



## Community of Faith

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

### Vigil: Tuesday: Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

3:00pm • M

4:30pm • J

### Wednesday: Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30am • J

10:00am • M



### Thursday, 12/9 St. Juan Diego Cuanbtlatoatzin

8:00am J † Matilda Dewoski r/o Bill & Rosemarie Fellin

9:00am M † Mary Schultz r/o grand-daughter, Lisa

### Friday, 12/10 Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

### Saturday, 12/11 St. Damasus I

8:00am J † Priest Intention

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent • Year C

3:00pm M † Donna Ford

r/o Stan & Marie Paskowski

4:30pm J † Stanley & Mary Mahalick

r/o Al, Joanne & family



### Sunday, 12/12 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent • Year C

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

10:00am M † Nancy Blackwell r/o Barb & Rob Baranowsky

### Tuesday, 12/14 St. John of the Cross

8:00am J † Priest Intention

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

### Wednesday, 12/15 Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Sister Nivarda Filip r/o Marjorie Lorah & family

### Thursday, 12/16 Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

### Friday, 12/17 Weekday

8:00am J † Francis Bayait r/o Margaret Daly

9:00am M † Priest Intention

### Saturday, 12/18 Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent • Year C

3:00pm M † Betty Mickalowski

r/o daughter, Pauline

4:30pm J † Carmen Fierro

r/o Theresa Novak



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY @ Advent

### Sunday, 12/19 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent • Year C

8:30am J † Roy Gius r/o wife, Dolores

10:00am M † IMO: Joseph, Joanne & Rosie Aponick  
r/o Tracy Aponick & family

## + Liturgy & Worship +

### Holy Season of Advent

Advent is a time of hope and also a time for spiritual preparation for the coming of Our Lord not only at Christmas, which we celebrate every year, but also for His second and final coming at the end of times.

“...Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Lk 3:1-6

We are called not to remove piles of snow but piles of thoughtlessness, piles of neglect, piles of sins, and the things that make it difficult and often impossible for the Divine Child to come into our hearts.

Stop making excuses, stop blaming people or circumstances that disappointed us and start forgiving the people who did us wrong. Forgive ourselves for the mistakes we have made and focus on the goodness of God and dwell on the good things God has done in our lives.

Every one of us is precious to God. Repentance and conversion is a process of attitudinal change so that what is seen through the eyes of men to be impossible is now seen through the eyes of God as possible.

May all of us together make ready His way into our hearts as a family at home, as a parish family and as a family of God.

### Winter Mass Schedule

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

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M: \$2378 J: \$2214**

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



Hear Our Prayer

Names placed on the prayer list, unless otherwise notified, for 60 days. After that time, a permission form must be re-submitted.

Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!

❖ **Pray for:** Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A • Dorothy & Frank Hovanec  
Mark & Andrea & Baby Everett Miles • Ava Fritz •  
Rose Angelotti • Bill Jarzinko • Mary Balkiewicz • Dolly Zakavage

❖ **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.

► We are requesting that all parishioners to sanitize their hands upon entering Church to continue our vigilance regarding the COVID virus. Hand sanitizer can be found at all entrances of both Churches.



- ❖ **K of C Happenings:** Council 16072  
No meeting for the month of December
- 12/5 @ J Rosary prior to Mass
- 12/19 @ M 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 charitable projects.*

**Friday, 12/24 Christmas Eve**

4:30pm & 7:00pm @ SJ  
3:00pm & Midnight @ SM



**Saturday, 12/25 Christmas Day:**

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

**Friday, 12/31 New Year's Eve**

3:00pm @ SM †  
4:30pm @ SJ †



**Saturday, 1/1 Solemnity of Mary**

8:30am @ SJ †  
10:00am @ SM †

❖ **2022 Mass Book: Is now OPEN!**

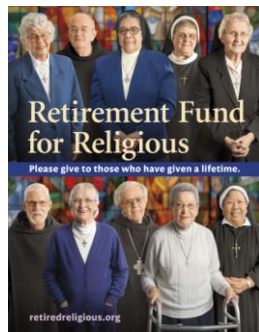
\*Please take note to the winter mass schedule. Remember your loved ones who have passed away or those who are special to you with Masses for their birthdays, special occasions, etc. The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10. Your requested dates for the Masses will be recorded upon receiving the stipend. **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 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: Valley Drive Inn Tastee Freeze**

❖ **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.



❖ **Retirement Fund for Religious Second Collection: December 11-12<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

❖ **St. Mary's Choir:** Visit our table for Christmas cards as well as our Christmas puzzles they make great gifts.

❖ **Oplatki: \$3.00 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European Custom, guides are included.

❖ **Flowers:** at the altar at Christmas are offered in honor & in memory of those you have designated in our Christmas Flower Offering. Thank you!



❖ **Redner's Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%. Sign up at Redners service desk.

Our Spirit of Giving continues as we collect gift cards and cash donations for Birthright to buy needed items for young teens/women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Gift cards to Walmart and Boscov's or cash donations all work well. We are also collecting cash donations to purchase a small gift for the homebound in our parishes. If you'd like to donate, please select an envelope from the Giving Tree and return your donation to the collection basket by December 19th. Once again, your overwhelming generosity put a smile on the faces of 15 foster kids and warmed the hearts of families in need. Your giving spirit is such a blessing to our parishes and our Community. May God bless you and your family with peace and joy this Christmas.



**Community events:** ● **St. Paul UCC:** ► 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanging of the Greens. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm, 100 East Main St., Ringtown. Refreshments following. ● **PT Maintenance person at St. Patrick Church, Pottsville** – If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this position, please contact: Lisa Arant, Business Manager, 570-622-5566, [larant@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:larant@allentowndiocese.org)

