

# Community of Faith

February 17<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

**Tuesday, 2/18** *Weekday*

8:00am M †William Lorah Sr. r/o wife, Pauline

9:00am J †Eugene Keeney

**Wednesday, 2/19** *Weekday*

8:00am M †Maureen Schmidt

9:00am J †William Lorah Jr. r/o M/M Michael Dziak

**Thursday, 2/20** *Weekday*

8:00am M †Anthony Alexander

9:00am J †Joseph Careyva & Rose Marie Lorenz  
r/o Anne Careyva

**Friday, 2/21** *St. Peter Damian*

8:00am M †Raymond Schwakoff

9:00am J Paul Medvitz r/o Anne Careyva

**Saturday, 2/22** *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

8:00am M †Mary Wehrle

9:00am J Blase Porreth r/o Rosemary Porretti

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

3:00pm J †Nicholas Koch r/o Alice Valanty

4:30pm M †John R. Boniscavage  
r/o Nestor & Brown Family

**Sunday, 2/23** *7<sup>th</sup> S Ordinary Time • Year A*

9:00am J †Peter Timko r/o daughter, Carol Stancik

10:30am M †Peachie Aponick r/o Tracey, Billy Jo & Joey

**Tuesday, 2/25** *Weekday*

8:00am M †Edward J. Sullivan

9:00am J †William Lorah Jr. r/o Alice Valanty

*Ash  
Wednesday*

**Wednesday - Feb. 26, 2020**

**3:00pm @ SJ:** People of the Parish

**4:30pm @ SM:** People of the Parish

**Thursday, 2/27** *Weekday*

8:00am M †Joseph & Stella Walters & Family

9:00am J †Irene Konya

**Friday, 2/28 \*** *Weekday*

8:00am M †William Lorah Jr. r/o Ray & Dot Wisno

9:00am J †Paul Marth

**\* Stations @ (SM) @ 5:00pm**

**Saturday, 2/29** *Weekday*

8:00am M †Carol A. Interrante

9:00am J †Monica Gold

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year A

3:00pm J †Carmen Fierro r/o Theresa Novak

4:30pm M †Faris Zogby  
r/o Joann Zogby & Mark

**Sunday, 3/1** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

9:00am J †Helen Molchany

10:30am M †ILM Sophia Kayes  
r/o daughter, Virginia Spudis

*1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday  
of  
Lent*

# Liturgy & Worship

*“A good name is better than great riches”. Prv. 22:1*

A good name is a most precious possession. The eighth commandment obliges us to respect the good name of our neighbor by not making known his faults when we have no right to do so and by not making false accusations against him. It is our duty to think well and to speak well of others.

Only God can penetrate to the interior of man's conscience and scrutinize his intentions. He alone can judge with truth and justice. As St. James said, “there is one lawgiver and judge.....” He who is able to destroy and to save. But you judge your neighbor, who are you?

James reminds us that the disciple of Christ should be simple and sincere, and have a genuine honor of all uncharitable talk. St. Paul teaches, “charity is kind, thinks no evil, does not rejoice over wickedness, but rejoices with the truth.....bears with all things, believes all things, endures all things” (1 Cor. 13:4-7)

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** M: \$2053 J: \$2489

**Upcoming Collections:** March: Dues, Weekly, Easter Flower Offering, Bldg Fund



❖ **Pray for:** Living: Dolores Carmadella Baum • Dorothy Hovanec • Jaden Leiby • Fr. Jim Torpey



❖ **Stations:** Stations will take place alternating between churches on a Friday @ 5:00. See mass schedule for location.

❖ **K of C Happenings: Council 16072**



- 3/1 - Rosary @ J
- 3/15 - Rosary & Meeting @ M
- 3/27 - Lenten Bleenie Fry

▶ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!**

**40  
Cans  
40  
Days**

Our commitment to the poor challenges us to serve Christ by donating a canned good for each day of Lent. Our goal is to reach **1,000 lbs of canned food items** between both parishes. The food will be distributed to support our area food banks.

