



# Community of Faith

May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

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

**Tuesday, 5/12** *Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancres*

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

9:00am J † Mary Sugra

**Wednesday, 5/13** *Our Lady of Fatima*

8:00am M † Eleanor Murphy

9:00am J † Stephen Frisch

**Thursday, 5/14** *St. Matthias*

8:00am M † William Lorah Jr. r/o Marty & Diane Martz

9:00am J † Eugene Keeney

**Friday, 5/15** *St. Isidore*

8:00am M † Michael & Catherine Savik

9:00am J † Meg Britt

**Saturday, 5/16** *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † Kevin Bauman

9:00am J † Angela Gehringer

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter • Year A

3:00pm J † Mary Hammel

4:30pm M † IMO: Rose Ann Aponick

r/o Friends at Shenandoah Manor

**Sunday, 5/17** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter • Year A

9:00am J † Sue Wall r/o niece, Carol

10:30am M † Charles & Julia Barasha

r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

**Tuesday, 5/19** *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † Michael & Catherine Savik

9:00am J † Donna Kramer

**Wednesday, 5/20** *St. Bernardine of Sienna*

8:00am M † Carl Peter Fronheiser

9:00am J † Helen Filipovits

**Thursday, 5/21** + *Ascension Thursday*

8:00am M † Angela Gehringer

9:00am J † Lorraine Yapsuga

**Friday, 5/22** *St. Rita of Cascia*

8:00am M † Michael & Catherine Savik

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

**Saturday, 5/23** *Easter Weekday*

8:00am M † Michael & Anna Sain

9:00am J † Rudolf Soltis

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter • Year A

3:00pm J † John Valanty r/o Alice Valanty

4:30pm M † Anna Milefsky r/o Dan & Kathy Milefsky

**Sunday, 5/24** The Ascension of the Lord • Year A

9:00am J † Wolk Family r/o Bob

10:30am M † Paul Whitecavage r/o Mary Balkiewicz

## Liturgy & Worship

Down through the ages, the Saints have vied with each other in singing the praises of Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. As Saint Bernadine of Siena says, "Behold your Mother" (JN. 19.26). By these words, Mary, by reason of the love she bore them became the Mother, not only of Saint John, but of all men.

More than ever, in these crisis times through which we are passing, we feel the need of Her protection- like that of an anxious child for the shelter and safety of its mother's arm.

*Fr. Dominic*

❖ **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. +



❖ **Pray for:** Living: • Jaden Leiby  
• Eli Carevva • Paul (*friend*) • Dolly Zakavage •  
William Bradley • Father Jim Torpey •  
Anyone affected by the covid-19 virus

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

✚ **Weekend Mass** - every Saturday LIVE Streamed @ 3:00pm and will remain on our Facebook page until Monday.  
[www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephhrc](http://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephhrc)

*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 ASAP.  
**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 whom is requesting it. Also please include if they are living or deceased and a date that you would like the mass scheduled. I will do my best to put it on that day or close to the date. \$10/request.



to the family of (J) John Oscovitch  
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

# Honoring Mothers.....



*Mother* – the one word that cannot be defined in a single phrase. Mothers do all that they do with unconditional and selfless love. They leave their personal needs behind so that their children can have everything that they need. It's impossible to count the ways that a mother expresses her love—teacher, selfless caregiver, counselor, friend, consoler, one who does everything necessary to make sure that her child has the knowledge, skills, faith, and abilities necessary to be a competent, caring human being. We don't have to win our mother's love; it exists even before we are born and lasts forever. Rudyard Kipling said, "God could not be everywhere so He made mothers."

*Happy Mother's Day and thank you to all our mothers!*  
*Donna Galash*

*My mom has always been such a light in not only my life, but in the lives of many. There is never a day that passes where I am not reminded of how truly blessed I am to call her my mom. Her kindness, generosity, and patience inspire me to be a better person, and I hope I am able to be half the mother she is some day. I love you so much.*

*Rachel Bell*

*love spending time with you whether it be watching movies, shopping, going to the spa and everything else in between. You always support me in all of my endeavors big and small and I know I can always count on you to be there by my side helping me and cheering me on. Thank you for helping me through all the highs and lows of life, you really are the best. I love you Mom, Happy Mother's Day!*

