


Community of Faith
November 23rd – December 06th
M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 11/24 *St. Andrew*
 9:00am M St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parishioners
 8:00am J † Stephen & Kathryn Hovanec r/o Family
Wednesday, 11/25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria*
 9:00am M † Stephen Frisch
 8:00am J † Lorraine Yapsuga

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, 11/26
 8:30am J *In*
 10:00am M *Thanksgiving*



Friday, 11/27 *Weekday*
 9:00am M † Mary Sugra
 8:00am J † Rudolf Soltis
Saturday, 11/28 *Weekday*
 9:00am M † Theresa Kochenash
 8:00am J † Anna Csencsitz

1st Sunday of Advent • Year B

3:00pm J † Steffie & John Michalik r/o Joanne, Al & family
 4:30pm M † Anthony J Miernicki Sr.
 r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

Sunday, 11/29 1st Sunday of Advent • Year B

8:30am J † John Oscovitch r/o Andrew Mahasky family
 10:00am M † David W. Brown Sr.
 r/o David W. Brown Jr. & William J. Brown

Tuesday, 12/1 *Weekday*
 9:00am M † Mary Schwartz
 8:00am J † St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parishioners

Wednesday, 12/2 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Anna Nederostek
 8:00am J † John Foder

Thursday, 12/3 *St. Francis Xavier*

9:00am M † Eugene Keeney
 8:00am J † Anthony Grabarits

Friday, 12/4 *St. John Damascene*

9:00am M † Anna Stella Bahnick
 8:00am J † Rosemarie Reenock

Saturday, 12/5 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Benjamin Arduini
 8:00am J † Joseph Wolfer

2nd Sunday of Advent • Year B

3:00pm J † Leanne Mazur r/o Ceci-Fuehrer family
 4:30pm M † Joseph & Grace Scodari
 r/o Charles & Luann Scodari

Sunday, 12/6 2nd Sunday of Advent • Year B

8:30am J † John Oscovitch r/o Andrew Mahasky family
 10:00am M † Connie Schipin r/o Possesky & Ney family

+ Liturgy & Worship

What we see in today's Gospel of Matthew is that we will not be judged so much on whether or not we have lived up to that unwritten command to which no one can technically hold us bound.

It is these whom Christ will accuse because they are not even aware of the most important law of all the Law of Charity. It is the most binding on a Christian, and it is on this Law that we shall be judged.

As God, Jesus knew the sufferings of human beings. By becoming man He actually suffered what men, women, and children have to endure. Jesus learned to love those who are in need of any kind.

Have you ever fed a hungry person? What have you done for those who are spiritually starving?

Christ makes Himself one with those in need. Because we have all been the recipients of charity as well as the donor of charitable deeds, we know the importance of charity in our lives. Charity adds all extra, enriching elements in the life of the Christian.

Even those without faith keep the laws, but the Christian is required to do something above and beyond this. He or she must keep the law of the love of neighbor as oneself, and God above all.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$1,680 J: \$2,292**

Upcoming Collections: December: Weekly, Dues, Imm Conception, Retirement for Religious, Bld Fund, Christmas


❖ **Pray for:** Living: • Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A • Fr. Jim Torpey



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

**** NO DECEMBER MEETING**

Rosary: 12/6 @ SJ
 12/20 @ SM



Due to COVID, seating capacity will be limited, we ask you to consider what mass you and your family will be attending. Parishioners can attend either church. Next week there will be sign-up sheets. Once capacity limit has been reached, Masses will only be reserved for those who have signed up.

	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i>
Dec. 24th. Christmas Eve	2:30pm	4:00pm
	Midnight	9:00pm
Dec. 25th Christmas Day	10:00am	8:30am

Lectors: During the COVID Pandemic you are not obligated to attend mass. However, if you plan to do so and are able and willing to read, Fr. Dominic would appreciate if you can come earlier to let him know you are there, can look over the readings, and to help set up for mass. With the upcoming holidays if you know you will be attending Mass please let the office know you are available so we can get a schedule prepared so we are not shorthanded. If you are not already a lector and would like to be, call the office and leave your name and number.

We welcome your time and talent. ♥

Lectors/EM's: Shortly, Lisa will be emailing the Christmas schedule to all Lectors/EM's. During the COVID Pandemic servers are not permitted at this time per the Diocese. Please email/call the office if you are available for any of the time slots.

Why and how do we spend an Hour with Jesus?

