



# Community of Faith

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

No daily Mass Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Communion Service Only**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

3:00pm J Regina Fellin r/o Jerry & RoseAnn Evangelista

4:30pm M John F. Washko r/o John J. Washko

### Sunday, 2/9 5<sup>th</sup> S in Ordinary Time • Year A

9:00am J Arlene Saurini r/o sister, Carol

10:30am M William Lorah Jr. r/o Ray & Arlene Sachleben

*Baptism of Arya Ann Connolly*

### Tuesday, 2/11 *Weekday*

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

9:00am J Joseph Cardone r/o Sheila Cardone

### Wednesday, 2/12 *Weekday*

8:00am M David Corry

9:00am J William Lorah Jr. r/o John Grohol

### Thursday, 2/13 *Weekday*

8:00am M Mary McDonald

9:00am J Roseann Olyen r/o Kate Dale

### Friday, 2/14 *Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop*

8:00am M Charles Hartman

9:00am J Mary Simko

### Saturday, 2/15 *Weekday*

8:00am M Ronald Artman

9:00am J Anna Prockl

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

3:00pm J Regina Fanelli r/o Rose Marie Devaney

4:30pm M William Lorah Jr. r/o Charles & Luann Scodari

### Sunday, 1/16 6<sup>th</sup> S Ordinary Time

9:00am J dec'd of Soda Family r/o Donna Gulash

10:30am M Stasia Kolesinsky r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski



❖ **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 until further notice

❖ **2020 Envelopes:** will be at the office for any parishioner who did not pick up their contributions envelopes or were missed. Please call the office.

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

## Liturgy & Worship

*"You shall fear the Lord your God, and shall serve him only".  
Dt. 6:13*

A person sins by superstition when he attributes to a creature a power that belongs to God alone, as when he makes use of charms or spells, believes in dreams or fortune telling, or goes to spiritualists.

Moses about to smash the tablets of the Law as he had ascended Mount Sinai to receive the commandments from God and had remained there forty days in conversation with Him. The Hebrews, living in tents in the desert had grown tired of waiting for him and said to one another, "Moses will not return; something must have happened to him. Let us make gods that may go before us". They therefore had made a golden calf and offered sacrifices to it, as if to the true God. When Moses came down from the mount and saw them adoring an idol, he angrily broke the tablets. Then after destroying the calf he punished those who had committed their grievous sin.

Superstition is any practice which gives false worship to God or undue honor to creatures. It includes everything from idolatry to such nonsensical practices as: the use of charms and spells, belief in dreams, fortune telling, spiritism, astrological horoscopes, unlucky days and numbers, omens, as for example, breaking mirrors, walking under ladders, having our path crossed by a black cat, and so on.

Superstitious practice is a violation of the first commandment of God, because the attribute to created things powers that God reserves to Himself.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** M: \$1815 J: \$1997

**Upcoming Collections:** February: Dues, Weekly, Energy, Ash Wednesday



❖ **Pray for:** Living: Victor Yanuskiewicz • Dorothy Hovanec • Jaden Leiby • Fr. Jim Torpey • Kathy Guida

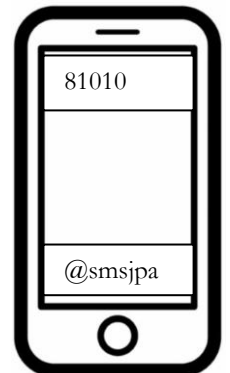
### ❖ Important messages from the Parish:

We have set up a text alert system to notify parishioners about anything important going on in the parish. Messages are from Fr. Dominic or messages from the parish office. To start receiving messages you will need to text a message to the number below followed by the message. **If you were already getting alerts in the past you do not need to sign up again. You have been added to the new group.**

See example

Enter number 81010

Text this message: @smsjpa





❖ **K of C Happenings:**

- + Rosary at St Mary's Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> prior to Mass
- + Feb Meeting following mass on the 16<sup>th</sup>

