



Community of Faith

Jan. 25th – Feb. 14th

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 1/26

Sts. Timothy & Titus

9:00am M † Stasia Kolesinsky r/o Piaskowski family
8:00am J † Linda Pineda r/o Dave & Nancy Krajnikovich

Wednesday, 1/27

St. Angela Merici

9:00am M † Anna Nederostek
8:00am J † Stephen Frisch

Thursday, 1/28

St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00am M † Agnes Laky
8:00am J † Robert Schuster

Friday, 1/29

Weekday

9:00am M † Mary Schwartz
8:00am J † Emma Ifkovits

Saturday, 1/30

Weekday

8:00am J † Helen Filipovits
Exposition/Benediction/Rosary Rally

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

3:00pm J † Marie E. Lengen r/o Fuehrer family
4:30pm M † Francis Blashock r/o Debra & Jim Petрил

Sunday, 1/31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

8:30am J † William & Anna Fellin
r/o children & their families
10:00am M † Betty Lou Torpey
r/o Sue Crawford, Lisa Balkiewicz & families

Tuesday, 2/2

The Presentation of the Lord

9:00am M † Mary Sugra
8:00am J † Art & Lillian Carroll
r/o Dave & Nancy Krajnikovich

Wednesday, 2/3

St. Blaise and Ansgar

9:00am M † Helen Molchany
8:00am J † Rudolf Soltis

Thursday, 2/4

Weekday

9:00am M † John Fodor
8:00am J † Louis Stubits

Friday, 2/5

St. Agatha

9:00am M † Mary Hammel
8:00am J † Grace Snover r/o Crawford family

Saturday, 2/6

St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:00am J † Stephen Frisch

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

3:00pm J † Jeannie Savitsky r/o Art & Donna Fuehrer
4:30pm M † John F. Washko r/o John J. Washko
Blessing of Throats after Mass

Sunday, 2/7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

8:30am J † Arlene Saurini r/o wife, Carol
10:00am M † Joe Yablonsky r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski
Blessing of Throats after Mass

Tuesday, 2/9

Weekday

9:00am M † Catharine Miletics
8:00am J † Benjamin Arduini

Wednesday, 2/10

St. Scholastica

9:00am M † Lorraine Yapsuga
8:00am J † Rudolf Soltis

Thursday, 2/11

Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00am M † Joseph Palkovits
8:00am J † Anthony Grabarits

Friday, 2/12

Weekday

9:00am M † Mary Sugra
8:00am J † Louis Senensits

Saturday, 2/13

Weekday

8:00am J † Joseph Leitgeb Jr.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

3:00pm J † Anna Mae Kealy r/o Mike & Rhonda Koscuk
4:30pm M † William Lorah r/o Pauline Lorah

Sunday, 2/14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

8:30am J † dec'd of the Soda family r/o Donna Gulash
10:00am M † Florence Spudis r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

► **Attention:** Starting January 30th, due to the lack of attendance at the Saturday, 9:00am Mass at St. Mary's, there will no longer be a Saturday morning Mass scheduled at St. Mary's Parish.

+ *Liturgy & Worship*

A Roadblock – Lies are like locks

The most serious offense against the purpose of speech is lying. Instead of revealing things, a lie attempts to conceal things from others. How can two people face a problem, understand a person, or solve a situation when one is speaking the truth and the other is not? It is a roadblock to communication – the road is still there – people are still talking to each other, but their words not going anywhere.

It is often difficult enough to solve a matter or work out a relationship when two people are sincerely trying to find out what the trouble is, but if one or both lie and deliberately conceal truths that affect the matter, they have an impassable roadblock in their way.

To lie to others and deliberately steer them away from reality is an abuse of speech. It can destroy a relationship or worse, it can be an indication that a relationship is already dead.

There are things in life that are personal and private. We can reveal them or not reveal them as we chose. Should others ask about such matters, we can either give a vague answer or tell them bluntly that these matters are none of their business. This does not harm communication because we all recognize the right to secrecy in personal matters.

Many people look on a lie as simply an easy way out of a difficult situation or a chance to make a gain at others expense.

When we lie to others, family members or social friends, the effects might not show for a time, but the bond of trust has been broken. We know that precious time has been lost.

The lie can become an invisible wall between us and others. Perhaps we can move around it, but while it's there, it is in our way.

This breakdown of trust between people is bad, but it is even worse when such a breakdown happens within ourselves.

This can happen in so many ways. On and on it can go. After a while it is automatic to lie about anything that is painful.

