



## Community of Faith

March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

### Tuesday, 3/2 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Stephen Frisch

8:00am J † Catharine Miletics

### Wednesday, 3/3 *St. Katharine Drexel*

9:00am M † Benjamin Arduini

8:00am J † John Fodor

### Thursday, 3/4 *St. Casimir*

9:00am M † Louis Stubits

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

### Friday, 3/5 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Helen Molchany

8:00am J † Eugene Keeney

*First Friday @ J • Exposition following 8:00am Mass  
\*\* 7:00pm Stations of the Cross*

### Saturday, 3/6 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Joseph Wolfer

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B

3:00pm J † Mary Yadinski r/o Theresa Novak & Mary Stitzer

4:30pm M † John Zakavage r/o wife, Dolly

### Sunday, 3/7 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B

8:30am J † Peter Timko r/o daughter, Carol

10:00am M † Joe Piampi r/o KofC Council #16072

### Tuesday, 3/9 *St. Frances of Rome*

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

8:00am J † Rosemarie Reenock

### Wednesday, 3/10 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Rudolf Soltis

8:00am J † Salvador Sposato

r/o Dolores Carmadella Baum & MaryAnn Wezner

### Thursday, 3/11 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Stephen Frisch

8:00am J † Anna Csencsitz

### Friday, 3/12 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Agnes Semler

8:00am J † Hilda Dreisbach

*Stations of the Cross (M) @ 6:00pm*

### Saturday, 3/13 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Mary Serensits

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B

3:00pm J † Albert & Marie Salvaterra

r/o Mike & Judy Dziak

4:30pm M † Anna Blaschak r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

### Sunday, 3/14 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B

8:30am J † Anna Mae Kealy r/o Bob & Jeanette Fellin

10:00am M † Theresa Ney r/o Possesky & Ney Families

## "The Little Things"

Over the past year we have heard Fr. Dominic preach about "The Little Things". He generally spoke about the things we do for our Parish. Such as Lawn care, snow removal, salting our walkways, Seasonal Decorating, Choir, Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, various Committees, Knights of Columbus and Women of Grace. He also spoke about Family, giving examples of his own family and our Parish family (Bleenie sales, Parish Block Party, Pie Sales and other activities). Yes, we are a family! A very faithful and good family! He said he feels blessed by our welcoming him and supporting him and we in turn are blessed to have him as our Pastor.

But do the little things we do in our daily lives, with our families, friends, coworkers, and so on have any effect on our world? Are little things really impactful when we are faced with such "Big Things" like COVID, abortion, secularism, a divided nation, not to mention the "Crisis" in our Church?

St Theresa's "*The Little Way*" is about being both small and doing the **smallest action with great love**. She taught that instead of focusing on large actions, we should **bring God into our smallest actions**.

Another Nun, who also became a Saint, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, lived a life that exemplified love, even *in the littlest things*. In doing little things and seeing Christ in the poor and dying she filled the world that much more with the radiant fragrance of God.

The little things matter in God's eyes. Remember the widow (**Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4**), who quietly gave out of her need, unlike the rich and powerful who sought the attention of men rather than God?

The Scriptures are full of example of God lifting the lowly and the little! Our Blessed Mother called herself a "*lowly servant*" and said that God will "lift up the lowly" (The Magnificat).

The little things like a good morning greeting, doing chores around the house, saying Grace before meals and prayer before bedtime with your kids, are all little things! Saying a prayer when you see an ambulance rushing somewhere or a Police Car or a Fire Truck; saying a prayer when passing by an accident scene or just to thank God for anything.

There are as many examples of "*Little Things*", as there are people performing the actions! Making the Sign of The Cross is the most common of all actions that Catholics do and yet in doing it we profess the deepest mysteries of the Christian Faith, the Trinity and the Cross, our Salvation! These are all little things that have eternal merit when done with love, specifically *Bill Whitecavage*

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$1577 J: \$2804**

**Upcoming Collections: March: Weekly, Dues, Bldg. Fund**



Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A



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

▶ 3/7 @ J Rosary prior to Mass

▶ 3/17 @ M Rosary prior to mass

Meeting following Mass

▶ 3/19 KofC Lenten Bleenie Fry

10:00am until sellout – Weather Permitting

▶ Knights of Columbus Council 16072 **Scholarship**

**Due date is April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Information can be found at each parish.

Seniors from either of our parishes are encouraged to apply.

