

# Community of Faith

July 20<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

**Daily Mass will be celebrated privately by Fr. Dominic**

## Tuesday, 7/21

*St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

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

9:00am J † Agnes Laky

## Wednesday, 7/22

*St. Mary Magdalene*

8:00am M † William Lorah Jr. r/o Greg Saldukas

9:00am J † Rosemarie Reenock

## Thursday, 7/23

*St. Bridget*

8:00am M † Charles Cortazzo

9:00am J † Anna Csenscitz

## Friday, 7/24

*St. Sharbel Makhluf*

8:00am M † Lorraine Yapsuga

9:00am J † Joseph Keller

## Saturday, 7/25

*St. James*

8:00am M † Rudolph Soltis

9:00am J † John Fodor

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

4:00pm J † John Oscovitch r/o Andrew Mahasky Family

5:30pm M † Sister Theodora r/o Tait Family

## Sunday, 7/26 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

8:00am J † Edward Shamany r/o Bob & Jeanette Fellin

9:30am M † Anna Blaschak r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

## Tuesday, 7/28

*Weekday*

8:00am M † William Lorah Jr. r/o Craig Perrong

9:00am J † Pasquale Sinatore

## Wednesday, 7/29

*St. Martha*

8:00am M † Louis Panny Jr.

9:00am J † Mary Serensits

## Thursday, 7/30

*St. Peter Chrysologus*

8:00am M † Helen Molchany

9:00am J † Emma Ifkovits

## Friday, 7/31

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

8:00am M † Edward Balkiewicz Sr.

*(birthday)* r/o Ed Balkiewicz & Family

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

## Saturday, 8/1

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

8:00am M † Stephen Frisch

9:00am J † Agnes Semler

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

4:00pm J † James & Farley Currie r/o Currie Family

5:30pm M † John & Frances Lorah r/o Kathy Lorah

## Sunday, 8/2 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

8:00am J † George Kakalecik r/o Family

9:30am M † ILM Edward Kayes

*(anniv.)* r/o daughter, Virginia

## Liturgy & Worship

Why does God permit irreligious and even sinful people to thrive and succeed?

Jesus gives us the answer in today's reading, the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. God has planted the wheat--good people. The enemy, the devil, has planted weeds--wicked people. He said, "Let them grow together until harvest. Then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds; then tie them in bundle for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."

God is just. He sometimes permits the good to suffer on Earth for the few wrongs they may have done, so that their joy may be more complete at the judgement.

There is one big difference between the weeds and the wicked. The weeds cannot be changed; the wicked can be changed.

That is the main purpose of this Holy Sacrifice---to bring the godless back to God, **to change** human weeds into human wheat. Amen.

❖ **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: UPDATED WHEN MASS RESUMES**  
**Upcoming Collections: August: Dues, Weekly, Assumption, Bldg Fund**

❖ **Pray for:** Living: • Jaden Leiby

**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 form ASAP. It is very important that we update our computer system.**



To the families of (J) Leo Flaim &  
John Oscovitch.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

## **Warning: SCAM ALERT!!!**

It has come to our attention that Parishioners are being contacted via text message by someone pretending to be Fr. Dominic asking for donations for Charity. **This is a scam!!!**  
**Please be advised do not give any money.**

Mass will be held **Saturday & Sunday only** outside on the church grounds.

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#### Summer Mass Times

	St. Joseph's	St. Mary's
Saturday	4:00pm	5:30pm
Sunday	8:00am	9:30am

#### \*Important notes:

- You are not obligated to attend if you are not comfortable to do so.
- Please maintain 6' from your fellow parishioners.
- **Masks should be worn even outdoors if not 6' away from others.**
- No gathering after Mass.
- Bring your own folding chair if standing will be an issue.
- Be aware of the weather if you may need an umbrella or a jacket.
- If you or any family member you are in close contact with are ill we ask that you refrain from Mass.
- Communion will be at the end of Mass; you are not obligated to receive if you do not feel comfortable.

