Form:** Names are placed on the prayer list. Please fill out a permission form.

❖ **Pray for:** Living: Victor Yanuskiewicz • Frank & Sylvia Hovanec • James Barrett • Dolly Zakavage • Jaden Leiby • Fr. Jim Torpey



to: the families of **(M)**, Mary Zimmerman;
(J) Steven Repko, Steven Kobza,
Catherine Lorenz, Matilda Flaim.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...



❖ **K of C Happenings:**

Rosary @ J: 12/1 prior to 9:00am Mass

❖ **Advent Calendars & Candles:** @ **M:** Our Christmas table is set up once again at the back of church for the holiday season. Start a Christmas Tradition in your home with our Advent Calendars for the young & old. We will also have our Yankee Candles, and **new this year is the Christmas puzzles.** The Christmas table also features beautiful hand-made rosaries benefiting The Sisters of the Poor.

❖ **St. Mary's: New Year's Day: \$1K Drawing:**

Buyers & Sellers Needed:

\$2 for 10 chances to win: PA 7:00pm "Pick 4"

These make great Christmas gifts & stocking stuffers!!

❖ **Collection Envelopes 2020:** the new envelopes are on the tables in the back of church. Some numbers have changed so go by your last name when picking up your envelopes. If you do not see your envelopes on the table please call the office and we will make sure you get them.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

‡ Holy Hours & Confession

Sunday, Dec. 8th after the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's. Parishioners from both parishes are being asked to sign up for ½ hr time slots. Church will be open from 11:30am-5:00pm.

* **Confessions** open during Holy Hours for both parishes. Sign-up sheets for adoration are on the tables at the back of church.

▶ There will also be Holy Hours during Lent. March 29th. Hours and place will be the same as above. Sign-up sheets will be out for Lent closer to the date.

‡ **Bishop Alfred A. Schlert D.D.J.C.L., Bishop of Allentown** will be the main celebrant for Mass on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, **Sunday, March 8, 2020** at St. Mary's Parish. Reception will follow. All are Welcome!

St. Mary's: For those interested in being on the **Parish Council** there will be a meeting after the 10:30am Mass on **December 1st** in the Parish Rectory.



Pie pickup is Sunday, November 24th from 2-5pm at the church. Thank you to all who sold/bought pies for the parish.

🎵 **Choir News @ M: *New members are always welcome!***

St. Joseph's 125th Anniversary book is "under construction" and has not yet gone to the printer. In the meantime, all of the photos from the Mass and dinner can be viewed by going to www.fayockphoto.com. You can skip the log-in. Go to "events" and then "St. Joseph Anniversary". Video of the Mass will also be available in the very near future.



❖ **Coffee & Pastry Social:** @ J following the 9:00am Sunday Mass on December 1st at Shepton/Oneida Fire Company. **Come join us for fellowship.**



We realized a profit of \$1,380 from our Taste of Italy dinner! **THANK YOU** to our wonderful cooks & bakers, generous donors, & workers.

A special thank you to all those who purchased tickets and joined us for a wonderful meal.

Congratulations to the winners of the tricky trays: Mary Jean R., Myles Y., McCool, M. Komishick, Ann B. (2), and Scott. Thank you to all who made the tricky trays and to those who purchased chances which totaled \$481.



❖ **GIVING TREE:** The women of grace and Brandon's forever home are so very grateful for your generous support of the giving tree for foster & orphaned children. **Thank you "Christmas Angels"!**

We will now be collecting gifts for mother's facing unplanned pregnancies. **Birthright** provided tree tags for items desperately needed by these young mothers. **Birthright** is a pregnancy crisis center in Frackville, providing pregnant women information, referrals and resources including pregnancy counseling, maternity and baby clothing, free pregnancy tests, and emotional support. We are also going to put some "Secret Santa" tags on the tree for families in our parishes that could use a helping hand this year.

Instructions for "Secret Santa" & Birthright- mom's & babies

- **11/23 thru 12/8** - select a tag(s) from giving tree
- **Return unwrapped gifts to church no later than Sunday, 12/15**
- **Call or text Nancy @ 215-801-5797, or Arlene @ 570-590-5810 with questions**

- **We appreciate whatever support you can provide, whether it's taking a tag for a young mom & baby or a family or just saying some prayers.**

* **God bless you** for all you do to lovingly support those in need!

‡ **Men's Conference: "Standing Firm In Our Faith"** – Register today to see Dr. Ralph Martin, Fr. Jim Greenfield, Gus Lloyd, and Sam Guzman at *Standing Firm in Our Faith*, the 8th annual Allentown Diocese Men's Conference on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at DeSales University. In addition to a Vigil Mass, there will be opportunities for Adoration and Confession. Presentations in Spanish will be given by Dr. Ricardo Luzondo and Deacon Isidro Gonzalez. Register by November 13th at www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions can be directed to menconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021.

Winter Mass Schedule:

**Starting earlier than previously announced.
December through March weekend of 11/30-12/1**

St. Mary

Saturday vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 10:30am
Daily: 8:00am Tues-Sat

St. Joseph's

Saturday vigil: 3:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am
Daily: 9:00am Tues-Sat

❖ **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!***

❖ **Shopping Cart Gift Cards: Planning on giving gift cards for Christmas?** Consider purchasing them through St. Joseph's. The church makes a profit from each card sold at no additional cost to you. We will be placing a gift card order for Christmas. There are order forms by the confessionals as well as a list of cards that may be purchased. The deadline for orders is December 8. If you have any questions, please see or call Donna G. (384-3774) We've: \$25 & \$100 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Apple itunes\$, 10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$25 CVS, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$25 Dunham's, \$25 & \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Gap/Old Navy, \$25 & \$50 Giant Foods, \$25 Home Depot, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 & \$100 Lowes, \$25 Macy's, \$25 Michael's, \$25 Olive Garden, \$10 & \$25 Panera Bread \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Cinema, \$10 Regal Cinema (Admit one), \$25 Sheetz, \$50 Sunoco, \$25 Target, \$25 TJ Maxx/Marshall's, \$25 Walmart/Sam's, \$100 Walmart/Sam's, \$25 Weis, \$100 Weis. Thank you to all who support this fund-raising program by purchasing scrip cards for gifts as well as for their everyday purchases! Your purchase of gift cards helps to fund St. Joseph's and keeps thousands of dollars in our parish budget each year! *We're taking orders/sell @ St Joseph's after mass.*



Community Events:

• **St. Michael's Shenandoah:** Healing Service @ St. Michael's 11/21 at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome. • **St. Joseph the Worker Parish:** Presents Roofstock. Another Side & Sakes Alive 21+only Live music, dancing & food. 11/16/19 7pm-12am doors open at 6pm. Presale tickets \$10/At door \$12. 9 S. Broad Mountain Ave. Frackville. • **St. Paul's UCC:** 100 E. Main St., Ringtown: **Hand Bell & Choir Concert:** 12/1 @ 7:30 + **37th Annual Hanging of the Greens:** 12/8 @ 7:00pm - Refreshments following.