



Community of Faith

April 26th – May 9th

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Happy Mother's Day

+ Liturgy & Worship

Jesus said: "I am the good Shepherd. A good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... And they will hear my voice..."

Whether we are Shepherd or sheep, out of charity, we are bound to lead by and give good example to others.

As parents, teachers, civil authority, elder siblings... do we lead others to the source of authentic happiness, God?

There are a great number of honest people around. As much as they can be, they are honest to themselves, to God, and to others. They might not be scrupulously exact, but they are honest. They do their best to avoid lying.

We know that the path of truth is not always a straight line. Sometimes truth must circle around the boulders and potholes in the way. That does not matter. What matters is sincerity of heart, mind, and will. Sometimes adjustments must be made because the society we live in is not perfect that does not mean that we cannot be honest or that we are not being honest when we make such adjustments. It simply means that we are wise enough to see the whole picture instead of just a little piece of it.

To be wise requires that we be honest of heart. There are many mixed feelings in our hearts. We are torn between the easy way of falsehood and the hard way of truth. Hopefully we will always try to choose the right way, whether that is hard or easy. That is realistic honesty.

Tuesday, 4/27 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Priest Intention

8:00am J † Priest Intention

Wednesday, 4/28 *Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion*

9:00am M † Priest Intention

8:00am J † Priest Intention

Thursday, 4/29 *St. Catharine of Siena*

9:00am M † Paul Lapinsky Sr.

8:00am J St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishioners

Friday, 4/30 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Helen Filipovits

8:00am J † John Oscovitch r/o Andy Woytek

Saturday, 5/1 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Louis Senensits

5th Sunday of Easter • Year B

4:00pm J † John Oscovitch r/o Dolores Oscovitch & family

5:30pm M † John George r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

Sunday, 5/2 5th Sunday of Easter • Year B

8:30am J † George Mehalick r/o Helen Mehalick

10:00am M † Albert & Patricia Drumblusky
r/o children, grand-children & great grand-children

Tuesday, 5/4 *Weekday*

9:00am M St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishioners

8:00am J † Ronald Wufsus r/o Mike & Jane Reese

Wednesday, 5/5 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Agnes Semlar

8:00am J † Robert & Florence Reese r/o Mike & Jane Reese

Thursday, 5/6 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Luis Stubits

8:00am J Paul Medvetz r/o Ann Careyva

Friday, 5/7 *Weekday*

9:00am M † Joseph Keller

8:00am J Careyva Children r/o mother

@ J • Eucharistic Devotion after 8am Mass until noon followed by Benediction

Saturday, 5/8 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Joseph Palkovits

6th Sunday of Easter • Year B

Saturday 5/8 & Sunday 5/9

4:00pm @ J • **Mother's**

5:30pm @ M • **Day**



Sunday:

8:30am @ J • **Intentions**

10:00am @ M • [for all Enrolled, Living & Deceased]

A special blessing for Mother's

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talent to make our churches look so beautiful and welcoming during our Easter season. From our liturgical ministry, cleaning, decorating, filling the holy water bottles, organizing of the annual Easter egg hunt, the beautiful singing of the choir to the thoughtful gift of our newly handmade crosses. Volunteering brings people together and lets you socialize with your church family. We are always looking for volunteers! Thank You All!

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$1552 J: \$2566**

Upcoming Collections: Weekly, Dues, Ascension, Parish Picnic, Father's Day



Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A
Baby Miles, Mark & Andrea

Please pray for our
First Communion Candidates
@M: Joshua Heckman: 4/3
Kennedy Dillman: 4/25
@J: Owen Titus: 5/16
Janel Patrick: 5/23



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



▶ 4/30 State K of C (Chance of a lifetime) prizes will be drawn

▶ 5/2 @ J Rosary prior to mass

▶ 5/16 @ M Rosary prior to mass

+ Council Meeting following Mass

Ascension Thursday Masses: (Holy Day of Obligation)

May 12th - *vigil* 4:00pm @ J • 5:30pm @ M

May 13th - 8:30am @ J • 10:00am @ M

❖ **Landscaping & New Church Sign** are needed for **St. Mary's**. Sponsors are being sought. The cost is approximately \$1,500. With your help we can make the outside as welcoming as the inside just in time for summer! Form of payment can be cash/checks made payable to: St. Mary's Church. Thank you for donating!

