

Community of Faith

Aug. 31st – Sept. 13th

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Daily Mass are celebrated privately by Fr. Dominic

Tuesday, 9/1 *Weekday*

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

9:00am J † Louis Senensits

Wednesday, 9/2 *Weekday*

8:00am M † Emma Ifkovits

9:00am J † Edward Schwartz

Thursday, 9/3 *St. Gregory the Great*

8:00am M † Jim & Mary Ambrose

r/o Stan & Marie Paskowski

9:00am J † Louis Panny Jr.

Friday, 9/4 *Weekday*

8:00am M † Helen Filipovits

9:00am J † Anna Ifkovits

Saturday, 9/5 *Weekday*

8:00am M † Theresa Kochenash

9:00am J † Mary Serensits

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

4:00pm J † Marie Salvaterra r/o Mike & Judy Dziak

5:30pm M † William Lorah Jr. r/o Pauline Lorah

Sunday, 9/6 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A**

8:00am J † Wolk Family r/o Bob

9:30am M † Richard Elliott r/o KofC Council #16072

Tuesday, 9/8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am M † Bill Lorah Jr. r/o Mary Kohan

9:00am J † Pasquale Sinatore

Wednesday, 9/9 *St. Peter Claver*

8:00am M † Helen Molchany

9:00am J † Robert Schuster

Thursday, 9/10 *Weekday*

8:00am M † Simon Rajkovac

9:00am J † Joseph Leitgeb Jr.

Friday, 9/11 *Weekday*

8:00am M † Hilda Dreisbach

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

Saturday, 9/12 *Weekday The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am M † Mary Schwartz

9:00am J † Michael & Anna Sain

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

4:00pm J † John V. Michalik r/o Joanne, Al & family

5:30pm M † Anna Milefsky r/o Mary Balkiewicz

Sunday, 9/13 **24th S Ordinary Time • Year A**

8:00am J † Michael Funanage r/o Cecelia Funanage

9:30am M † Dorothy Yanuskiewicz (*anniv. of passing*)
r/o son, Victor

+ Liturgy & Worship

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel: "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It is much easier to tumble into bed without a prayer, much easier to sit down and eat without asking God's blessing. Getting up and going to work is not always easy. Every one of us, at least at times, would much rather do something different from what we must do at the time. Both parents give up many things to provide for the health and happiness of their children. Dozens of times a day a mother must forget her weariness and comfort to do something for her loved ones. This is the little cross Jesus is talking about.

The little things we might be called upon to sacrifice in order to take up that challenge could vary for each of us. We have to look into our own hearts to see what it is that we would have to give up in order to respond to it.

Jesus promised an earthly reward to those who follow Him- the reward of friendship, and of life purpose and meaning. It is not an easy life but rather a life of sacrifice that leads to fulfilment and joy.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$1,459 J: \$2,791**

Upcoming Collections:

September: Dues, Weekly, Propagation of Faith

❖ **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



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

- 9/6 - Rosary @ J prior to Mass
- 9/20 - Rosary & Meeting @ M



❖ **St. Mary's:** We are getting ready for our Shoo Fly Pie Sale.

\$8.00 Wet Bottom Pie \$3.00 Crust Only

Deadline to order is Friday, Sept. 25th.

Call the office leave a message with your name, phone # and how many pies and/or crusts you would like to purchase. (570)889-3850

Pick-up is Monday, Sept. 28th from noon to 4:00pm
@ the Church Rectory, Ringtown.

† Bishop Schlert has asked all the faithful to pray the Rosary on Tuesday, Sept. 8, the birthday of our Blessed Mother, asking her intercession to end the Covid-19 pandemic and for peace in our nation. In compliance to the Bishop's request, we will be live-streaming the **Rosary** devotion on our SMSJ Facebook page at 7:30pm on Tues. September 8th, along with **Holy Mass**, celebrated by Fr. Dominic directly after the live-stream Rosary.

Log in: All are invited to join us.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc/live>

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

Daily Mass will be celebrated privately by Fr. Dominic.

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, and you are not obligated to receive if you do not feel comfortable.

❖ **St. Joseph's: Grand Raffle Drawing**, Sunday, August 30
Thank you to all of the buyers and sellers of our raffle tickets! Our profit will be announced in the next bulletin. A list of winners will be posted in front of the church in time for next weekend's Masses.

❖ **St. Mary's Food Sale/Basket Auction:** Our fundraiser is fast approaching and will take place next weekend, **September 5th from 11:00 am to 7:00pm.** We are still seeking water, name brand soda and yummy desserts. Donations can be dropped off Friday evening after 3:00pm at the rectory. 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.

**Any small amount of time you can spare
is greatly appreciated! 😊**



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 we will be happy to do the shopping for you. Please call Arlene (570) 590-5810 if your basket is ready or needs to be finished. Basket donations can also be dropped off on Friday at the rectory after 3:00pm.

**This year, we are posting the baskets on Facebook,
as they come in!**

We appreciate all your help!

✠ You may recall, at the direction of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the annual collection normally taken up on Good Friday for the support of the Shrines of the Holy Land was postponed due to the corona virus pandemic. **The collection will be rescheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2020, the Sunday closest to her Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.**



The parishes of St. Joseph and St. Mary extend our deepest sympathy to our former pastor, Fr. Jim Torpey, on the passing of his mother, Betty Lou Torpey.

We remember with great fondness Mrs. Torpey's smile and sense of humor whenever she attended our parish functions.

We offer our prayers for Fr. Jim as he will deeply miss his mother. May he find comfort in God's infinite graces and blessings. We pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Torpey; may she find eternal life with our Lord.



St. Joseph's Church projects:

- ▶ Guth & Andrisano families for donating \$600 and your time and labor to install a motion light.
- ▶ Thai Dinh for the material, time and labor to remodel the 1st floor powder room in the rectory.

We appreciate your hard work!

❖ **Statue sponsors are being sought at St. Joseph's Parish:**

The church is looking to replace the St. Mary's statue in the garden with a statue of St. Joseph. It will be approx. 5' tall and estimated at \$2,500. Form of payment can be cash/check made payable to: St. Joseph's Church. Please note on the envelope or check that money is to be donated towards the statue.

❖ **Bulletin Sponsors:** We are seeking sponsors for our bulletin. *If you know of anyone that would like to advertise their business on the back of our bulletin please have them call the office for more information.*

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

As of today, **(M) 8.68%** **(J) 11.84%** of our parish families have joined the 2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. In other words, **(M) 27**, and **(J) 18** parishioners have contributed **(M) \$1,816** **(J) \$3,840** 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.

Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah

Fall Food Festival (held on the grounds of the former St. Stanislaus Parish) there will be no bingo, bar, band, children's games and adult games. It will be strictly take out; there will be no loitering and or eating food on the premises. Our menu is not complete at this time. Hours will be:

Friday, October 2nd – 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 3rd - 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 4th – 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

The menu will include: Bleenies, Pierogies, Haluskie, Sausage Hoagie with peppers & onions, Pasta Fagioli, Lasagna Rolls, Hamburgers, Pizza, Hispanic Foods, Cannoli, Apple Dumplings & Funnel Cakes & assorted drinks.

There will also have raffle chances -- \$1.00/chance (1) Mega Prize -- Lotto Ticket Basket worth \$500 -- \$ 1.00/chance