



Community of Faith

August 16th – August 29th, 2021

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

+ Liturgy & Worship +

Why is it wise to receive Holy Communion often, even daily?

The theme of today's Gospel is exclusively the Eucharist. Absolutely central to what we believe about the Eucharist is that Christ is really and truly present there. "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." (Jn. 6:51).

Persecuted by the impious Queen Jezebel, the prophet Elijah fled into the desert and walked for a whole day without resting. Weary and disheartened, he finally threw himself down at the foot of a juniper tree and asked the Lord to let him die. But twice God sent an angel to bring him food and drink, and finally strengthened by that food, the prophet walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached the Mount of God, Horeb.

The miraculous bread which gave Elijah renewed courage and vigor was a type, a foreshadowing, of the Holy Eucharist, the true Bread of angels, by reason of which we are able to cross the wearisome desert of life with light hearts until we are admitted to the beatific vision of God in heaven.

If a person is free from mortal sin, he/she can and should receive our Lord as often as possible. Just as we nourish our bodies each day with bread, we should also nourish our souls with the Holy Eucharist that we may be able to lead holy lives.

Christ did not intend the Eucharist to be a reward of virtue; He did not institute it for angels. He instituted it for us.

So it is well to receive Holy Communion often, even daily. This intimate union with Jesus Christ, the source of all holiness and the Giver of all graces, is the greatest aid to a holy life.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and the safest way to Heaven." St. Pius X.

Tuesday, 8/17

Weekday

8:00am J † Judy O'Donnell r/o Betty Jane Shamany

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Wednesday, 8/18

Weekday

8:00am J † Roy Gius r/o Dolores Gius

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 8/19

St. John Eudes

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

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Friday, 8/20

St. Bernard Abbot

8:00am J † Mary Helen Thomas r/o Alice Valanty

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 8/21

St. Pius X

8:00am J † Priest Intention

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

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

5:30pm M † Faris Zogby r/o Joann Zogby & Mark

Sunday, 8/22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

8:30am J † Joe Schneider

r/o Donna Gulash & Helen Mehalick

10:00am M † Paul Lapinsky Sr. r/o Tara Hipple & family

Tuesday, 8/24

St. Bartholomew

8:00am J † Priest Intention

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

Wednesday, 8/25

Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz

8:00am J † Judy O'Donnell r/o Bob & Jeanette Fellin

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 8/26

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M Special Intention

Friday, 8/27

St. Monica

8:00am J † Tony Valanty r/o Alice Valanty

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 8/28

St. Augustine

8:00am J † Priest Intention

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

4:00pm J † Helen Hennessey r/o Bill & Kathleen Lynch

5:30pm M † Annette Miscannon r/o Dan & Kathy Milefsky

Sunday, 8/29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

8:30am J † Thomas Gulash r/o Donna & Jessica Gulash

10:00am M † Mary Osilka r/o K of C Council 16072

† **Mass Obligation:** The Bishops of Pennsylvania have restored the obligation to attend Mass on weekends and holy days beginning as of **August 15, 2021**.

* As always, Catholics are not obligated to attend Mass if they are ill, if they believe they have been exposed to a contagious illness, if they have serious underlying health conditions, or if they are confined to their home, to the hospital, or to a nursing facility.

► **Due to the new Delta variant of COVID in order to keep the parishioners safe and healthy Masses will be outdoors as weather permits. Please bring a chair or water if needed.**

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$2341 J: \$3068**

Upcoming Collections September:

Weekly, Dues, Propagation of Faith



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

❖ **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 a 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 with the name, phone # and address of the person(s) in need of this ministry. Please see the front of the bulletin for phone numbers.



- ❖ **K of C Happenings:** Council 16072
 - ▶ 9/5 @ **J** Rosary prior to Mass
 - ▶ 9/17 @ **M** Rosary prior to Mass - meeting following Mass

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception scheduled for Thursday, October 7th, 2021 **has been cancelled.**

❖ **Confirmation 2021:** Confirmation is scheduled Thursday, **October 21, 2021.** We are asking that any candidates from our parish that plan to be confirmed on this date to call the office ASAP with your name, phone number, the name you will be taking for Confirmation, and the name of your sponsor.
 ▶ If your sponsor is not a parishioner of our church they will need to submit a sponsor form from the church they attend prior to the confirmation date.



❖ **St. Mary's:** We are getting ready for our Shoo Fly Pie Sale.
 \$8.00 Wet Bottom Pie \$3.00 Crust Only
Deadline to order is Friday, Sept. 24th.

Call the parish office (570)889-3850 leave a message with your name, phone # and how many pies and/or crusts you would like to purchase, Marie (570-889-3825, see any choir member, or use the order sheets at Mass.

Pick-up is Tuesday, Sept. 28th from 10:00am to noon @ the Church Rectory, Ringtown.

❖ **GRAND RAFFLE:**

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the donors of prizes and the buyers and sellers of tickets! Our grand raffle netted a profit of \$9450!! This was the largest amount ever. May God bless you for your support and generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS to the prize winners! A list of winners and prize donors is posted at the entrance to church and on our parish website.

❖ **Second Collection: August 21st & August 22nd**

Due to COVID, missionaries will not be invited to visit our parishes for this year's Mission Co-op, but it was decided that each parish would take up a collection for the missions. For our Missionary Co-Op we will be collecting monetary donations for Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara located in Tanzania. Their mission is to prepare individuals to serve God's people, provide medical equipment & medications in high demand, help with construction of libraries, labs & dormitories in secondary schools, provide clean safe water, feed hungry and malnourished children, educate women in various age groups & provide food, clothing and shelter for the homeless. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

❖ **2021 Mass Book:** There are still weekends/weekdays open at St. Mary's; St. Joseph's only weekdays remain. 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.*

❖ **Memorials:** **Mary Ann Savitsky:** Savitsky family, Mary Ann & Don Wood, Ron & Ann Brown, Rose Angelotti, Loretta Zienkiewicz, Perry & Emily Kitchen: \$555

❖ **Welcome new Parishioners:**

(M) Lewis & Shannon Jordan and son Aiden.

❖ **Landscaping & Maintenance** is needed for St. Mary's. Sponsors are being sought. The cost is approximately \$1,500. **It's not too late if you would still like to donate!**
Thank you to all who donated.

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
IMO: Glenn Matejck by Joey Carter & Lauren Malick	\$50
Stan & Marie Piaskowski	\$100
Total donated to date: \$1012.50	

❖ **Thank you** to all the businesses who continue to support our bulletin. Please support the businesses that have been so generous to our church.

Redner's Save-A-Tape: Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%. **Please consider asking family & friends to save them as well.** For your receipts to count toward the church you must sign up at Redners service desk!



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.



Community events: ● **Sheppton-Oneida Volunteer Fire Company Monthly Bingo:** Sunday September 12th. Doors open 12 noon.
 ● **Catawissa Military Band,** Aug 29th 5-7:30pm. Bring a chair or blanket, purchase food and drinks, Relax & Enjoy!
 ● **St. John's: Beef & Braciolo Food Sale** Take out only. \$10 meal includes, stuffing wrapped in beef, baked potato, veggie, coleslaw, roll & butter and dessert. Deadline to purchase tickets 8/22/2021 . See any committee member or call the church @ 570-889-5203.
 ● **St. Paul's UCC Church:** Presents: **Free Concert "In the Lot"** Wednesday, Sept. 1st from 4:00-6:00pm.