



Community of Faith

July 5th – July 18th, 2021

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 7/6

St. Maria Goretti

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

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Wednesday, 7/7

Weekday

8:00am J † Lee Konshnick r/o Ruth Fellin

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 7/8

Weekday

8:00am J † Roy Gius r/o Dolores Gius

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Friday, 7/9

St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 7/10

Weekday

8:00am J † Joe Fellin r/o Alice Valanty

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

4:00pm J † Belfiore family r/o Theresa Novak

5:30pm M † Jennie Cleveland

r/o daughter, Sherry Rejent & family

Sunday, 7/11

15th S Ordinary Time • Year B

8:30am J † Rose & Felix DeFillipis r/o Currie family

10:00am M † Karen A. Washko r/o John J. Washko

Tuesday, 7/13

St. Henry

8:00am J † Adam & Antoinette Dainauski

r/o Mike & Jane Reese

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

Wednesday, 7/14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00am J † Millie Bacher r/o Alice Valanty

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 7/15

St. Bonaventure

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Friday, 7/16

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 7/17

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

4:00pm J † Clara Sokolofski r/o Koscuk family

5:30pm M † Ed Balkiewicz r/o family

Sunday, 7/18

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

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

10:00am M † Victor & Irene Cicioni

r/o Ray & Arlene Sachleben

+ Liturgy & Worship

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." Mt. 11:25*

Why do we pray?

The Chosen people of God overcame their numerous enemies with prayer and trust in God more than with arms. On one occasion a very powerful enemy fell upon them in the desert. Moses sent his army to battle them and he ascended a mountain to pray. As long as he held his arms outstretched toward heaven, Israel overcame, but when he let his arms fall from fatigue, the enemy overcame. Therefore Aaron and Hur seated him upon a rock and held up his arms until the Israelites put their enemy to flight.

Prayer is a debt we owe to God; a debt of adoration, because He is our Lord and Master; a debt of thanksgiving, because He is our first and greatest Benefactor; a debt of sorrow; because we have offended Him by our sins.

Prayer is a duty because Jesus commanded us to pray and because in general spiritual and temporal graces are granted only to those who pray.

God grants much more than what we request to those who pray.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$2418 J: \$2266**

Upcoming Collections July:

Weekly, Dues, Bldg. Fund, Cemetery & Mission Appeal



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

❖ **St. Mary's:** We have bleenie batter that we have mixed and frozen in quart containers that are being sold for \$4 each.

**They are available after Masses, at Apple St. Deli,
or by calling Marie at 570-889-3825.**



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

▶ 7/4 @ J Rosary prior to Mass

▶ 7/18 @ M Rosary prior to Mass and meeting following Mass

▶ **Thank you to KofC Schuylkill Assembly 923** for the donation of \$500.00 to be used toward fixing our basement steps!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated toward the basket auction! It was a HUGE success, and we are grateful to our parishioners, friends, and businesses who very generously participated with their donations of baskets and purchasing tickets. May God bless your generosity! A list of winners is listed in the bulletin, and also on Facebook. If you won, congratulations! If you were not a winner, please come back and try again next year!

**Diocesan Pilgrimage
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

On Thursday, October 7th, 2021, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will lead a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., to celebrate the **60th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Diocese of Allentown and in conjunction with the Year of the Real Presence.** As with previous pilgrimages all parishioners, parish organizations, high school students, grade school students, and PREP/ CCD students are invited and encouraged to attend. For this pilgrimage to be a success we will need and depend upon your cooperation and support and especially your encouragement of the faithful to participate. Since this is a Diocesan event, we hope to have representation from all areas of the Diocese. Participation in this pilgrimage will have a great impact on parishioners and students as we rejoice in the sixty years the Diocese of Allentown has promoted the gospel and as we recall Our Lord's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist that has been the foundation of those sixty years and the special focus of this year. There will be a keynote speaker.

► Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Joseph:

To make this pilgrimage a possibility for us to attend, we would need to be able to fill 50 seats on a coach bus. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone interested in going. One name per line when signing up please! The bus will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Any names beyond capacity of 50 will be put on a waiting list in the event of any cancellations. We will need to know a headcount by Sept 5th as prices may vary based on amount of people attending. As of now, the cafeteria at the Basilica is closed due to COVID so the plan is to stop on the way home to eat. Currently the estimated cost is \$75/person. Payment will be due by Sept 12th. More details to come in future bulletins.

❖ **Landscaping & Maintenance** is needed for St. Mary's. Sponsors are being sought. The cost is approximately \$1,500. **We are half way at our goal.** 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	\$10
Vincent Pham	\$10
Rick Roulin	\$250
Frank & Rosemary Malocu	\$50
Louise Tomtishen	\$25
IMO: Mary Osilka donated by Bear Ridge Machine & Lubrication	\$60
IMO: Bernie & Mary Osilka Love from family	\$50
Linda Morgovnik	\$100
Total donated to date: \$762.50	

Thank you to the family that is giving their time, talent and sponsorship for the flooring for the sacristies at St. Mary's Church. Your generosity is very much appreciated. †

† **BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of today, our parishioners have raised **(M) \$1,796 (J) \$4,275** from **(M) 28 (J) 19** parishioners representing **(M) 17.83 (J) 14.73%** of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.



❖ **St. Joseph GRAND RAFFLE:**

Our Grand Raffle ticket sale is still in progress. The drawing will be held on Saturday, July 31 after the 4:00 Mass. Please make your ticket returns prior to that date. We only have a limited number of tickets still available.

If you are not going you buy your tickets or have unsold tickets, please return them as soon as possible so that we can sell them. Unsold tickets can be dropped in the collection basket or placed on the table at the back of the church.

Update: Our St Joseph statue is in the process of being installed in the rectory yard. A blessing of the statue will be held at a date & time to be announced.

❖ **Thank you** to the sponsors that have so graciously given donations towards the rugs and chapel bench at St. Joseph's. **Due to your generosity we have accomplished and exceeded our goal!**

Anonymous	\$30
Linda Kellock	\$25
Anonymous	\$500
Travis Tyler Martz	\$50
Anonymous	\$50
Anonymous	\$100
M/M Robert Bruno	\$100
Anonymous	\$45
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Recla	\$400
Total donated to date	\$1300

❖ **Cemetery Care:** As we are into the grass cutting season, we are asking you to keep in mind some **Rules & Regulations of the Diocese.** **No** coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around the plot. The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right without prior notice to remove same if so erected, planted, or placed, or anything the Cemetery Care Taker feels that he can't mow around.

Open Registration for the 2021-2022 Divine Mercy Pre-school Program under the Direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study. Pre-school will be held at the Fr. Walter Ciszek Education Center (Trinity Academy), 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976. Children ages 3, 4 and 5 welcome for half and/or full day Pre-school classes Monday through Friday. Our Pre-school Program follows a modified Montessori Method to prepare your child for the world of learning and his/her admission to Kindergarten. Attendance five days per week allows your child to benefit by participating in more of the learning opportunities provided. **Please call 570-462-3927 for more information or to request a registration packet.**

Community events: Sheppton-Oneida Volunteer Fire

Company Monthly Bingo July 11th. Doors open 12 noon. ● July 17, 2021 **Ringtown Community Yard Sale 17th/Library Book sale:** 16, 17, 18th. ● **St. Joseph the Worker Festival:** 7/30-31 & 8/1, Enjoy homemade food, desserts, themed basket auction and music. 7/30 Sakes Alive & 7/31 Another Side. Bands start at 7pm. ● **The Father Walter Ciszek Prayer League** is asking if you could please help them spread the word about an upcoming television broadcast on **EWTN Live** which will feature Mr. John DeJak, co-editor of "**With God in America**". The one-hour, live broadcast will focus on the life, works, and message of Father Walter Ciszek and will include a call-in segment. The show's producer is hoping that people from the Diocese of Allentown will call in to ask their questions! Date: 7/14 @ 8:00pm. Watch the program LIVE on television or on the EWTN website (<https://www.ewtn.com/tv>). Call in #1-800-221-9460.