



Community of Faith
July 19 – August 1, 2021
M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 7/20

St. Apollinaris

8:00am J † Roy Gius r/o Dolores Gius

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Wednesday, 7/21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00am J † Vicky Hartz r/o Hubert Hartz

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 7/22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:00am J † Bennie Gelezinsky r/o Mike Dziak

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Friday, 7/23

St. Bridget

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

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 7/24

St. Sharbel Makhluf

8:00am J † Phoebe Yeager & Debbie Mattie

r/o Cindy

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

4:00pm J † Marie Lengen r/o Kosciuk family

5:30pm M † Maryellen Seng r/o Pam Monaghan

Sunday, 7/25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

8:30am J † Edward Shamany r/o Bob & Jeanette Fellin

10:00am M † Edward Kayes Jr. r/o sister, Virginia

Tuesday, 7/27

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

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

Wednesday, 7/28

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 7/29

St. Martha

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Friday, 7/30

St. Peter Chrysologus

8:00am J † George Mehalick

r/o Helen Mehalick & family

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 7/31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00am J † Priest Intention

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

4:00pm J † Helen Gurka r/o Linda Kellock

5:30pm M † Sister Theodora r/o John & Anna Tait

Sunday, 8/1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

8:30am J † dec'd members of the Nahas family

r/o Nahas family

10:00am M † William Lorah r/o Pauline Lorah

+ Liturgy & Worship

Is St. Joseph the father of Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ had no human father but St. Joseph was the spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary and the guardian or foster father of Christ.

After marrying Mary, Joseph found that she was already pregnant and being “a just man and unwilling to put her to shame” (Matt. 1:19), he decided to divorce her quietly, knowing that if he did so publicly she could be stoned to death. An angel however came to Joseph and told him that the child Mary carried was the Son of God and was conceived by the Holy Spirit, so Joseph kept Mary as his wife.

The Gospel described Joseph as a “tekton” which traditionally means “carpenter” and it is assumed that Joseph taught his craft to Jesus in Nazareth. At this point Joseph is never mentioned again in the Bible, although the story of Jesus in the temple includes a reference to “both His parents”.

Jesus honored Joseph with the sweet name of father. In fact, the eternal Father had conferred paternal authority on St. Joseph by entrusting to his care His most precious treasure, His Divine Son so that he might provide for Him with a father's love.

The circumstances of Joseph's death are not known but it is likely that he died before Jesus's ministry began and it is implied that he was dead before the crucifixion (John 19:26).

Joseph was declared patron of the universal Church by Pope Pius IX and in 1955 Pope Pius XII established May 1st as the “Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker” to counter the Communists' May Day.

As Saint Teresa of Jesus said, “Though you have recourse to many saints as your intercessors, go especially to St. Joseph for he had great power with God.”

❖ The outdoor statue of St. Joseph has been installed in the rectory yard and how beautiful it is! Thank you to those who donated to the purchase of the statue as well as to Trinity Artisans (Judy & Chris) for obtaining and installing it. With this being declared the Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis, the timing was perfect.

♥ Fr. Dominic will bless the new St. Joseph statue after Masses on July 24 and 25. Light refreshments (pastry, coffee, juice) will be served after the blessing on Sunday.

Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to pray the following prayer for the Year of St. Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted His only Son;
 In you Mary placed her trust;
 With you Christ became man.
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 Show yourself a father
 And guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
 And defend us from every evil. Amen*

*** NOTICE:** The parish office will be closed the week of July 19th- July 24th. If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Dominic @ (610) 390-9782.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** M: \$2598 J: \$2434

Upcoming Collections August:

Weekly, Dues, Bldg. Fund, Assumption



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

❖ **Confession:** Since the COVID restrictions have lifted, confessions will return to normal and be offered before Mass.

❖ **Ministry:** If you are interested in volunteering your time as **Lector, Server or EM** please contact the parish office or **Fr. Dominic. +++**

✠ If you know someone that is ill or homebound and can't make it to church, and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Holy Communion. Please call the parish office, Nancy Krajnikovich (215)801-5797 or text/call Father Dominic @ (610) 390-9782 with the name, phone # and address of the person(s) in need of this ministry.



His Holiness, Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the **1st ever World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.**

It will be celebrated worldwide on Sunday, July 25, 2021 (the day before the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents to Jesus Christ).

His Excellency, Bishop Schlert will offer a virtual Grandparents' Day blessing a few days prior to that Sunday for release on diocesan and parish/school social media, diocesan and parish/school websites, Holy Family Manor, and other appropriate forums of digital media.



- ❖ **K of C Happenings:** Council 16072
- ▶ 7/18 @ **M** Rosary prior to Mass – Council meeting following Mass
- ▶ 8/1 @ **J** Rosary prior to Mass



❖ **St. Joseph GRAND RAFFLE** drawing will be held on Saturday, July 31 after the 4:00 Mass. All ticket returns must be made before July 31. Good luck to those who purchased tickets!

❖ **St. Mary's:** We have bleenie batter that we have mixed and frozen in quart containers that are being sold for \$4 each. They will be available after Masses, at **Apple St. Deli,** or by calling **Marie at 570-889-3825.**

❖ **Landscaping & Maintenance** is needed for St. Mary's. Sponsors are being sought. The cost is approximately \$1,500. **We are half way to 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
John Washko	\$100
Total donated to date: \$862.50	

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 \$75.00/person. Payment will be due by Sept 12th.

More details to come in future bulletins.

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 Cizek 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.

Marian Catholic High School "An exceptional education rooted in faith, family, and tradition". Evening Information Session/Tour of the School Monday, July 26th, 6:00pm-8:00pm. Call/email Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment Management, for more information or to RSVP. mmilosh@mariancatholic.org or **570-467-3335 Ext. 116**

Community events: ● Ringtown Rotary's 42nd Annual Pig

Roast: Sunday, 8/29 12:00-3:00pm, Union Township Municipal Building. Take out only – No Tickets will be sold at the door. \$13.00 includes pork, baked potato, corn on the cob, string beans, fresh tomatoes, roll & dessert. Advanced ticket sales only. Call Dick Drukker 570-889-3755, Jim Ambrose 570-889-3184, any Ringtown Rotarian or email: ringtownrotary@outlook.com

● **St. Paul's UCC Church: "Free"**

Fresh Vegetables from the Bountiful Garden of Grace is available for pickup Saturdays from 10-11:30am at 100 East Main St. Ringtown

● **St. John's, Ringtown Town Social** 8/20-21 4-9pm

Homemade soups, Prime Rib Sandwiches, hot wings and more. Tricky Trays & games. **Friday: "Ozcoustic"** 5:00-8:00pm and on

Saturday: "Blue River Soul" 5:00pm-8:00pm

● **St. Joseph the Worker Festival:** 7/30-31 & 8/1, Enjoy homemade food, desserts, themed basket auction and LIVE music. 7/30 **Sakes Alive** & 7/31 **Another Side.** Bands start at 7:00pm.