



## Community of Faith

March 21<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

+ *Liturgy & Worship* +

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel speaks of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment while giving them another chance despite their repeated sins. Jesus invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion and forgiveness.

The man who planted the fig tree is Almighty God. The fig tree means the chosen people of God, you and me. The vinedresser or worker in the vineyard is Christ. In justice God the Father decides to cut down the fruitless tree. Christ intercedes. He pleads and prays that we will have more time, another chance. For the sake of His Son, the heavenly Father gives us another chance. That is the story of our life with Christ, pleading for us is one of the principal tasks of Christ. He is our intercessor, our go-between. He asks mercy for us.

Mass is the supreme expression of this truth. Jesus offers Himself to the Father through His priest. He is like Moses in today's first reading, pleading for His people.

In the second Eucharistic prayer we will pray: "For our sake Christ opened His arms on the Cross." Like Christ, a priest is an intercessor for His people.

May Christ help all of us to be intercessors and inspire us to intercede for others.

### Tuesday, 3/22

*Weekday*

8:00am J † ILM: Roy Gius (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

r/o wife, Dolores & niece, Virginia Spudis

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

### Wednesday, 23

*St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*

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

9:00am M † Priest Intention

### Thursday, 3/24

*Weekday*

8:00am J Brian Bogashewicz r/o Diana Bogashewicz

9:00am M † Priest Intention

### Friday, 3/25

*Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00am J † Reverend Jan Snarski r/o Mary Kubicki

9:00am M † Priest Intention

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

### Saturday, 3/26

*Weekday*

8:00am J † Florence Drasher

r/o Jerry & Roseanne Evangelista

### Fourth Sunday of Lent • Year C

3:00pm M † Sandra Carpenetti r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

4:30pm J Marie Pustorino r/o Mary Kubicki

### Sunday, 3/27

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year C**

8:30am J Darah Kelly (*birthday*) r/o Mary Kubicki

10:00am M † Lewis Jordan Sr. r/o Tracy Aponick & family

### Tuesday, 3/29

*Weekday*

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

### Wednesday, 3/30

*Weekday*

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

9:00am M † Priest Intention

### Thursday, 3/31

*Weekday*

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Margaret Washko r/o John J. Washko

### Friday, 4/1

*Weekday*

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

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

### Saturday, 4/2

*St. Francis of Paola, Hermit*

8:00am J † Priest Intention

### Fifth Sunday of Lent • Year C

3:00pm M † Ferdinand & Patricia Piccolo

r/o Kathy Lorah

4:30pm J Sal Pustorino (*birthday*) r/o Mary Kubicki



### Sunday, 4/3

**Fifth Sunday of Lent • Year C**

8:30am J † Stanley & Irene Piaskowski

r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

10:00am M † Eugene & Helen Recla

r/o children & their families

**Upcoming Collections April:** Weekly, Dues, Holy Thursday, Easter, Bldg, Mother's Day

### ❖ Last 2 Months Sunday collections:

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
FEBRUARY	\$4,146	\$4,380
LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$1,503	\$2,630



✠ 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 report, contact the parish office.



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



### ❖ **Welcome New Parishioners:**

(M) Alicia Stabinsky, Paul & Katynn Artman

❖ 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.

## Holy Week



**Holy Thurs:** 7:00pm @ (SJ);  
**Adoration @ (SJ)** until 10:00pm  
**Good Friday: Stations:** Noon @ (SM)  
**Passion Service:** 3:00pm @ (SJ)  
**Holy Saturday: Basket Blessing:**  
11:00am @ (SJ); noon @ (SM)

**Triduum Mass:** 8:00pm @ (SM) (gather by 7:45pm)

**Resurrection Sunday:** 8:30am @ (SJ)  
10:00am @ (SM)  
11:30am @ (SJ)



❖ **K of C Happenings:** Council 16072  
▶ 3/20 @ M Rosary prior to Mass & meeting following Mass.  
▶ 4/3 @ J Rosary prior to Mass

▶ Lenten Bleenie Fry Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> – CANCELLED ☹  
▶ 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> in Saint Clair @ 7PM  
▶ 40 Cans for 40 Days Lenten Food Drive (Cans and non-perishable food items.) Donations will be accepted thru Palm Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**GRAND RAFFLE** ❖ **St. Joseph's:** We continue to seek sponsors for our annual Grand Raffle ticket. There are various ways to donate a prize: sponsor a gift card, donate a monetary prize or gift item (\$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 have extended the deadline for prize donations to March 28.* Extra donation forms are available on the table by the confessionals. If you have a friend/family member or know of a business that would donate a prize, please ask them. *We hope to have the ticket ready and available for sale/purchase in April.*



Shoo Fly Pie Sale

❖ **@ St. Mary's Parish:**  
**Deadline to order: Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**  
**Pick up date: Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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: **Clean Out**



❖ **Congratulations to** The Stabinski/Artman family & Vesnefskie family as we welcome Katyann Artman & Maura Vesnefskie into the family of faith @ St. Mary Parish.  
March 20<sup>th</sup> - **Katyann Artman**  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Maura Vesnefskie**



❖ **@ St. Mary Parish:**  
**Friday/Saturday: June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**  
We are busy making plans for our block party and our basket auction which has been a great fundraiser for our parish. This was entirely due to your overwhelming generosity and great ideas!

▶ We are seeking donations of water and "brand name" soda only for the Block Party.

▶ **BASKET AUCTION!!!**

As we reported to you last year after the Block Party, the Basket Auction was a GREAT success! We are asking you once again to consider donating a basket or prize for the auction. The prize ranges will be, once again, \$25- \$50, \$51-99, and the large prizes will be \$100 and above. Gift cards of any kind, lottery tickets, and gift certificates to local eateries are only a few ideas! Maybe a couple of friends, or family members would like to go together to make up a prize basket. If there is anyone who would like to donate, but doesn't want to do the shopping, NO PROBLEM! We will gladly do it for you. If anyone has any questions, please call Arlene at 570-590-5810.

❖ The **Women of Grace** will be praying the rosary at an abortion center on **Tuesday, March 22.** Please call Nancy @ 215-801-5797 if you can join us.



✠ **Priests for Life** have designated **March 25<sup>th</sup>** as the "**Day of the Unborn**", formerly *Day of the Child*.

There is a strong link to the Holy Feast of **The Annunciation**, the day Our Lady said "Yes" to Our Heavenly Father. Please pray that all women/girls will be able to say "Yes" through the grace of God and the support of all Christians.

Please pray for an end to abortion and protection of ALL LIFE

**Thank you** to Helen Fisher for her time and talent of making the beautiful rosaries that are given out when a parishioner receives a sacrament.

▶ **Marian Catholic High School:** Come experience a day in the life of a Marian student. Students in grades 7 & 8 from St. Mary's (Ringtown), St. Joseph's (Sheppton), St. Joseph the Worker (Frackville), St. Charles Borromeo (Ashland), and St. Michael's Ukrainian (Frackville), are invited to spend the day with us on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of our Parish Days! Please reach out to Mary Milosh for more information or to sign up: 570-467-3335 ext. 116 or [mmilosh@mariancatholics.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholics.org)

✠ **Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday** Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

**Community Events:** • **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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 •

**Schuylkill Choral Society** under the direction of Dr. Mark P. Thomas accompanied by Allison Kline *In Remembrance* Featuring Faure Requiem in D minor and members of the Anthracite Philharmonic on **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm @ St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church,** 3<sup>rd</sup> & Mahantongo St., Pottsville, PA