*Mommy is good and I love her.*  
*Gretchen Tamtishen*

*I like that my mommy loves me.*  
*Robby Rowlin*

*I like that my mom laughs at me and plays with me.*  
*Danny Rowlin*



*Mom,*

*You are seriously one of the strongest women we know. We don't even know where to begin to thank you for everything that you have/will do for us. On this Mother's Day, we hope the world gets a glimpse of how perfect and strong you are. Because, Mom, to us, you are perfect with all your imperfections, your fears, and your doubts. Your superpowers are visible and have kept us safe for 23 years. Thank you. Happy Mother's Day Mom.*

*Love,*  
*Kaitlyn, Heather, and Joshua*

*My Mom was one of the big influences in my faith and prayer life. As I got older, her influence was by the example she set for her family. She was always active in her church, always attended Sunday Mass, and often daily Mass. She was most disappointed when they closed the churches during the day, as she could no longer stop in and burn candles and pray. She was one of the first to encourage me to say yes, when, at the age of 50, I was asked to become part of the Adult Faith Formation three year program for the Institute of Lay Ecclesial Ministry. She was a strong supporter of my ministries, although she was always worried when I ministered at the prison. After a few years, she even got used to that. But the most important influence she had on me was her devotion to the Holy Rosary. She said all of her prayers daily, and those prayers included six rosaries – one for each of her grandchildren and their families. She never missed a day. When my Dad passed away, she insisted that we all gather before the viewing and say the rosary as a family. When she was sick and dying in the hospital, the IHM Sisters from Sherandoah, whom she loved, came to the Hospital and said the rosary at her bedside. And, yes, they came again at her viewing to say the rosary with our family, as we know she would have wanted. I say the rosary now, and I am so happy to be saying it with Stan and Marie, and all those who join in on Facebook, every night. I thank them for their ministry and devotion, as I always remember with gratitude my Mom's same devotion*

*Arlene Sachleben*



Since we were born, there hasn't been a single second that our mom didn't put us first. From sports to helping us with our homework to always making sure we have everything we could ever ask for, there was not a single part of our life our mom wasn't involved in. She is kind, loving and compassionate and never fails to let us know how much she loves us. She works tirelessly to help everyone around her. She is the true definition of a Mother and we are truly blessed to call her Mom. Happy Mother's Day Mom!

*Love, Jake & Brooke Balkiewicz*

As I sit here today and write this essay about my wonderful mom I find it hard to list all the good things about her so I will just list the best of her many good qualities. One of my favorite qualities that she has is her never ending love for her family and her friends. Another of her many good qualities is her way of always being there for you. I can go on and on but I think you can see I have the best mom a son could ask for.

*From: Ethan*

My name is Cameron. My Mom is a very kind and thoughtful person. She takes very good care of me and she's very special to me.

*From Cameron Jones*

My mother, Gaetana Falzone Hoffman, is a special mother. Her example of faith, sacrifice and endurance has given me gifts beyond measure, the gift of genuine love, the gift of striving to be a good Mom myself, the gift of understanding the depths of love of God for us, the gift of honoring Mary and her love and wisdom, the gift of trusting in the Holy Spirit and in praising God for everything. She raised us with authentic love, laughter and with joy. I am proud of my mother Gaetana, and thankful and blessed to call her

Mom <3

*Becky Izinsky*



My Mom is a kind and loving person. She would help you in a heartbeat. She's there for me when I need someone to talk to. She will always try to make the situation better for you. For these reasons, I love my Mom.

*Josh Kazmitska*

When I think of what a mother should be, my mom measures up in almost every aspect. She goes above and beyond for her kids, always making sure that we have what we need to be successful and comfortable. She has always been supportive of us, in different ways throughout the years, whether it be by going to all of our sports games or helping out with our events for school. With four kids, each having different hobbies and interests, I'm sure it wasn't easy, but she was always there for us.

I will always admire her for the way that she gives freely of what she has, and always tries to encourage others with her words. She takes advantage of every opportunity presented to her to help the community and those in need. She uses social media to uplift others with posts containing positivity and prayer, which is especially needed and appreciated during this time.

Living away from home, I've learned to appreciate my mom a lot more than what I did when I lived at home. I'm thankful that she's always willing to come visit for the weekend, or pick me up in Harrisburg when I take the Greyhound bus home. As I've grown up, I've realized how hard it must have been for her at times, but she never let it show. I will always be grateful for the amazing upbringing and support that she provided for my siblings and I.

*Sara Osilka*

*A Mother Is The Heart of The Home.*

*Mother Teresa*

## God Bless All Mothers Living and Deceased

