

Community of Faith

Dec. 2nd – Dec. 15th

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 12/3 *Weekday*

8:00am M Rita Molnar

9:00am J Matilda Flaim r/o Theresa Walters & family

Wednesday, 12/4 *Weekday*

8:00am M William Lorah Jr. r/o Mary Shamany

9:00am J Robert Schuster

Thursday, 12/5 *Weekday*

8:00am M Anne Wolfe r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

9:00am J Helen Molchany

Friday, 12/6 *Weekday*

8:00am M Paul Marth

9:00am J Joseph Leitgeb Jr.

Saturday, 12/7 *St. Ambrose*

8:00am M Theresa Kochenash

9:00am J Irene Konya

2nd Sunday of Advent • Year A

3:00pm J Vickie Hartz r/o John & MaryJean Rinckenberg

4:30pm M Joseph & Grace Scodari

r/o Charlie & Luann Scodari

Sunday, 12/8 2nd Sunday of Advent • Year A

9:00am J Wolk Family r/o Bob

10:30am M Joanne Aponick r/o children & sister, Nikki

Holy Hours/Confession



Immaculate Conception

Monday: Dec 9

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

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

Tuesday, 12/10 *Weekday*

8:00am M Louis Panny Jr.

9:00 am J Edward Schwartz

Wednesday, 12/11 *Weekday*

8:00am M William Lorah Jr.

r/o M/M Ed Balkiewicz & family

9:00 am J Audrey Sutton

Thursday, 12/12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00am M Louis Senensits

9:00 am J Rita Forte Farrow

Friday, 12/13 *St. Lucy*

8:00am M Angie Angelisanti

9:00am J Amadeo Corelli

Saturday, 12/14 *St. John of the Cross*

8:00am M Victor Piccioni

9:00am J Frank Pettineo

3rd Sunday of Advent • Year A

3:00pm J Stanley & Mary Mahalick r/o Al, Joanne & family

4:30pm M RoseAnn Aponick r/o aunt, Nikki

Sunday, 12/15 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00am J Michael Funanage r/o wife, Cecelia

10:30am M Nancy Blackwell r/o Barb & Rob Baranowsky

Baptism of Max Milewski

Liturgy & Worship

What is actual sin?

Actual sin is any willful thought, desire, word, action or omission forbidden by the Law of God.

Original sin is not the only kind of sin; there is another kind, called actual sin, and this is the sin we ourselves commit.

In the above illustration, we see Judas in a most turbulent state of mind, because he is about to enter in to conspiracy with the enemies of Jesus, he is about to betray our Lord, to sell Him for 30 pieces of silver. His betrayal was an actual sin because he himself committed it knowingly and voluntarily.

Actual sin is an offense against the Law of God committed with knowledge and consent of the will by anyone who has the use of reason.

Young children and the insane cannot commit sin, because they do not have the use of reason. Nor can a person sin who is not conscious of doing evil, for he does not have the will to offend our Lord. However, a person who knowing he is offending God, yet retains an evil thought, says bad words, does bad deeds, or fails to do his duty, commits an actual sin.

As Saint Thomas of Aquinas said "the cause of sin is the will's not holding to the rule of reason and divine law".

The Lord says "flee from sins as from the face of a serpent, for if you come near them, they will take hold of you". Eccl. 21:2

How many kinds of actual sin are there?

There are 2 kinds of actual sin: mortal sin & venial sin.

❖ LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

M: \$2122 J: \$2958

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



Our Condolences

to the families of: **(M)** William Lorah Jr.; **(J)** James Barrett, Stephen Hovanec, Shirley King

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...



❖ K of C Happenings:

• Dec 15th Rosary at St. Mary's prior to 10:30 Mass – Meeting following Mass

• 3rd Degree on Sunday February 23, 2020 @ 2PM in Allentown – Please let me know if anyone is interested or if you know of someone who would like to get their 3rd Degree

• Thank you to the Knights that volunteered their time and talent to help with the Apple Pie Sale!

❖ **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.

New this year is the Christmas puzzles. The Christmas table also features beautiful handmade rosaries benefiting The Sisters of the Poor.

❖ **Oplatki: \$3.00 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European Custom, guides are included.

▶ **HOLY HOURS, December 8th**

Why and how do we spend an Hour with Jesus?

Eucharistic Adoration is the devotion and worship of Jesus Christ, truly present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the consecrated host. Whether we spend an hour or 30 minutes, it is a very personal and intimate time to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Our time can be spent having a heartfelt conversation with Jesus about our life, our family, our worries and joys; and just as we should do in any conversation, we should sit peacefully and listen to what Jesus has to tell us. Our time can also be spent praying, reading and meditating on scripture or the life of a saint. It's even ok to sleep. In the presence of Our Lord you will find a peace and consolation that the world cannot give! We encourage you to take some time from your busy Christmas plans and join us, with the angels and saints, in Adoration of Our Lord!



❖ **Holy Hours/Confession: Sunday, Dec. 8th**
"Can you stay with me for 1hr?"

	St. Mary's	St. Joseph's
Exposition	11:00am	10:45am
Benediction	4:00pm	3:00pm
Confession	11:00-12:30pm	1:30pm-3:00pm

*All recommended to participate especially Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Woman of Grace and Knights of Columbus have a duty to sign up for a time slot. **Sign-up sheets are at the back of Church.**

❖ **St. Mary's: New Year's Day: \$1000.00 Drawing:**
Buyers & Sellers Needed: \$50/Pk25 or
\$2 for 10 chances to win - PA 7:00pm Pick4
These make great Christmas gifts & stocking stuffers!!



Mass Schedules:

Christmas Eve:

3:00pm & 7:00pm @ J
 4:30pm & midnight @ M;

Christmas Day: 9:00am @ J
 10:30am @ M

New Year's Eve: 3:00pm @ J
 4:30pm @ M

New Year's Day: 9:00am @ J
 10:30am @ M

▶ **Upcoming meetings:**

- Dec. 1st @ M: Parish Council after 10:30am Mass
- Dec. 3rd @ J: Liturgy Committee 6:30pm
- Dec. 10th @ M: Liturgy Committee 6:30pm

CONFIRMATION - THANK YOU !

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Mahanoy City graciously extends gratitude to the parishioners, family, and friends who helped with Confirmation 2019. A special thank you to our friends from St. Richard Parish, St. Mary Parish, St. Joseph Parish, and Divine Mercy Parish for their continued support during Confirmation.

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



❖ **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 saying prayers.

God bless you all for supporting those in need of our loving support!

❖ **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.

Community Events:

Sheppton/Oneida Fire Co.: Monthly bingo. 12/8. Early bird 1:00pm
 • **St. Paul's UCC:** 100 E. Main St., Ringtown: 37th Annual Hanging of the Greens: 12/8 @ 7:00pm Refreshments following. • **St. John's Lutheran Church:** Breakfast with Santa. Saturday, Dec. 7th from 8-11am. Presale tickets: Adults \$5 Child \$3 (under 10). If buying tickets at the door add \$1.00. Free picture with Santa.