IMO: Bill Lorah donated by Marjorie Lorah & family	\$200
Brooke Balkiewicz (college student)	\$7.50
Jake Balkiewicz (college student)	\$10
Vincent Pham	\$10
Total donated to date:	\$227.50



❖ **St. Mary's: Fri/Sat: June 11/12**
We are busy making plans for our block party and our basket auction which, thanks to your generous hearts, has been

a great fundraiser for our parish.

▶ We are seeking donations of water and brand name soda only for the Block Party.

▶ We are also asking our parishioners once again to generously consider donating a basket or items for the auction. If you would like to donate but cannot get out to purchase items, we can shop for you. Gift cards and certificates are always a great idea. If you need help, please call the office or Arlene at 570-590-5810. We will be more than happy to wrap your gift basket!

More information will come in future bulletins.

❖ **St. Joseph Grand Raffle** tickets will be available next weekend (May 1 & 2).

Without a picnic again this year we are relying on the Grand Raffle as our major fundraiser. We ask everyone that in addition to buying

their tickets to try to sell additional to friends, family, coworkers, etc. 63 prizes! 63 chances to win with one ticket!

Tickets are \$10.00 each, and each ticket sold increases our profit!



❖ **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/checks made payable to: St. Joseph Church. Thank you for donating!

Anonymous	\$30
Linda Kellock	\$25
Anonymous	\$500
Travis Tyler Martz	\$50
Anonymous	\$50
Total donated to date	\$655

❖ **Parish Cemeteries:** Your care for your loved ones grave is inspiring! Please, as we move into a new season, remove old decor, otherwise, they'll be disposed of as we prepare for Memorial Day.



to the family of **(M)** Thomas Burke
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

❖ **Recognition of Graduates:** Submit your family member's name, school graduating from, & future plans. They'll be honored in our June bulletin & with a gift for our high school graduates.

Submit names using email or index cards, print please.

✠ **BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL**
Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

▶ **St. Joseph's, Frackville** is excited to announce we are in the process of planning a summer Vacation Bible School. We are hoping to be able to put together an outdoor program that is safe and fun for everyone. At this point we are planning for the week of August 16-20, 2021. The program will run from 6-8pm each evening in the former St. Ann's grove. The theme is "Rocky Railway." If you have children between the ages of 4-12 and are interested in signing up there is a pre-registration [sign-up sheet at St. Mary & St. Joseph's churches](#). Once it gets closer more information will be sent to your home, so please fill out the information such as name, address, phone #, age and t-shirt size. We would like to get an approximate number of children interested.

Marian Catholic High School - OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 2nd, 12:00pm until 1:00pm

Meet our administration, faculty, staff, and some of our students! Learn about financial assistance, transportation, and academics.

To register for this event, please call Mary Milosh at 570-467-3335 Ext. 116 or mmilosh@mariancatholic.org

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a "virtual" gathering on **Sunday, May 16 at 7:00pm**. We will join together in praying the rosary for the needs of the Church, the world, and our families. To participate, please email Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community (kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org) before May 16 to receive the Zoom invitation.

Community Events: • **Helen Roulin \$100 Scholarship:** 9-12th grade high school girls in the Ringtown area for their involvement and leadership in community activities. Forms @ Church. Return applications to Rev. Craig Zimmerman by May 2nd to be considered. Any questions call Rev Craig Zimmerman at 889-3074 or 590-9572.

• **St. Michael's Church, Shenandoah** is looking for a part time Church Secretary. Position available May 1, 2021. 25-30 hours per week in a pleasant work environment. Salary is commensurate with experience. Excellent interpersonal skills and proficiency in QuickBooks and Microsoft Office applications is required. Mail letter of interest and resume to CHURCH SECRETARY APPLICATION, 114 SOUTH CHESTNUT STREET, SHENANDOAH, PA 17976. Questions concerning the position call (570) 889-3363 or (570) 590-5770. PA Criminal Background Check and Pennsylvania Child Abuse Certification is required. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

• **St. Paul UCC, Ringtown:** Ice Cream Social, May 16th, 5-7pm.

