



## Community of Faith

Mar 30 – April 12

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

**Masses were/will be celebrated privately by Fr. Dominic**

### Tuesday, 3/31 *Weekday*

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

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

### Wednesday, 4/1 *Weekday*

8:00am M † Michael & Catherine Savik

9:00am J † John Foder

### Thursday, 4/2 *St. Francis of Paola*

8:00am M † Mary Hammel

9:00am J † William Lorah r/o M/M Gerald Evangelista

### Friday, 4/3 *Weekday*

8:00am M † Evelyn Yergey

9:00am J † Stephen Frisch

### Saturday, 4/4 *St. Isidore, Bishop Dr. of the Church*

8:00am M † Joseph Miller

9:00am J † Anna Csencsitz

### **Palm Sunday-Passion of the Lord • Year A**

3:00pm J † Regina Fanelli r/o Jerry & Rose Ann Evangelista

4:30pm M † Patricia & Ferdinand Piccolo r/o Kathy Lorah

### Sunday, 4/5 **Passion of the Lord • Year A**

9:00am J Jillian Datchko (*health*) r/o Bob & Jeanette Fellin

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

### Tuesday, 4/7

8:00am M † Victor Cicioni r/o Family

9:00am J † Joseph Konschnik r/o M/M William Fellin

### Wednesday, 4/8

8:00am M † Angela Gehringer

9:00am J † Margaret Csencsists



*Holy Week – will be celebrated privately by Fr. Dominic.*

### Thursday, 4/9 Holy Thursday:

M & J: Priest Special Intention

### Friday, 4/10 Good Friday

\*\*Stations of the Cross devotion via Facebook LIVE Stream

### Saturday, 4/11 - Holy Saturday

M: St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parishioners

J: † Dziak & Salvaterra Family r/o Mike & Judy Dziak

### Triduum Mass

### Resurrection (Easter) Sunday:

M: † C. Mary Zimmerman r/o Gordy

J: † Lewis & Gloria Horvath r/o Family

## Liturgy & Worship

Dear brothers and sister in Christ, I am praying that you are safe as well as healthy.

Today we ponder about bad news and fear of the deadly virus. But let us remind ourselves that Jesus Christ defeated death. He is Risen! Christ's victory over sin and death; the darkness we see in the world will forever be vanquished.

With a kiss, the traitor Judas betrayed Him into their hands. Jesus was bound, scourged and crowned with thorns. Then, having been condemned to death by Pilate, he was crucified between two thieves. He hung for three hours on the cross in great agony. Yet, He mercifully forgave His crucifiers. At last, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit, whereupon a soldier took a lance and pierced His heart.

The sorrowful Virgin and the holy women brought the body of the Redeemer away to its burial.

As we grow in knowledge and remembrance of God's promises and His word which help us to what is actually happening in our lives, we begin to notice the empty tombs and the many signs of God's favor and blessings. As we start to connect the dots between faith and experience, it gets brighter and our faith grows stronger.

On the morning of the third day, Easter Sunday, there was a great earthquake, Jesus rose from the dead, triumphant and glorious, by His own almighty power.

God's word can be trusted. He is Risen just as he said He would. Indeed, He is Risen! As we celebrate His resurrection, may the Holy Spirit guide you and strengthen you during this time of crisis!

*Happy Easter!*

Father Dominic Pham



**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.**

❖ **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: UPDATED WHEN MASS RESUMES**  
Upcoming Collections: April: Dues, Weekly, Easter Offering, Bldg Fund, Holy Thursday, Mother's Day

► Some people have asked how they can continue to financially support the church during the closure. Three options are available.

1. Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

**84 N. Center St, Ringtown, PA 17967**

2. If you are set up for my e-offering. Continue as normal. If not, you can go to the site and sign up. [www.myoffering.com](http://www.myoffering.com)

3. [www.allentowndiocese.org/parish-support](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/parish-support)

The new web page allows anyone to designate a one-time or recurring credit card gift to their parish. All gifts made via this site are deposited into a restricted account which has been set up specifically for this purpose. These funds are not intermingled with other Diocesan funds or appeals. All funds will be distributed by electronic deposit or a check written directly to your parish at least once/month.



Let us pray for an end to this virus, for healing for those who are sick, and comfort for those who grieve.

**May God bless us and protect us.**



❖ **Pray for:** Living:

- Dolores Carmadella Baum
- Dorothy Hovanec • Jaden Leiby
- Eli Careyva • Paul (*friend*) • Mary Lu & Tom Popalis • Dolly Zakavage • William Bradley • Anyone affected by the Covid 19 Virus



Sadly, since we are not able to celebrate Mass for Palm Sunday this coming weekend, we want you to know that Blessed Palms will be distributed when we are allowed to return to our churches for public Mass.

✚ **Blessing of Baskets:** is not permitted in Church or in the parking lots during the pandemic.

► Livestream on Facebook with **Fr. Don Cieniewicz** from **St. Mary's R. C. Hamburg, PA.** Father Don will livestream the Blessing of Food on Holy Saturday at 12 noon. Tune in for the blessing of the festive Easter foods. Strive as best you can to celebrate the joy of Easter within the intimate setting of your home and your family.

✚ **Join Bishop Schlert for Mass** in his private chapel Mon-Sat at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

[www.ad-today.com/live](http://www.ad-today.com/live)

✚ **Daily Rosary every night at 7:30pm** live on our parish Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephhrc](http://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephhrc)

Dedicated for the intentions of Fr. Dominic, all those individuals and their families affected by the covid-19 pandemic and all emergency and medical professionals on the front lines of this battle working to keep us safe and save lives. (make sure you are logged in to your Facebook account to join in prayer. Brought to you by our **KofC Council 16072**, Ringtown/Shepton, PA

❖ **Renovation- Rectory Conference Room:** Sponsors are being sought for St. Mary's Church Rectory. The cost is estimated at \$3,000. Form of payment can be cash/checks made payable to: St. Mary's Church.

► **Easter Egg Hunt:**

**POSTPONED**

**A note from the office:** During this time that we are on the stay at home request, I will be working from home. I will periodically check the mail and phone calls. Please be aware that if I am returning your call my phone number may come up on your phone as an unknown caller. I will be happy to help you in any way I can during this time. Stay safe, stay healthy. Lisa Balkiewicz/Secretary



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

► **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.



❖ **St. Mary's: New Pick-up date is 4/27 from 12-4:00pm. We will keep you updated if this needs to be changed.**

### Spring/Summer Mass Times

**Starts the weekend Mass resumes.**

	St. Mary's	St. Joseph's
Saturday <i>vigil</i>	5:30pm	4:00pm
Sunday	10:00am	8:30am
Daily (Tues-Sat.)	8:00am	9:00am

► Please do not leave used or unwanted religious items (rosaries, books, medals, cards, etc) in church. Invariably, no one takes them. They remain there, and we then have to discard them. Consider asking a nursing home if they would like them.

❖ **Cemetery Care:** As we prepare for spring and grass cutting season, we are asking that all Christmas & other decorations be taken away by March 31<sup>st</sup>. **Rules & Regulations of the Diocese:** **No** coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around the plot. The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right without prior notice to remove same if so erected, planted, or placed.



**St. Mary's Spaghetti Dinner: April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**POSTPONED**



### Community Events:

Any child under the age of 18 can go to the Lutheran church basement for lunch everyday Monday-Friday between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. All meals are take-out. It is being sponsored by the Ringtown Food Pantry, the Ringtown Rotary, and St John's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's UCC church.

There are many people who are helping provide food and baked goods, and monetary donations. No ID is required. North Schuylkill is also providing bagged food.

