



Community of Faith

Jan. 10th – Jan. 23rd, 2022
M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 1/11

Weekday

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

9:00am M Special Intention

Wednesday, 1/12

Weekday

8:00am J Paul & Ann r/o Anne Careyva

9:00am M Special Intention

Thursday, 1/13

St. Hilary

8:00am J Careyva family r/o Anne Careyva

9:00am M Special Intention

Friday, 1/14

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 1/15

Weekday

8:00am J † Rosemarie Careyva Lorenz r/o family

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

3:00pm M † Frank Kubicki (*birthday remembrance*)
r/o Mary Kubicki

4:30pm J † Roy & Betty Richards

r/o Bob & Kathy Richards

Sunday, 1/16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

8:30am J † Bob Stancik r/o wife, Carol Stancik

10:00am M † Joe Tomtishen r/o St. Mary's Choir

Tuesday, 1/18

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

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

Wednesday, 1/19

Weekday

8:00am J † John J. Palushock r/o wife, Enes & family

9:00am M Special Intention

Thursday, 1/20

St. Fabian

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M Special Intention

Friday, 1/21

St. Agnes

8:00am J † Matthew & Veronika Snarski r/o Mary Kubicki

9:00am M Special Intention

Saturday, 1/22

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

3:00pm M John Bogashewicz (*birthday*) r/o Mary Kubicki

4:30pm J † Helen Gurka r/o Joann, Al & sons

Sunday, 1/23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

8:30am J † William & Anna Fellin

r/o children & their families

10:00am M † Van Cleveland

r/o daughter, Sherry & Gene Rejent

Liturgy & Worship

Baptism of the Lord

Why do we Catholics dip our fingers in the holy water at the entrance of Church and make the sign of the cross? There is a world of meaning in that gesture, that ceremony. In today's liturgy we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. In celebrating His baptism, we celebrate our own baptism.

The water in those fonts reminds us of Christ going down into the waters of the Jordan. That water reminds us of our own baptism by which we entered into God's family, God's church. It shows the cleanliness of heart and mind with which a Catholic should take part in the worship of God.

The Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were all present at the Baptism of the Lord. Incorporated into Christ by baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation.

Given once for all, baptism cannot be repeated. Just as we are buried with Christ in the waters of baptism so shall we rise with Him. His death and resurrection are renewed in the Mass.

The Most Holy Trinity give the baptized sanctifying grace, the grace of justification-enabling us to believe in God, to hope in Him, and to love Him through the theological virtues giving us the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and allowing us to grow in goodness through moral virtues.

The Baptism of Jesus by Saint John marks the official public beginning of the works of our Lord as Redeemer. The redemption was the work of the entire Trinity. This was a turning point in His life.

From that moment on His life would never be the same. He found Himself and His real vocation. All His hidden qualities of care and love, which had been growing quietly like wheat in a field, now manifested themselves and were given full expression.

By baptism we share in the priesthood of Christ, in His prophetic and royal mission. We were pointed in very specific direction to serve God by a vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise our baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy life and practical charity.

Am I being true to the direction in which I was pointed at baptism?



Upcoming Collections January:

Solemnity of Mary, Weekly, Dues, Bldg Fund

❖ Last 2 Months Sunday collections:

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
NOVEMBER	\$4,897	\$4,375
DECEMBER	\$4,037	\$3,798



❖ 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

► **We are asking 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 Parishes.**

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

✠ If you know someone who 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. See the front of the bulletin for phone numbers.

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

- ▶ 1/16 @ M Rosary prior to Mass & meeting, following Mass.
- ▶ 2/6 @ J Rosary prior to Mass
- ▶ Knights are selling **COAL (Chance of a Lifetime) Tickets \$5.00** – All Cash Prizes –

See a Knight to purchase a ticket after Mass.

▶ **KofC - 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.**

❖ **Memorials: (M) IMO: Joseph Tomtishen**

: Louise Tomtishen & family: \$50

❖ **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!**

❖ **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 requested stipend fee.

Any questions please contact the parish office

Thank you...

❖ **A Word of Thanks:** The Christmas Masses, music, ministry, and the number of people who came for Holy Mass were inspiring during the adversity of COVID in 2021. Your cooperation and consideration for your fellow parishioners was greatly appreciated. May God bless you and all of our parish family with good health and His Peace! The churches, once again, were beautifully decorated. Thanks to any/all that helped in small or great ways.

❖ **A great thank you** to all those who contributed to our parish collections for Birthright and needy parishioners. As you know, because of COVID, our donations to Birthright could only be monetary, instead of our customary baby gifts and items. Your generosity to mothers in need, as well as to some needy parish families, was inspiring. **God bless your generous hearts!**

❖ **2022 Calendars:** are now at each SMSJ parish!

Please take one home for your use throughout the New Year!

Thanks to **Oravitz Home for Funeral Inc.**

for sponsoring our calendars this year!

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

We highlight a sponsor ad: Wilbert Vault/Paws & Remember

❖ **2021 Contributions:** If for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office. **If you received a copy last year there is no need to call the office, they will be mailed automatically. Tax forms will be mailed out January 21st.** If you prefer to have it emailed to you call the office and leave your name and email address.

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!
Total Profit for 2021 \$447.50 – Nice work – thank you!

❖ **Welcome new parishioners:**

(J) Jeffrey Adamchick & Kimberly Adamchick

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



Community events: Sheppton-Oneida Fire Company Monthly Bingo January 9th, Doors open 12 noon

Schuylkill County Young Adult Night
- Thursday, January 20, 2022

All Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join us for Mass, Adoration and Synod Listening Session on Thursday, January 20th at St. Patrick's Church, Mahantongo Street, Pottsville, PA. Mass and Adoration will begin at 6pm followed by the listening session at 7pm. Questions? Contact Maggie Riggins at mriggins@allentowndiocese.org.

Discover what Assumption BVM School has to offer at our New Student Information Session! Sunday, January 30th, 2022 11:30am until 1:00pm. Our team welcomes you to tour our wonderful school! Meet our teachers, students and classrooms! We are excited to meet your family! 112 South 7th Street Pottsville, PA 17901 (Main Entrance on Howard Avenue) For questions or more information, please contact Mrs. Tara Mengel at 570-622-0106 or tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net.