**Please watch for the collection boxes in each SMSJ Parish.**

**Grand Raffle @ SJ:** We seek sponsors for prizes for our annual Grand Raffle ticket. 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. Extra forms are available at the back of the church.

† **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> Sunday. of Lent, **Sunday, March 8, 2020** at St. Mary's Parish. Reception to follow. **All are Welcome!**

❖ **Welcome new members @ SJ:**

Frank, Sarah, Frankie & Isabelle Scratch.

❖ **Homemade Wet bottom Shoo Fly Pie & Crust sale @ SM** has started. Deadline to order is 3/25. Pick up is 3/30 from 12-4:00pm. \$8.00/pie & \$3.00/crust. Call the parish office to order or order sheets are in church.



### ***History of the Pie Sale at St. Mary's***

In 2001 St. Mary's Choir decided to have its first homemade apple and pumpkin pie sale in order to buy new songbooks to replace the People's Mass book of the '60's. After hand rolling 135 crusts for that year's sale of 103 pies we vowed NOT to make any more than that amount the following year. Nineteen years later we found ourselves rolling 564 crusts WITH the help of a dough machine and many members of our parish. Over the years we have been able to contribute our profits to benefit our church. We have just transferred \$6000 into the general fund and hope to add to that amount before the fiscal year is ended.

As the time nears to begin our shoofly pie sale I just want to take the time to thank everyone in our parish who has helped us out over the years to make these fundraisers a success. Whether you donate money or supplies, roll dough, cut up apples in the early, early morning, or just get orders from your friends and family, please know that we are truly grateful and totally blessed to have such a devoted group of people in our parish. It is no longer run solely by our choir but by the members of our congregation. We hope to continue these pie sales for a long time and hope to continue to have all of your support through the years.

Again, thank you, and feel free to join us anytime with our baking projects! **Marie Piaskowski, Choir Director**

❖ **Lenten Symbol:** is distributed the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**. The beautiful image allows us to keep the reminder before us on the Lenten journey. The symbols are given in memory of **Ron Rader** by LouAnn/Lindsay.

### ❖ **St. Mary's Parish Council:**

▶ **On March 8, 2020** we will be having coffee and finger foods after mass with the Bishop. We would appreciate any donations of finger foods you might be able to bring. There will be a signup sheet in the church. Please indicate if you will attend, how many will attend and if you are able to bring a finger food, what you will bring. As always we appreciate all you do for our parish.

▶ **Beginning with April 2020** we would like to have coffee and ? once a quarter after Sunday mass. The parish council will provide coffee and breakfast items such as donuts, bagels, etc. We look forward to seeing you there.

▶ The parish council will be meeting once a quarter. If you have any suggestions, please leave them in the box at the back of the church.

▶ If you are not able to receive a text when mass is cancelled, please call Lisa in the office and provide a telephone number. The parish council will then form a phone chain to call you when mass is cancelled.

❖ **Block Party @ SM:** The parish major fundraiser is upon us. We are always looking for volunteers and fresh new ideas. It's not too early to donate to our basket auction! Drop off at the parish office or at mass. If you have any questions call our chairperson: Barb Osilka (570) 590-5216.

### ***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 60<sup>th</sup> yr on his/her 59<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?**

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the U.S. this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (1 March until 7 June 2020). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time. Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Rice Bowl.

⇒ **Puerto Rico Earthquake Relief:** In response to this disaster, His Excellency, Bishop Schlert, has asked that each parish in the Diocese of Allentown take up a collection to provide relief. The funds contributed to this collection will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to be administered to them.

**Our parishes will have a second collection the weekend of March 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous.**

**Community Events • St. Joseph Center for Special Learning-** Pottsville 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 3/15@ Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for a day of food, fellowship and golf! For more information, please visit [www.stjosephctr.com](http://www.stjosephctr.com). • **Divine Mercy, Shenandoah along with Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts** presents: **"Born for This"**. 3/29 @ 6:00pm. @224 W. Cherry St. Shenandoah. Tickets \$10. Tickets go on sale 2/22. Tickets are available at Divine Mercy & Trinity Academy Office or after most Divine Mercy Masses.