



## Community of Faith

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

### Tuesday, 2/16

Weekday

9:00am M † William Rumble r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

8:00am J † Anthony Grabarits

Ash  
Wednesday

### Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00am • J People of the Parish

9:00am • M People of the Parish

### Thursday, 2/18

9:00am M † Robert Schuster

8:00am J † Joseph Leitgeb Jr.

### Friday, 2/19

9:00am M † Stephen Frisch

8:00am J † Anna Niderostek

+ Stations (J) @ 5:00pm

### Saturday, 2/20

8:00am J † Mary Sugra

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B

3:00pm J † Mike Austin r/o Alice Valanty

4:30pm M † Maria Auciello r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski



### Sunday, 2/21 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B

8:30am J † Frank, Pearl & Mary Lingouski r/o Fran Abdou

10:00am M † IMO: Joanne Aponick

r/o sister, Nikki Zarcufsky

### Tuesday, 2/23

Weekday

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

8:00am J † Mary Sharkey r/o Alice Valanty

### Wednesday, 2/24

Weekday

9:00am M † John R. Boniscavage r/o Nestor/Brown Family

8:00am J † Lorraine Yapsuga

### Thursday, 2/25

Weekday

9:00am M † Stephen Frisch

8:00am J † Rudolf Soltis

### Friday, 2/26

Weekday

9:00am M † Anna Stella Bahnick

8:00am J † Helen Filipovits

+ Stations (M) @ 5:00pm

### Saturday, 2/27

Weekday

8:00am J † Mary Sugra

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B

3:00pm J † Anna Mae Kealy r/o Alice Valanty

4:30pm M † Faris Zogby r/o Joann Zogby & Mark

### Sunday, 2/28 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B

8:30am J † Roy Gius r/o wife, Dolores

10:00am M † ILM Sophie Kayes r/o daughter, Virginia

## + Liturgy & Worship

### What is a Lie?

A lie can be described as a deliberate attempt to tell others what is false. Instead of sharing the truth that would put them in contact with reality, liars attempt to deceive others. Obviously, this deception leads to a destruction of a relationship. That is what a lie is and does, and it is wrong.

If as children we are taught that we must always tell the truth, what will happen when we hear our parents or others not telling the truth – for grownup reasons? I didn't see anything! When I actually saw everything.

What is to stop us from wondering and being tempted to give up on telling the truth? If grown-ups can do it and get away with it, why can't we? If we do not reject what we have been taught, what do we do to erase our own uneasiness when, because of circumstances, we do not tell the whole truth? How do we cope with such guilt feelings?

There cannot be too much to a relationship if it is not based on the truth. It would be a lie to tell what we know is true when our words would endanger a relationship. If there is no danger to a relationship, it would not be a lie to say what is untrue. It would only be an incorrect statement.

How many of us are mature enough to be able to judge whether what they said was a lie or not depending on whether there was a relationship or not? To lie is to tell another what we know to be false and by so doing fail to sustain our relationship with that person or persons. If it is obvious as in the case of mugging, then we do not have to tell them the truth.

Failure to offer that truth will mean that we have sinned against that relationship and the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

► **Attention:** due to the lack of attendance at the **Saturday, 9:00am daily morning Mass @ St. Mary's**, there will no longer be a Saturday morning Mass on the schedule.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: (3WKS) M: \$2,884 J: \$3,256**  
**Upcoming Collections: March: Weekly, Dues, Bldg.**



Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A • Fr. Jim Torpey



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

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

► 3/7 @ (J) Rosary prior to 8:00am Mass

► 3/17 KofC Lenten Bleenie Fry

► **COAL Chances (Chance of a Lifetime)** still available – 16 CASH Prizes form \$15,000 to \$1000.00 – see a KofC Member to purchase a ticket or purchase after each 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 1000 lbs. - donations go to local Food Pantry.

**Please watch for the collection boxes at each parish.**



❖ **Stations:** Stations will take place alternating between churches on a Friday @ 5:00.

**See mass schedule for location.**

❖ **2020 Contributions:** If for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office.

❖ **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: Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pick up date: Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### + Our Lenten Obligation

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

#### **Who must fast?**

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 & 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60<sup>th</sup> yr on his/her 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### **Who must abstain?**

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

#### **What does fasting mean?**

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

#### **What does abstinence mean?**

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

#### **Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?**

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

#### **Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?**

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the U.S. this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (1 March until 7 June 2020). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time. Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Rice Bowl.

### ❖ **Important messages from the Parish:**

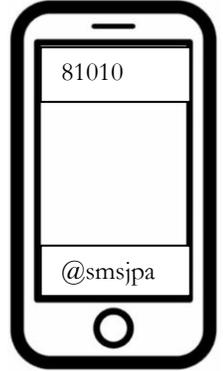
#### **\*For anyone not already registered\***

We have set up a text alert system to notify parishioners about anything important going on in the parish. Messages are from Fr. Dominic or messages from the parish office. To start receiving messages you will need to text a message to the number below followed by the message. **If you were already getting alerts in the past you do not need to sign up again.**

See example

Enter number 81010

Text this message: @smsjpa



❖ St. Joseph is planning to conduct our annual **Grand Raffle** again this year. Please watch the upcoming bulletin for further information pertaining to prize donations.

❖ **Altar/Runway Rugs** sponsors are being sought for St. Joseph's Church/Chapel rugs. The cost is approx. \$1,000. Form of payment can be cash/check made payable to: St. Joseph's Church

► **Second Collection: Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** our parish will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of diocese in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



#### **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. Ciszek 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 4 p.m.

**Marian Catholic High School:** Join us for a Virtual Information Session to learn more about Marian Catholic!

Two Dates: Tuesday, Feb. 16th or Monday, Feb. 22nd at 6:30PM.

All **new** students who enroll by Feb. 26th are entered into our tuition credit raffle to win \$3K, \$2K, \$1K, or \$500 off their tuition. Winners announced March 1st. Please call / email Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment Management, for more information. 570-467-3335 ext 116 [mmilosh@mariancatholic.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholic.org)

**Community Events: St. Paul's UCC, 100 E. Main St. Ringtown**

**Chili Sale-** 3/20 - pick-up at church 2-4pm. \$7.50/ qt.

- pre-orders only. **Deadline to order 3/17.** Call Janice 889-3494