



Community of Faith

Apr 27th – May 10th

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Masses were/will be celebrated privately by Fr. Dominic

Tuesday, 4/28 *Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion of Monfort*

8:00am M † Willian Lorah Jr. r/o Dorothy Lashock

9:00am J † Louis Senensits

Wednesday, 4/29 *St. Catherine of Siena*

8:00am M † Joseph Lebediuk

9:00am J † Dorothy Barnes
r/o Dolores Carmadella Baum & Mary Ann Wezner

Thursday, 4/30 *St. Pius V*

8:00am M † Josephine Antonucci

9:00am J † Edward Schwartz

Friday, 5/1 *St. Joseph the Worker*

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

9:00am J † Helen Filipovits

Saturday, 5/2 *St. Athanasius*

8:00am M † Nancy Jean Murphy

9:00am J † Helen Molchany

4th Sunday of Easter • Year A

3:00pm J † Mary Yardinskie

r/o Theresa Novak & Mary Sitzer

4:30pm M † Anna Milefsky r/o M/M Richard Szcwebowicz

Sunday, 5/3 4th Sunday of Easter • Year A

9:00am J † George Mehalick r/o Helen Mehalick

10:30am M † Joseph Miller

Tuesday, 5/5 *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † Thomas Coyle

9:00am J † Joseph Leitgeb Jr.

Wednesday, 5/6 *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † William Lorah Jr. r/o Dorothy Anstock

9:00am J † Anna Csencsitz

Thursday, 5/7 *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † Michael & Catherine Savik

9:00am J † Rosemarie Reenock

Friday, 5/8 *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † Calbert Rupp Jr.

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

Saturday, 5/9 *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † Florence Haviland

9:00am J † Mary Sugra

5th Sunday of Easter • Year A

Saturday, 5/9 & Sunday, 5/10

3:00pm @ J•

Mother's



4:30pm @ M•

Day

9:00am @ J•

Intentions

10:30am @ M• [for all Enrolled, Living & Deceased]

A special blessing for Mother's

Liturgy & Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

Believing just doesn't come naturally to us like a heart beating or a lung breathing. It has to be worked at and practiced but first it has to be offered to us by God. Faith is not something we can decide to take on whenever we want, like gardening, roller blading, or golf. Faith must first be offered to us by God and sustained in us by God. If He would stop working on our faith for even an instant, it would leave us. But instilling faith in us is not only the work of God, it requires work on our part.

We must willingly want to believe, willingly accept God's gift of faith, and then cooperate with the graces He gives us to keep it and strengthen it. When we try to imagine all the work God has to put into our believing anything at all about Him and the work required on our part for it to take hold in us, the question Jesus gave was the most perfect one, "Oh how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter his glory?"

Let us practice our faith daily, not only in Church and in our prayers, but in our every thought, word and deed. Amen.

Reflection:

Sometimes being single can feel like being alone. At times it can be difficult to walk into an empty apartment with joys or hurt and have no one with whom to share them. Yet being alone gives one many opportunities to speak, find, listen, and know. Beyond the blood-family to which Christ was born, His love embraced all people including every single person, e.g. St. Mary Magdalene and St. Paul.

Being single does not preclude being a friend. A friend is one who can make time to serve others. As we become Christ-like, we in turn find Christ in others. In sharing with others we will find ourselves sharing in Christ's suffering in His work, and in the celebration of His death and resurrection---What joy awaits us!

If you find yourself as a single person, embrace it without fear. Open your heart and you will find your Lord there as I have found him in my own.

Fr. Dominic Pham

❖ **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: UPDATED WHEN MASS RESUMES**

Upcoming Collections: May: Dues, Weekly, Block Party, Picnic, Ascension, Father's Day

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

► **Diocese Starts Planning For the Time When Usual Attendance at Masses Might Resume - AD Today**

With increasing discussion nationwide about the right time to "reopen" the country, Catholics in the Diocese of Allentown are understandably curious about when they might once again be able to attend Mass in person and receive the Holy Eucharist. The Diocese is actively considering when and how that might occur.

The primary consideration in any decision will be the safety of the public. The decision will be based on health data, and not on polarized discussion.

Just as it did when cancelling Masses attended by the faithful, the Diocese will review governmental guidance and rely on the advice of health care professionals when making any changes to the current protocols.

It's too early to determine for sure what a "reopening" schedule might look like for Masses, funerals and other rites. It may be that a phased approach is most appropriate at first. No timetable has been set.

Any decisions also will take into account the fact that some people are more at-risk from exposure to the Coronavirus, and that many people will want to make their own decisions about when they feel safe to attend public gatherings.

"Of course we are all eager for the day that we can have a full return to usual attendance at Mass, at funerals, and for all of the Holy Sacraments," said Bishop Alfred Schlert.

"However, prudence requires a careful review of the facts to make a reasoned and deliberate decision of this magnitude," the Bishop said.

"People have a deep spiritual need to return to Mass, and to the Holy Eucharist," the Bishop said. "Our goal is to provide for the spiritual health of the faithful, while at the same time considering their physical health."

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: • Jaden Leiby
• Eli Carevva • Paul (*friend*) • Dolly Zakavage
• William Bradley • Fr. Jim Torpey •
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 evening @ 7:30pm
LIVE on our **Facebook** page by our **KofC Council 16072**
www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephhrcc

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.

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

❖ **Parish Census:** the office has sent out a census to all families of the parish. If you did not receive one, contact the office. Please send back your updated census by May 1st. It is very important that we update our computer system.

❖ **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/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.

❖ **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.

❖ **Recognition of Graduates:** Submit your family member's name, school graduating from, & future plans. They'll be honored in our June bulletin for our high school graduates.
Email/index cards, print please.

▶ The **Because We Are Catholic Appeal** (formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal) officially launched last week. Catholics across the Diocese will receive information along with an invitation to make a contribution to this effort which underwrites direct services for tens of thousands of adults, children, and families in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties. More information is available at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org



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. Ciszek 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- 5 years 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. Ciszek 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.