The key to it all is the truth. Christ answered the questioning pilate: "The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world, is to testify the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice" (Jn 18:37)

Lies put a relationship with others, with God, and with ourselves under a padlock.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** M: \$1,819 J: \$2,623

Upcoming Collections: February:

Weekly, Dues, Energy, Ash Wednesday, Easter Flowers

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



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

▶ 2/7 @ J Rosary prior to Mass

▶ 2/21 @ M Rosary prior to Mass-Meeting following Mass

▶ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!**

We will be doing the 40 cans for 40 days food drive – canned and non-perishable dry goods as in past years – GOAL is 1000lbs. All donations collected, up until Easter, go to our local food pantries in Ringtown and Hazleton.

Please watch for the collection boxes.



❖ **Blessing of Throats:** Wed., Feb. 3: St. Blaise. A bishop who, in Jesus' name, prayed over a child with a throat illness. When he was imprisoned for being Catholic, the mother of the child brought him 2 candles grateful for the prayer of healing. Thus, the tradition of blessing throats with 2 candles. **The blessing takes place after the Holy Masses on Saturday Feb, 6th and Sunday, Feb. 7th.**

❖ **Welcome new parishioners:**

(M) Corinne Lapinsky (J) Joshua Lex

❖ **SJ Statue Update:** After a few shipping delays, **our outdoor statue of St. Joseph has finally arrived!** It will be installed in the yard between the church and SJ rectory as soon as the weather permits. We will then set a date for Father to bless the statue and, hopefully, we will be able to have light refreshments as well.

❖ **2020 Contributions:** If for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office. **If you received a copy last year no need to call the office, they will be mailed out automatically. Tax forms will be mailed out January 14th.** If you prefer to have it emailed to you call the office and leave your name and email address.

❖ **2021 Mass Book:** 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.



❖ **St. Mary's:** We are now taking orders for our first wet-bottom shoo-fly pie sale of the year.

Deadline to order is Friday, March 12th.

Pick up date will be:

Tuesday, March 16th from 10am - noon at the church rectory.

Pies are \$8 and we are also taking orders for "just crusts" at \$3 each. Order sheets are at each entrance of the church. You can also call the rectory (leave name, phone# and order) at 889-3850 or Marie at 889-3825 to place an order or see any choir member. Thank you!

▶ **Second Collection: Feb. 6th & 7th** our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services** Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

.....in the image of GOD

What a wonderful blessing that God created us in His own image! His loving act of creation gives every human value and worth that cannot be lost. From the unborn child to the oldest of the elderly, the fingerprint of God can be found on their souls. They are a creation of the almighty God, a creation that He loves and cherishes.

January 22nd was proclaimed National Sanctity of Life Day, and it marks nearly 50 years since the United States Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. **This constitutionally flawed ruling overturned State laws that banned abortion and has resulted in the loss of more than 50 million innocent lives; 2,537 unborn babies are killed each day.** But strong mothers, courageous students, and incredible community members and people of faith are leading a powerful movement to awaken America's conscience and restore the belief that every life is worthy of respect, protection, and care. Because of the devotion of countless pro-life pioneers, the call for every person to recognize the sanctity of life is resounding more loudly in America than ever before. For a list of the historic actions that have been taken over the past 4 years to protect innocent lives go to <https://www.priestsforlife.org/elections/trump-prolife-accomplishments.aspx>

As a nation, restoring a culture of respect for the sacredness of life is fundamental to solving our country's most pressing problems. When each person is treated as a beloved child of God, individuals can reach their full potential, communities will flourish, and America will be a place of even greater hope and freedom.



The annual March for life will be held virtually this year on Friday, January 29th. To participate, RSVP at <https://marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events/>

✠ **Please join members of our parishes on January 30th** as we pray together for life. We scheduled our March for Life events on Saturday so those that work can join in. **8:00am Mass @ St. Joseph's followed by Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction for 1 hour and then Rosary Rally.**



• **Marian Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 31st at 1:00PM

Meet our administration, faculty, staff, and some of our students! Learn about financial assistance, transportation, and academics. \$3K, \$2K, \$1K, & \$500 tuition credit raffle for all **new** students who are registered by February 26th. Drawing held on Monday, March 1st. To RSVP, please call Mary Milosh- 570-467-3335 ext 116

• **Trinity Academy Registration for 2021-2022**

Trinity Academy is holding Open Enrollment for children in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade beginning February 13, 2021 extending through the beginning of the upcoming school year. We are located in the Fr. Walter J. Cizek Education Center, 233 W. Cherry Street in Shenandoah, PA 17976

Please note if you are interested in enrolling a child for the following grades, they must be of age by October 15, 2021: Pre-Kindergarten, 4 years, Kindergarten - 5 years and First Grade - 6 years.

We invite you to contact us for information by calling Kay Zagrosky at 570-462-3927 Monday through Friday from 8 to 4pm.

Community Events:

• **Shepton-Oneida Volunteer Fire Company:** Monthly lottery calendars for February. Call 570-384-4746