



Community of Faith

March 15th – March 28th
M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 3/16 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Joseph Palkovits
8:00am J † Louis Serensits

Wednesday, 3/17 *St. Patrick*

9:00am M † Lorraine Yapsuga
8:00am J † Helen Filipovits

Thursday, 3/18 *St. Cyril*

9:00am M † Mary Hammel
8:00am J † St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parishioners

Friday, 3/19 *St. Joseph*

9:00am M † Mary Sugra
8:00am J † Roy Gius r/o Dolores Gius
*Benediction following 8:00am Mass
Stations (J) @ 7:00pm*

Saturday, 3/20 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Stephen Frisch

5th Sunday of Lent • Year B

4:00pm J † Anthony Clatch r/o Sokolofski family
5:30pm M † Joseph Piampi r/o wife, Roxana & son, Zachary



Sunday, 3/21 5th Sunday of Lent • Year B

8:30am J † Roy Gius r/o wife, Dolores
10:00am M † Marge Wrench r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

March 22nd – March 26th **No Morning Mass**
Fr. Dominic will be away on Retreat.

Friday, 3/26 *Stations of the Cross (M) @ 6:00pm*

Saturday, 3/27 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Joseph Keller

Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord • Year B

4:00pm J † Mike & Rose Dziak r/o Mike & Judy Dziak
5:30pm M † William Lorah Jr.
r/o wife & children

Sunday, 3/28 Palm Sunday • Year B

8:30am J † Helen Gurka r/o Mr. & Mrs. James McCool
10:00am M † Margaret Washko r/o John J. Washko



❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** M: \$2629 J: \$2496

Upcoming Collections for April: Holy Thursday, Easter, Weekly, Dues, Bldg., Mother's Day



Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A

+ Liturgy & Worship

Feast of Saint Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Joseph was the man who was chosen by God to be the foster father of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Spouse of Our Lady in spite of his silence and hidden presence. The four Gospels has no mention of his life at all even though he is the greatest Saint after the Virgin Mary. Joseph was the person who loved Jesus and Our Lady more than any other creature. He gave them all of himself and without reserve.

St. Joseph has always been an important Saint. He was declared the Patron of the Universal Church by Blessed Pope Pius IX. The earliest western devotion to him dates from the early 14th century, and observed his feast on March 19th the traditional day of his death. In 1955 Pope Pius XII established the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st as a counter-celebration to the communists May Day.

The feast of Saint Joseph, patron of the parish of Sheppton, and I am so very pleased to celebrate the feast day with all of you. We don't know a lot about Joseph himself but what we do know about him can be found in Infancy Narrative of the gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.

St. Joseph is the patron of fathers, spouses, and priests. He is a strong and courageous man, a working man, known for compassion, for genuine openness to others, and for love. He is willing to teach us by his silent example how to love God faithfully and tenderly and our Lady as well.

We are told that Joseph is a righteous man who does not wish to expose Mary to shame but that he wanted to show kindness and mercy by a quiet divorce. Joseph felt unworthy to be the husband of a woman so miraculous and close to God so he wanted to remove himself out of reverence and humility. We know that once the angel told him what to do, he obeyed. He named Jesus and raised him with great love and devotion.

Once the mystery of Jesus' conception was solved, Joseph remained a man of mystery in other ways, suddenly commanded to flee to Egypt with an indefinite timeline for his return. As the father of the family he had to wrestle with caring for them while not really knowing what would happen next and when. Even with angelic guidance, Joseph faced the same uncertainty and mystery of every family.

Just as we can't truly comprehend God hidden in what looks like bread and wine, so was the mystery of Joseph's daily experience of his son, God and Man. Yet he remained faithful, no complaints, no disobedience.

In the mystery of our faith, learn from Joseph to simply contemplate and savor what we will never comprehend. Let our faith guide us through uncertain and mysterious times. Believe, hoping against hope, so that this faith, this life of mystery maybe credited to us as righteousness.

And so, as we journey through Lent, let us pray to St. Joseph: "Shield us ever under your patronage, so that imitating your example and strengthened by your help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in heaven. Amen." (Prayer to St. Joseph-Pope Leo XIII)



❖ **Congratulations** to the Hall/Smith Family as we welcome Roywann Grace Hall into the family of faith on March 6, 2021 @ St. Joseph.



.....to the family of
(J) • **Joseph Schneider**
Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.



Spring/Summer Mass Times

Starts weekend of March 20-21st

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
Saturday <i>vigil</i>	5:30pm	4:00pm
Sunday	10:00am	8:30am
Daily (Tues-Fri. @ M) (Tues-Sat @ J)	9:00am	8:00am



Holy Week

(Please note the additional Mass added on Easter Sunday and the Easter vigil time change)

Holy Thursday: 7:00pm @ J;
w/Adoration @ RC until 10 pm.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross: Noon @ M.
Passion Service: 3pm @ J

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

Holy Saturday vigil Mass: 8:00pm @ M (gather by 7:45)

Easter Sunday: 8:30am @ J
11:30am @ J
10:00am @ M

Temperatures will be checked before entering church.



☀ As warmer weather approaches we will continue with outside Mass. We are asking parishioners to follow the CDC guidelines. Please come dressed for outside weather and bring a chair if standing will be an issue.



- ❖ **K of C Happenings:** Council 16072
 - ▶ 3/21 @ M Rosary prior to Mass w/Meeting following Mass
 - ▶ 3/19 KofC Lenten Bleenie Fry 10:00am until sellout

▶ Knights of Columbus Council 16072 **Scholarship** – Due date is April 16th – Information can be found on the parish website. 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.



Pick-up date: Tuesday, March 16th from 10am - noon at the church rectory.

❖ **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/check made payable to: St. Joseph Church

Anonymous	\$30

❖ **St. Joseph/Holy Hours:** Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with the Lord, on Friday, March 19th, 8am-7pm @ St. Joseph; sign-up sheets are at the entrance to church.

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



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

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



❖ **@ 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 28th 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.

Marian Catholic High School: An exception education rooted in faith, family, and tradition. Enrolling for the 21-22 school year. Financial Aid and Transfer Grants available! Please call **Mary Milosh** for more information or to schedule a tour: 570-467-3335 ext 116 mmilosh@mariancatholic.org

✚ Bishop Alfred Schlert and the "Because We are Catholic" Trust Advisory Board, Invite you to attend the 2021 "Because We Are Catholic" Annual Appeal Virtual Kickoff. **TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY, VISIT: BECAUSEWEARECATHOLIC.org/kickoff on Thursday, April 8, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.** Please join Bishop Schlert to learn about the Diocese of Allentown ministries, schools, parishes, and partners funded with support from the Because We Are Catholic Appeal. RSVP by April 6, 2021 at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org/kickoff.

For more information please contact the office of Stewardship and Development at 800-831-4443 or stewardship@allentowndiocese.org.

Community Events: • **St. Paul's UCC, 100 E. Main St. Ringtown Spring Dinner** (Chicken or Fish) baked potato or french fries and coleslaw. 4/22 from 3-6pm. Tickets \$10. Take out only. Contact: June Gowdy 889-5912, Janice Hoffman 889-3494 or Pastor Craig 889-3074 to order. • **Conversation and Community: Young Adult Listening Sessions** *Let's get together for an informal conversation about young adult life in the Church. Saturday, March 20th 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 stjparish@comcast.net