

Community of Faith

September 14th – September 27th

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Daily Mass will be celebrated privately by Fr. Dominic

Tuesday, 9/15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am M † Betty Lou Torpey r/o Dan & Kathy Milefsky

9:00am J † Joseph Careyva & living & dec'd of

Careyva Family r/o Anne Careyva

Wednesday, 9/16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian

8:00am M † Thomas Angelotti (*b-day*)

r/o Lisa Balkiewicz & family

9:00am J † Joan & Sara Mellen r/o Donna Gulash

Thursday, 9/17

St. Robert Bellarmine

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

9:00am J † Simon Rajkovic

Friday, 9/18

Weekday

8:00am M † Louis Panny Jr.

9:00am J † Pasquale Sinatore

Saturday, 9/19

St. Januarius

8:00am M † Rose Papish

9:00am J † Edward Schwartz

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

4:00pm J † Rose & Mary Baruka r/o Nahas Family

5:30pm M † Helen Bukota r/o Tait Family

Sunday, 9/20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

8:00am J † Evelyn Zerden r/o Leo Pollick

9:30am M † William Lorah Jr. r/o Loretta Zienkiewicz

Tuesday, 9/22

Weekday

8:00am M † Mary Simko

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

Wednesday, 9/23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00am M † Martha Gasper

9:00am J Living & dec'd of the Baddick Family

r/o Anne Careyva

Thursday, 9/24

Weekday

8:00am M † Stephen Frisch

9:00am J † Charles Cortazzo

Friday, 9/25

Weekday

8:00am M † Lorraine Yapsuga

9:00am J Paul Medvitz r/o Anne Careyva

Saturday, 9/26

Sts. Cosmas & Damian

8:00am M † Rudolf Soltis

9:00am J † Mary Sugra

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

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

5:30pm M † Ben & Helen Mays r/o Joann Zogby

Sunday, 9/27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

8:00am J † Bob Stancik r/o wife, Carol

9:30am M † Irene Cicioni r/o Ray & Arlene Sachleben

Liturgy & Worship

On Monday, September 14th, the Church commemorates the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress, St. Helena (18 Aug), in 320.

The Cross is the distinctive sign of a Christian. Just as there are external signs to express an idea, emotion, or event, so too, there is an external sign to manifest the Christian faith and the greatest event in history: this sign is the Sign of the Cross.

For centuries the Cross has triumphed in the world. Once it was a symbol of ignominy but now it is a promise of victory. The Cross stands out in the heavens on mountain peaks, on Church steeples, on tabernacles and on the tombs of our beloved dead.

The Emperor Constantine emblazoned it on his imperial standard and shields and, with this sign as had been promised, he won the striking victory over his rival.

In the words used in the Sign of the Cross, we express faith in the unity and Trinity of God and, with the form of the cross which we make on ourselves, we recall the Incarnation, passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let us not be ashamed of the Cross of Christ, but do openly seal it upon forehead, that the devils may behold the royal sign and flee trembling far away.”

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** M: \$2,039 J: \$2,657

Upcoming Collections: September:

Dues, Weekly, Propagation of Faith

2nd Collections:

9/19-20th: **Victims of the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon**

9/26-27th: **Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana devastated by Hurricane Laura**

10/3-4th: **Shrines of the Holy Land**

(use your Peter Pence envelopes)

❖ **Pray for:** Living: • Jaden Leiby • J.P.

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 Office Drop-Off Box

Starting the week of September 14th the box pictured here will be located **at the rear of the Parish Office**. **Box #1** will be for anyone wanting to drop off anything that needs to come to the office. (*This is a locked box and will be opened by the office only.*) **Box #2** is for items that need to be picked up from the office. *Example:* If you call the office for a Mass card you will find it in Box #2.

No money will be exchanged in Box #2



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.



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

- 9/20 -Rosary & Meeting @ M
- 10/4 Rosary @ J



❖ **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.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our parish family and friends, **St. Mary's Basket Auction** was a great success. Your contributions, either by donating a basket item or by coming and buying tickets, helped to make the Auction even more successful than previous years. We are also grateful to the businesses who very generously donated to our church. God bless all of you for helping **St. Mary's church**.

P.S. - It's never too early to start thinking of ideas for next year!

❖ **St. Joseph's:**

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU! To all those who bought/sold tickets as well as the donors of the raffle prizes!

Our total profit was 5959.63!

(Ticket sales - \$5360, Donations - \$540, Scrip Card Profit - \$59.63)

THANK YOU for your generosity to and support of our parish.

As a former pastor always said:

"No one can do everything but everyone can do something."

❖ **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.

Thank you.... to the Knights of Columbas #16072 for donating \$200 towards the rectory floor at St. Joseph's.

St. Mary's Food Sale: We want to thank everyone who helped with our food sale last weekend. To those who helped set up, baked desserts, served food, ate food, sold tickets, and those who helped with our basket auction in any way, we say **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!** Although our final figures are not tabulated yet, we feel that the day was a big success. When our numbers are final we will post them in our bulletin. We look forward to planning for next year's affair - God willing things will return to normal by then!
► **As a final SM note:** we have bleenie batter for sale that we have mixed with our secret ingredients and frozen in quart containers. They are being sold for \$4/QT and **will be available, for sale,** after Masses, at the Apple St. Deli, or by calling Marie, at 889-3825.
St. Mary's Cash Prize Winners: Congratulations!!

\$300 - Dave Tait

\$200 - Dorothy Anstock

\$50 - Knights of Columbas #16072

\$50 - Joann & Ron Zogby

\$50 - Bruce P. Johnson

\$50 - Bill Fellin

Father Cizek Day 2020 will be VIRTUAL

In the best interest of everyone's safety, the Father Walter Cizek Prayer League has decided to cancel this year's annual in-person Father Cizek Day celebration. While we are still as dedicated as ever to promoting the Cause of Father Cizek's Canonization, the health of our people had to come first. A Mass will still be celebrated on **Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 PM** and livestreamed on our **Father Cizek Facebook Page** and also on our website (www.cizek.org) so that everyone can unite in prayer from the comfort of their own home.

The co-postulator, Rev. Eugene Ritz, will celebrate the Mass and Rev. David Kozak of the Diocese of Allentown will be the homilist. Concelebrants of the Mass will include Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian and Rev. Jeffrey Walsh.

Prior to the Mass, a virtual tour of the "Father Cizek Center" will be presented beginning at 1:30 PM.

We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times. Be assured of the Prayer League's prayers for the safety and well-being of you and your families and for an end to this global pandemic.

Community Events:

St. Paul UCC: 100 E. Main St. Ringtown: Kauffman's Chicken BBQ Dinner: Tuesday, Oct. 6th from 3-7:00pm. Tickets: \$10.

Meal consists of ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw & Vegetable.

TAKE OUT ONLY. For tickets contact: June Gowdy 8898-5912, Janice Hoffman 889-3494 or Pastor Craig Zimmerman 889-3074



Please keep all of our students in prayer as they begin another school year!