



Community of Faith
 March 7th - March 20th, 2022
 M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

***Fr. Dominic will be on Retreat**

Tuesday, 3/8 St. John of God

6:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M *No Mass

Wednesday, 3/9 St. Frances of Rome

6:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M *No Mass

Thursday, 3/10 Weekday

6:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M *No Mass

Friday, 3/11 Weekday

6:00am J St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parishioners

9:00am M *No Mass

Stations of the Cross (M) @ 6:00pm

Saturday, 3/12 Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

2nd Sunday of Lent • Year C

3:00pm M † Joseph Piampi
 r/o wife, Roxana & son, Zachary

4:30pm J † Rose Trianosky
 r/o Nahas family



Sunday, 3/13 2nd Sunday of Lent • Year C

8:30am J † George & Mary Andrews r/o family

10:00am M † Evelyn Zerden r/o grandkids, Elona & Liam

Tuesday, 3/15 Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Wednesday, 3/16 Weekday

8:00am J † Mary Novak r/o Theresa Novak & Mary Stitzer

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 3/17 St. Patrick

8:00am J † Bill & Jane Weber r/o Mary Kubicki

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

Friday, 3/18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00am J Paul & Concetta Pustorino r/o Mary Kubicki

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Stations of the Cross (J) @ 6:00pm

Saturday, 3/19 St. Joseph

8:00am J † Priest Intention



3rd Sunday of Lent • Year C

3:00pm M † Joseph Piampi r/o K of C Council 16072

4:30pm J † IMO: Cassandra Stockton r/o Cindy Bruno

Sunday, 3/20 3rd Sunday of Lent • Year C

8:30am J † Peter Timko r/o daughter, Carol Stancik

10:00am M † Constance Hardy r/o grand-daughter, Valeria

Liturgy & Worship

In today's Gospel Jesus meets the devil face to face. Christ answers all his so-called arguments and false promises. As followers of Christ, you and I began our life in Christ by rejecting Satan in the ceremony of Baptism.

Why would human beings want to worship the devil?

How does a Catholic look at this startling and abnormal honoring of the evil one? Many refuse to believe anything that cannot be fully explained and understood.

A growing number of Americans are turning to worship of the Devil. On California Street in San Francisco, there is a Church of Satan with more than ten thousand dues-paying members!

There are, of course, many ways to understand the purpose of Lent. We can view Lent as a time to turn from sin, as a time to grow as a person, as a time to deepen our relationship with Christ.

God has left us the choice of deciding which of the two masters in life we wish to serve. On one hand is Christ, beckoning us to come to Him that we may have life and have it more abundantly. But, beware - to see what is on the other hand, we must turn our backs to Him.



Upcoming Collections March:

Ash Wednesday, Weekly, Dues, Easter Flowers, Bldg.

❖ **Last 2 Months Sunday collections:**

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
FEBRUARY	\$4146	\$4380
LAST SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$973	\$970

✠ For the 6 weeks of Lent, the parish will be taking up a **second collection** for several causes. The first week will be for the Mission Appeal which helps fund for pastoral work. The second week will be for Ukraine which supplies funds to the Church for Humanitarian needs. The remaining 4 weeks will go to alleviate hunger and poverty through the Rice Bowl collection. Please prayerfully consider how you can support these great causes.

❖ **2021 Contributions:** If, for tax purposes, you are in need of a parish contributions report, contact the parish office.



❖ **Pray for:** Jaden Leiby • J.A • Mark & Andrea & Baby Everett Miles • Ava Fritz • Dolly Zakavage



❖ **Welcome New Parishioners:**
 (J) Thomas & Patricia Kluge,
 Makenzie Baran and son, Treyton.

❖ **Lenten Symbol:** distributed the 1st Sunday of Lent. The words from Scripture allow us to keep the reminder before us on the Lenten journey. *The symbols are given in memory of Ron Rader, by Lou Ann/Lindsay.*

❖ We ask that you **NOT** leave your unwanted religious items or those that you receive in the mail in church.

