



Community of Faith

Apr 13 – April 26

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Masses were/will be celebrated privately by Fr. Dominic

Tuesday, 4/14

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

9:00am J Agnes Semlar

Wednesday, 4/15

8:00am M † Eleanor Murphy

9:00am J † Helen Bukovits

Thursday, 4/16

8:00am M † Michael & Anna Sain

9:00am J † William Lorah Jr.

r/o Dolores Carmadella-Baum & MaryAnn Wezner

Friday, 4/17

8:00am M † Michael & Catherine Savik

9:00am J † Stephen Frisch

Saturday, 4/18

8:00am M † For the Soul of Cecelia S. Stemple

9:00am J † Audrey Sutton

2nd Sunday of Easter • Year A

3:00pm J † Louis A. Ceci Sr. r/o Ceci-Fuehrer Family

4:30pm M † Scodari & Balla Families

r/o Charles & Luann Scodari

Sunday, 4/19 2nd Sunday of Easter • Year A

9:00am J † dec'd of Nahas Family r/o Nahas Family

10:30am M † William Zaremba r/o Celeste Johnson

Tuesday, 4/21

St. Anselm

8:00am M † James Golid Sr.

9:00am J † Tony Valanty r/o wife, Alice

Wednesday, 4/22 *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † Peter Pyrdabaz

9:00am J † H. Robert Piccioni

Thursday, 4/23 *Sts. George & Adalbert*

8:00am M Living & dec'd of Elizabeth Severson Family

9:00am J † Meg Britt

Friday, 4/24 *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M Intentions of Rev. John McBride

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

Saturday, 4/25 *St. Mark*

8:00am M † Simon Rajkovac

9:00am J † Luis Montaner

3rd Sunday of Easter • Year A

3:00pm J † Anthony Valanty r/o Fuehrer Family

4:30pm M † William Lorah Jr. r/o son, Josh Lorah

Sunday, 4/26 3rd Sunday of Easter • Year A

9:00am J † George & Mary Andrews r/o Their Family

10:30am M † Greg & Cecilia Daly

Liturgy & Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

“Have you come to believe you have seen me?”

The chief sufferings of Christ were His bitter agony of soul, His bloody sweat, His cruel scourging, His crowning with thorns, His crucifixion, and His death on the cross and which, **“The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.”**

Pope St. Leo I.

After the resurrection, Jesus remained on earth for forty days to prove that He had truly risen from dead and to complete the instruction of the Apostles. He appeared many times to His disciples, talked with them and even ate with them so that they might not have any doubt as to the great miracle. Only Thomas would not believe it until Jesus bade him to put his finger into the wounds of His hands and side and then challenged him to look forward to the day when he believes without seeing. Thomas was a doubter; what made him stop doubting? You probably wouldn't recognize Jesus Christ if He was sitting next to you right now. Maybe he is...is He? Thomas professes the true faith of the Church and he teaches us the important lesson that we must not separate the resurrection from the cross.

We cannot live the life of grace, “the risen-life”, unless we bare in our bodies the wounds of the cross. Our wounds are a reminder of our frailty and that it is God's grace that raises us up to new life.

Easter doesn't take away our pain or remove our fears. But it does introduce a new element into our lives. When we fail under trial and temptation, we can draw encouragement from the story of Jesus own disciples, all of whom failed during the passion. But there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death.

It is true that the road to heaven is narrow, but we trust in the merits of Jesus Christ, who died for love of us. Stick with the Risen Christ; you are among those Jesus told Thomas about. Blessed are you because you do not see Him – but you believe anyhow.

God Bless You – Fr. Dominic

❖ SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: UPDATED WHEN MASS RESUMES

Upcoming Collections: April: Dues, Weekly, Easter Offering, Bldg Fund, Holy Thursday, Mother's Day

Thank you so much for sending in or donating online. We are still receiving our monthly bills during this pandemic and it truly does help.

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

- Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:
84 N. Center St, Ringtown, PA 17967
- If you are set up for my e-offering. Continue as normal. If not, you can go to our web site and sign up. www.myeoffering.com
- 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.



**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.**



❖ **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

✚ **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

✚ **Daily Rosary** every night at 7:30 live on our Facebook page.

@ 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 and essential workers on the front lines of this battle working to keep us safe and alive. Brought to us, each evening, by our KofC Council 16072

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

❖ **Mass Requests:** Mass requests are still being accepted. Mass is being said privately by Fr. Dominic for our parish intentions. If you would like to have a mass requested, you can do so by sending your check to the parish office along with name of the person mass is being said for, along with requested by. Also please include if they are living or deceased and a date that you would like the mass scheduled for. I will do my best to put it on that day or close to the date. **\$10.00/per Mass request.**



❖ **K of C Happenings:** Council 16072
 ▶ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!**

****Will be extended until the end of May!**

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: will be postponed until a later date.**

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 31st.

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.

▶ **US Census 2020:** due to the low number of resident responses in Schuylkill County, the Census Bureau is asking for your help to complete the 2020 Census as soon as possible.



Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

-Pedro de la Cruz

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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.