Eucharistic Adoration is the devotion and worship of Jesus Christ, truly present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the consecrated host. Whether we spend an hour or 30 minutes, it is a very personal and intimate time to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Our time can be spent having a heartfelt conversation with Jesus about our life, our family, our worries and joys; and just as we should do in any conversation, we should sit peacefully and listen to what Jesus has to tell us. Our time can also be spent praying, reading and meditating on scripture or the life of a saint. It's even ok to sleep. In the presence of Our Lord you will find a peace and consolation that the world cannot give! We encourage you to take some time from your busy Christmas plans and join us, with the angels and saints, in Adoration of Our Lord!



Vigil: Monday: December 7th

3:00pm • J

4:30pm • M

Tuesday: Dec. 8th

8:30am • J

10:00am • M

*St. Mary & St. Joseph's
Parishioners*

❖ **2021 Mass Book: IS OPEN!** *Please take note to the winter mass schedule. Remember your loved ones who have passed away or those who are special to you with Masses for their birthdays, special occasions, etc. The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10. Your requested dates for the Masses will be recorded upon receiving the stipend.

Any questions please contact the parish office.

***** Daily Masses are still available for 2020 *****

❖ **Collection Envelopes 2021:** the new envelopes can be found on the tables in the church. If you do not see your envelopes on the table please call the office and we will make sure you get them. **If you know of any fellow parishioners who are not able to attend mass due to COVID-19 pandemic please take their envelopes and deliver to them. We would greatly appreciate it!**

‡ **Marian Catholic High School**

"An exceptional education rooted in faith, family and tradition"
Early registration incentives: \$50 fee if you apply by 12/8; \$100 if you apply between 12/9 and 1/8; \$150 after 1/8. Personal tours available! Upcoming evening information sessions on 11/23 & 12/3! Please call **Mary Milosh** for more information:
570-467-3335 ext 116

❖ **Thank you** to all the businesses who continue to support our bulletin. New ones have been added! Please support the businesses that have been so generous to our church. Space is still available, call the parish office if interested for more information.

❖ **Advent Calendars & Christmas Card:** @M: Our Christmas table is set up once again at the back of church for the holiday season. Start a Christmas Tradition in your home with our Advent Calendars for the young & old. We also have Christmas cards to send to your loved ones. Sales benefit St. Mary's Church.

❖ **Oplatki: \$3.00 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European Custom, guides are included.

❖ **Redner's Save-A-Tape:** Please keep saving your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%. **For your receipts to count toward the church you must sign up at Redners service desk!**

GIVING TREE UPDATE



Thank you again for supporting the foster kids this past year, with gifts of clothing, toys and so much more you are making a difference in the lives of these kids and showing them the loving face of god with your charitable and generous giving!

Starting November 28th, we are collecting cash donations for birthright and gift cards for parishioners who need a helping hand. This year birthright suspended their giving tree project due to Covid, however they are asking for monetary support to purchase items needed to support mother's facing unplanned pregnancies. Any donation, large or small, will be helpful!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIRTHRIGHT- MOM'S & BABIES

- 11/28 thru 12/13- pick an **envelope** from the giving tree
- place your donation of cash/check in the envelope and drop it into the collection basket at any of the masses in December
- checks should be made payable to "Birthright of Frackville"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HELPING HAND GIFT CARDS

- 11/28 thru 12/13 -pick a **gift card tag** from the giving tree
- place gift cards in the **box under the giving tree by 12/20**
- Father will distribute the gift cards to those in need of a helping hand for Christmas

CALL OR TEXT NANCY @ 215-801-5797,

OR ARLENE @ 570-590-5810 WITH QUESTIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING SUPPORT! MAY GOD BLESS YOU & YOUR FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS!

► **The weekend of November 28th-29th,** our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. see Website: www.landofpeace.org

Boy Scouts: are sponsoring a "Decorate Your House" for the upcoming Olde Fashioned Christmas in Ringtown on December 19/20th. They would like to see as many houses on Main Street decorated as possible. If you have decorations in your attic or basement and are unable to decorate yourself, the Boy Scouts will come and decorate for you and take the decorations down after Christmas **free of charge!** Dates available 12/6, 12 & 13th from 12-4pm. If interested call Cheri @ 570-741-3035



Community Events: •**St. Paul UCC:** Hand Bell & Choir Concert. 11/29 @ 7:30pm. 100 E. Main St., Ringtown. No refreshments Masks required.