#### ❖ St. Joseph's Updates:

► There are a few DVD's of St. Joseph's 125th Anniversary Mass available. If you would like one, contact Donna Gulash (384-3774) The Mass is also available on YouTube.

► The 125th Anniversary book is nearing completion! It has been delayed due to unforeseen issues and the pandemic.

► 50/50 March Winner: Linda Kellock: \$57  
Congratulations!

► St. Joseph's Picnic: Our Grand Raffle tickets have been distributed. We ask that you buy or sell the 2 tickets that you have received. Because we are not having our annual picnic this year, we ask that you go the extra mile & try to sell additional tickets. Please contact the parish office (889-3850), **Donna Gulash @ (384-3774)**, or **Bob/Jeanette Fellin @ (384-4431)** and we will get additional tickets to you. Ticket returns can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

**Thank you for your devotion to our parish!**

► **Please do not** send mail directly to St. Joseph's Church, we do not have a mailbox on the premises. **Send all mail to the parish office: 84 N. Center St., Ringtown, PA 17967**

❖ **Welcome new parishioners:** (J) Michael & Helen Fellin and son, Michael.

❖ **SM Block Party News:** Due to all the uncertainty that still exists with the pandemic, the Block Party Committee has decided to have a one day Food Sale/Basket Auction instead of having our 2 day Block Party. This will take place on **September 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 7:00pm**. At this time the auction items will be chanced off and our money drawing will take place. We are seeking your help once again for our basket auction. We had a great response last year thanks to your generosity and great ideas! If you do not have time to put a basket together and would like to donate a monetary donation, please put it in the collection basket marked **"Basket Auction"** or mail it to the parish office: **84 N. Center St., Ringtown, PA**

We are also seeking volunteers to cook on Friday afternoon and help on Saturday starting at 9:00am.  
Call Barb Osilka (570-590-5216) if you plan on volunteering and Arlene Sachleben with any basket auction questions (570) 590-5810.  
Any small amount of time you can offer is greatly appreciated! 😊

#### ❖ **Cemetery Care: Rules & Regulations of the Diocese:**

► **A detailed plan and design of all memorials must be submitted to the parish office for approval before a permit will be issued, and no memorial shall be erected or placed until checked, approved, and accepted by the Cemetery Authorities (submit to the office). *If the memorial does not conform in every detail to the approved design, it shall be the sole deficiencies in workmanship and material.***

► Memorial dealers shall abide by all the rules and regulations of the SMSJ cemeteries.

► Each monument or flat marker shall have an acceptable Catholic symbol thereon.

► The Cemetery Authorities also have the right to charge a fee for any memorial left at the cemetery before any cemetery permits have been issued.

► **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.

► **No** work is allowed to be done by a plot owner. examples: grass cutting, adding fill, seeding, foundations. Call the office if you have any concerns.

► Perpetual Care is for grass care only. We do ask that you remove any old flowers etc. especially when the holiday is over.

**For additional Cemetery Rules & Regulations visit:**

[www.allentowndiocesecemeteries.org/rules-regulations/](http://www.allentowndiocesecemeteries.org/rules-regulations/)

#### **BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC : ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of today, **(M) 11.25%** **(J) 19.08%** of our parish families have joined the 2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. In other words, **(M) 16 (J) 16** parishioners have contributed **(M) \$841 (J) \$3,660** to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Every dollar helps those in need. Imagine what we can do if 100% of our parish participates! Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at:

[www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org)

#### **Community Events:** • **St. Joseph the Worker/Frackville:**

Ethnic Food Sale, St. Ann's Picnic Grove (rear of St. Anne's Church) 7/31 4-8pm & 8/1 12-8pm. Theme basket Auction winners will be chosen 7pm on 8/1. • **Ringtown Rotary Pig Roast:** 8/23 12-3:00pm Union Twp. Bldg. Drive through Takeout's only! Tickets \$13.00 - Call 889-3755 or 889-3184 or contact any Rotarian.

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