



Community of Faith
November 22 – December 5, 2021
M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

+ Liturgy & Worship +

Christ the King of the Universe

On this great feast we rejoice in calling Christ our King. Jesus declares before Pilate that He is indeed a King but that His kingdom is not like the Kingdom of this world.

When we look at Jesus what do we see? There is no throne, no crown, no army. We see Him walking the dusty roads of Palestine with a little band of disciples. He is surrounded by the poor and the sick, by sinners and outcasts.

There is a great person who makes everybody feel small. But the really great person makes everybody feel great. In fact, Jesus was indeed a King. His presence could change beyond recognition the lives of those around Him. His attitude towards sinners was one of kindness and persuasion rather than condemnation. Pilate had power over people; Jesus had influence on them. Jesus made His presence felt simply by the kind of person He was.

God of power and love, help us to be loyal and true followers of Christ on earth so that we may share His glory in the Kingdom of heaven.

There is a battle being waged between the Kingdom of darkness and the Kingdom of light, the Kingdom of lies and the Kingdom of truth, the Kingdom of evil and the Kingdom of good. On which side are we?

Tuesday, 11/23 *Sts. Clement & Columban I*

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

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Wednesday, 11/24 *St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions*

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 11/25

Thanksgiving Day Masses

8:30am @ SJ

Intensions:

10:00am @ SM

In Thanksgiving

Friday, 11/26

Weekday

8:00am J † **No Mass**

9:00am M † **No Mass**

Saturday, 11/27

Weekday

8:00am J † **No Mass**

1st S of Advent • Year C

3:00pm M † David W. Brown Sr. r/o Brown-Nestor family

4:30pm J † John A. & Stephie Michalik
r/o Al, Joanne & family



Sunday, 11/28

1st S of Advent • Year C

8:30am J † Michael Funanage r/o wife, Cecelia

10:00am M † ILM: Edward Kayes Sr. r/o daughter, Virginia

Tuesday, 11/30

St. Andrew

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Wednesday, 12/1

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

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

Thursday, 12/2

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Friday, 12/3

St. Francis Xavier

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am J † Priest Intention

*** First Friday Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00am Mass**

*** Benediction at noon**

Saturday, 12/4

St. John Damascene

8:00am J † Priest Intention

2nd S of Advent • Year C

3:00pm M † Florence Schaaf

r/o Bernice Francaviglia



4:30pm J † Leanne Mazur r/o Ceci-Fuehrer family

Sunday, 12/5 2nd S of Advent • Year C

8:30am J † Michael Funanage r/o wife, Cecelia

10:00am M † Connie Schipin r/o Possesky & Ney family

Winter Mass Schedule

	St. Joseph's	St. Mary's
Daily	8:00am	9:00am
Saturday	4:30pm	3:00pm
Sunday	8:30am	10:00am

† **Mass Obligation:** The Bishops of Pennsylvania restored the obligation to attend Mass on weekends and holy days 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.**

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$2641 J: \$2909**

Upcoming Collections December: Weekly, Dues, Immaculate Conception, Retirement for Religious, Bldg Fund, Christmas



Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A • Dorothy & Frank Hovanec
Mark & Andrea & Baby Everett Miles • Ava Fritz •
Rose Angelotti • Bill Jarzinko

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

† 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.

❖ **Thanksgiving Day Mass: Nov. 25th**

@ SJ 8:30 am @ SM 10:00 am

No Daily Mass: November 26th & 27th

* **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Community Service** in Ringtown will be held at **St. Paul's United Church of Christ** on **Wednesday, November 24th**, beginning at 7:30pm **
**** Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to help our local food pantry.**



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

- 11/21 @ **M** Rosary prior to Mass & meeting following Mass.
- 12/2 - 4th Degree Meeting in Pottsville
- 12/5 @ **J** Rosary prior to Mass

* K of C Council 16072 **Frozen Bleenie Batter Sale.**

See Marie or Stan after Mass to purchase. \$6.00/quart container. Just thaw batter to room temperature, fry and enjoy!

All funds raised goes to support our local Council 16072 charitable projects.

Wedding News



Congratulations to Ralph Banks & Amanda (Andrews) Bankes. The couple was united in marriage on Saturday, October 30th at St. Joseph's Church.

❖ **Giving Tree:** Father has brought to our attention three families belonging to our parishes that are in need. The families are in need of food and clothing. We will be collecting gift cards, food, and cash donations for these families through November 30. We have placed envelopes on our giving trees for donations for these families. Gift cards to Walmart, Boscov's, and Dollar General would be recommended to allow for purchase of food and clothing. If you would like to donate, please take an envelope and return it back in the collection basket. If you do not have a giving tree envelope or cannot get out to buy a gift card, please put your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Father Dominic will be sure that your donation is properly used for these families in need.

❖ **First Friday/Eucharistic Adoration:** Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with the Lord on Friday, December 3rd following the 8am Mass @ St. Joseph. Sign-up sheets are at the entrance to both churches.

❖ **St. Mary's:** We are in need of a few volunteers for counting our collection after Mass on a Sunday. We need someone who can count every other Sunday and a few people who would be interested in substituting when someone can't make it for their week. For more info please call Ann at 570-498-1668 or Marie at 570-889-3825.

❖ **St. Mary's Pie Sale:** After much discussion it has been decided that we will no longer be making our apple pies at Thanksgiving. Thank you all for your many years of help and support. We will continue to have our shoo fly pie sales in the spring and fall. To make up the difference of the lost revenue from the apple pie sales, which was approximately \$3000, we encourage all of our parishioners to get involved with future fundraisers. Again, thank you all for your support!

❖ **Retirement Fund for Religious Second Collection:** Dec 11-12th. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others-educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.

❖ **Oplatki: \$3 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European Custom, guides are included.

❖ **St. Mary's Choir:** Our back table is filled with the traditional Advent Calendars for your family to use for counting down the days until Christmas as well as cards and Christmas puzzles.



Community events: ● **St. Paul UCC:**

- ▶ **Hand Bell and Choir Concert.** Nov. 28th @ 7:30pm
 - ▶ **38th Annual Hanging of the Greens.** Dec. 5th @ 7:00pm.
- Both events @ 100 East Main St., Ringtown. Refreshments following.



Vigil Mass: Tuesday: December 7th
 3:00pm • SM
 4:30pm • SJ

Wednesday: December 8th
 8:30am • SJ
 10:00am • SM

❖ **2022 Mass Book: Is OPEN!** *Please take note to the winter mass schedule. 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.* ***Daily Masses are still available for 2021***

❖ **Collection Envelopes 2022:** The new envelopes can be found on the tables in the church. If you do not see your envelopes on the table, please call the office and leave a message and we will make sure you get them. **If you know of any fellow parishioners who are not able to attend mass due to COVID-19 pandemic please take their envelopes and deliver to them. We would greatly appreciate it!**

Thank you to all who donated toward the landscaping and maintenance project at St. Mary's Church. We have reached our goal of \$1500.

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 Matejick by Joey Carter & Lauren Malick	\$50
Stan & Marie Piaskowski	\$100
Dave & Julia Kaschak & family	\$100
Rose Angelotti	\$10
Ed & Lisa Balkiewicz	\$400
Total donated to date: \$1522.50	

Our Condolencesto the family of
 • **Neil Disabella**, who passed away from St. Mary's Parish.
Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.....

❖ **Memorial: (M) Neil Disabella:** Tomtishen family: \$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.
We highlight a sponsor ad: Oravitz Home for Funerals Inc.