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

40 cans for 40 days food drive is on– canned and non-perishable dry goods as in past years –

GOAL is 1000lbs–donations go to local Food Pantry.





.....to the family of  
 (M) • **Brian Irslinger**  
 Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.....

❖ **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:** Time is running out to order our first wet-bottom shoo-fly pie 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 SM 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!

❖ **Lenten Symbol:** distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent. The beautiful image allows us to keep the reminder before us on the Lenten journey. The symbols are given in memory of **Ron Rader** by LouAnn/Lindsay.

## SMSJ - Holy Week



**Holy Thurs:** 7pm @ J;  
**Adoration @ Rc** until 10pm.

**Good Friday: Stations:** Noon @ M.  
**Passion Service:** 3pm @ J.

**Holy Sat: Basket Blessing:**  
 11:00am @ J; noon @ M

**Triduum Mass:** 7pm @ M (gather by 6:45)

**Resurrection Sunday:** 8:30am @ J  
 10:00am @ M

✙ For the 6 weeks of Lent the parish will be taking up a second collection to alleviate hunger and poverty through the Rice Bowl collection. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.



❖ **@ J:** We seek sponsors for prizes for our annual Grand Raffle ticket. As in the past, there are various ways to donate a prize: sponsor a gift card, donate a monetary prize or gift (\$25 minimum value). Tell us what kind of gift card and we will order it through our scrip card program and the church will receive a profit.

**We ask that all prize donations be made by March 28<sup>th</sup>,** so that we can get the tickets printed and ready for sale. Information and donation forms have been sent to each parishioner. Extra forms are available at the back of the church. If you know of anyone who might like to donate a prize, (friend, family member, business) please ask them. We would like to offer 50 prizes.

This has always been our most profitable fundraiser and with your support it can be once again.

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

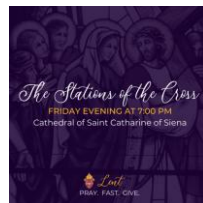
❖ **Memorials: IMO: Sam Sposato (J):** Jane & Mike Reese: \$20



❖ **Stations:** Stations of the Cross will take place alternating between parishes on Fridays.  
 See mass schedule for time & location

❖ **St Joseph's Candle: March 19<sup>th</sup>:** We offer St. Joseph's Candles that will be lit for the week surrounding the feast. Candles are offered: \$10 each. Envelopes @ Church entrance to indicate your offering/intention.

**Pope Francis has declared 2021 the Year of St. Joseph!**



The Stations of the Cross will be offered online, each Friday in Lent at 7:00PM. The Stations will be livestreamed to the Diocese of Allentown Facebook page; to AD Today, and to the Diocese of Allentown YouTube channel. Links below to attend virtually: **AD Today @ [www.ad-today.com](http://www.ad-today.com)**

**Diocese of Allentown Facebook Page @ [www.facebook.com/DiocesefofAllentown](http://www.facebook.com/DiocesefofAllentown)** **Diocesan YouTube Channel @ [www.youtube.com/user/DiocesefofAllentown](http://www.youtube.com/user/DiocesefofAllentown)**



Let us pray for an end to the virus, for healing for those who are sick, and comfort for those who grieve. May God bless us and protect us

### 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 4 p.m.

**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 • **Conversation and Community: Young Adult Listening Sessions** *Let's get together for an informal conversation about young adult life in the Church. Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at*

**5:45pm** (Following 5pm Mass) – St. John the Baptist Church in Pottsville – 10th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville —

Enter lower side door on 10th St. to meet in Longinus Hall\*\* Happy Hour / Refreshments will be served. There is no need to RSVP, but it would be helpful for planning the food and drinks. Call 570-622-5470 or email [stjbp@comcast.net](mailto:stjbp@comcast.net)



March 14<sup>th</sup>