❖ **Woman of Grace Happenings:**

▶ HOPE Ministry: If you or someone you know in our community could use some temporary help with meals, errands, rides to church or appointments HOPE Ministry can help. HOPE Ministry is also seeking volunteers to help serve those in need. Call Nancy 215-801-5797 or Arlene 570-590-5810



**Grand Raffle @S J:** We seek sponsors for prizes for our annual Grand

Raffle ticket. Donations forms are an insert in the bulletin and extra forms are available at the back of the church. As in the past, there are various ways to donate a prize: sponsor a gift card, donate a monetary prize or gift (\$25 minimum value). Tell us what kind of gift card and we will order it through our scrip card program and the church will receive a profit.

We ask that all prize donations be made by **March 1** so that we can get the tickets printed and ready for sale.



**Volunteer/Help needed @ M:** Looking for someone to do snow removal/shoveling for the church and parish office. This would consist of maintaining the sidewalks, steps before weekday, weekend, holidays and funeral Masses as needed. **Must be reliable!**

*If interested call: Barb Osilka @ (570) 590-5216*

❖ **St. Mary's :** We are getting ready for our Shoo Fly Pie Sale. **More information on order deadline and how to order in the upcoming bulletins.** Pies will be baked March 30<sup>th</sup>.



❖ **Block Party @ M:** The parish major fundraiser is upon us. **Our first meeting is planned for Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm** in the parish rectory. We are always looking for volunteers and fresh new ideas. If anyone would like to join and help plan our yearly block party we welcome you to join. If you have any questions call our chairperson: Barb Osilka (570) 590-5216. Hope to see you there!

❖ **St. Joseph's Anniversary Book:** Due to some unforeseen circumstances the book has been delayed. We will keep you updated as we get more information.



❖ **Congratulations to the Connolly Family** as we welcome **Arya Ann Connolly** into the family of faith on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary's.

+ **Trinity Academy Registration for 2020-2021**



Trinity Academy is holding Open Enrollment for children in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8 beginning February 18, 2020 extending through the beginning of the upcoming school year. We are located in the Fr. Walter J. Cizek Education

Center, 233 W. Cherry Street in Shenandoah, PA 17976. Please note, if you are interested in enrolling a child for the following grades, they must be of age by October 15, 2020: Pre-Kindergarten- 4 years, Kindergarten- 5years and First Grade 6 years.

**We invite you to contact us for information by calling:**

**Kay Zagrosky at 570-462-3927**

**Monday through Friday from, 8 a.m.to 3:30 p.m.**

Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Cizek Education Center in Shenandoah, PA is a Catholic School serving students in Pre-K through Grade Eight throughout Northern Schuylkill and Southern Luzerne Counties. Trinity Academy provides children with a high quality education. Our Christ-centered atmosphere assists parents in helping their children to live a life of discipleship centered in the Gospel of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church, instill morals, and promote academic excellence.

▶ **L|E|A|D: The Four Marks of Fatherly Greatness –**

This one-day retreat will inspire men to embrace God's purpose and plan for their life. Explore the spirituality of Saint Joseph with presenter Rob Longo at St. Mary, Kutztown on Saturday, February 29, 2020. A Daily Mass will be offered by Bishop Schlert during the retreat and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession as well. This retreat is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for Men. **For more information or to register, visit [allentowndiocese.org/LEAD](http://allentowndiocese.org/LEAD)**

▶ **CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** honoring the lifelong commitment of husbands and wives to each other.

**MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE A PRIORITY** by attending a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend.

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

For information call 610-449-1859 or visit [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org).

❖ **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!**

**Community Events:** Sheppton Fire Co.: Bingo: 2/9 @ 1:00pm  
**St. John's Ringtown: Krispy Kreme Sale** 2/23 pick up at 12 noon. \$8.00/dozen. Order deadline 2/16. See any group member or call the office. • **Ringtown Rotary Kauffman BBQ Chicken Dinner:** 2/6 from 3-7pm at the Union Twp Bldg. Take out only.