** We can only distribute sanctioned items and materials.

Our Lenten Obligation

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 & 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th yr on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispense or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill? Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (6 March until 12 June 2022). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity.

Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Rice Bowl.



❖ **KofC Happenings:** Council 16072

- ▶ 3/13 @ M Rosary prior to Mass
- ▶ 3/20 @ M Rosary prior to Mass & meeting following Mass.
- ▶ Lenten Bleenie Fry Friday April 1st 11am-6pm

or sell out. (getting extra batter this year so we will have bleenies for a crowd)

▶ 40 Cans for 40 Days Lenten Food Drive (cans and Non-perishable food items) Donations will be accepted thru Palm Sunday April 10th Please be generous with your canned food donations during our Lenten season. All collected food supports food banks in Ringtown and Catholic Charities in Hazleton.

▶ K of C COAL (Chance of a Lifetime) \$5 chances are available from our Knights Council - 15 cash prizes - proceeds support our local Scholarship Awards.



❖ **St Joseph Candle: March 19th:** We offer St. Joseph's Candles that will be lit for the week surrounding the feast. Candles are offered: \$10 each. Envelopes @ Church entrance to indicate your offering/intention.



❖ **St. Joseph's:** We seek sponsors for prizes for our annual Grand Raffle ticket. As in the past, there are various ways to donate a prize: sponsor a gift card, donate a monetary prize or gift (\$25 minimum value). Tell us what kind of gift card and we will order it through our scrip card program and the church will receive a profit.

We ask that all prize donations be made by **March 21** so that we can get the tickets printed and ready for sale.

Information and donation forms have been sent to each parishioner. Extra forms are available at the back of the church.

If you know of anyone who might like to donate a prize, (friend, family member, business) please ask them.

Thanks to your generosity last year we offered 63 prizes and hope to do so again as *this is our major fund-raiser.*



❖ **St. Mary's:** now taking orders for our first wet-bottom shoo-fly pie sale of the year.

Deadline to order: Wednesday, March 23rd.

Pick up date: Tuesday, March 29th from 10am - noon at the church rectory.

Pies are \$8 and we are also taking orders for "just crusts" at \$3 each. Order sheets are at each entrance of the church. You can also call the rectory (leave name, phone# and order) at 889-3850 or Marie at 889-3825 to place an order or see any choir member.

❖ **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: Anderson Self Storage LLC



*Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Catholic Churches,
Thank you for your very generous monetary gift to Birthright.
Your generous support helps us to continue in our mission in helping mothers and babies in our area. God Bless You.*

Sincerely,

Volunteers at Birthright of Frackville

Community Events: • **Open enrollment at Assumption BVM School in Pottsville** has begun for the 2022-2023 school year! Now accepting new students! Limited spots available in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Transportation is available from most neighboring districts. Please contact Mrs. Tara Mengel at 570-622-0106 or tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net for more information, to schedule a tour or shadow day for your student. • **St. Paul UCC, Ringtown Chicken & Waffle Dinner.** 4/23 4:30-6:30pm. Take out only. Tickets: \$12.50. For tickets contact: June 889-5912, Janice 889-3494 or Pastor Craig 889-3074 • **Aurand Memorial United Methodist Church, Ringtown Soup Sale.** *All proceeds benefit Feb. 14th Ringtown Fire Victims.* Soup can be picked up Saturday, 4/9 from 11:30am - 1:30pm. \$7.00/quart. Deadline to order is 4/2. To place an order call 570-889-5925. Soups available: Vegetable Beef, Ham & Bean, Creekside Chicken Noodle, Italian Wedding soup • **Holy Family Parish of Minersville Lenten Food Sales at Hillcrest (631 Minersville-Llewellyn Hwy)** 3/11 & 4/8 noon to sellout. Pre-orders encouraged, walk ins if available. Deadline to order by noon 3/10 & 4/7. Call the office 570-544-4741 ext 1. Food available: Pierogi, Halushki, Clam Chowder (red) and Potato Soup.



Sunday, March 13th