



Community of Faith

August 29th – September 11th, 2022
M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

+ Liturgy & Word +

Life – Yes

The respect that we have for all human life indicates how deeply we perceive reality. If we are only impressed with life in its colorful robes of youth, intelligence, and beauty, then we are only sliding off the surface of reality. If we are impressed with all of human life because it is human, then we have entered into the depths of reality. We have passed beyond scars, wrinkles and empty stares to the unscarred, unwrinkled, meaningful spirit within each individual. We have touched our brother's/sister's humanity.

For those who look beyond even what is beyond, we have touched our brothers/sisters in God. As Christ expressed it: **“Reach out and do good to those who cannot repay you, and your Father in heaven will repay you.”** So as long as a human being is able to be alive with the ordinary help that life offers, he is scared. No human anger should dare to lay a destructive hand on him/her. If anything a human hand should reach out to him/her and embrace him/her with love.

As Christ would put it, “As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brothers, you did it for me.” Knowing how to control the one and how to use the other is probably the most important knowledge of life.

As Christ would say of constructive anger:

“The Kingdom of heaven on earth needs a certain amount of loving violence, a certain amount of loving determination, and the resolve to bear it away.”

Tuesday, 8/30

Weekday

8:00am J † Thomas Gulash r/o Donna & Jessica Gulash

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

Wednesday, 8/31

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Florence Nestarick r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

Thursday, 9/1

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Friday, 9/2

Weekday

8:00am J † James Ney r/o Bill & Joyce Bradley

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 9/3

St. Gregory the Great

8:00am J † Priest Intention

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

4:00pm J William & Sally Waskewich r/o Mary Kubicki

5:30pm M † James & Mary Ambrose

r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

Sunday, 9/4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

8:30am J † Dolores Andrews r/o family

10:00am M † Joseph D. Tomtishen

r/o K of C Council 16072

Tuesday, 9/6

Weekday

8:00am J † dec'd of the Wolk family r/o Bob

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Wednesday, 9/7

Weekday

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

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Thursday, 9/8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Bill Lorah Jr. r/o Mom

Friday, 9/9

St. Peter Claver

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 9/10

Weekday

8:00am J † Priest Intention

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

4:00pm J † Carmen Fierro r/o Theresa Novak

5:30pm M † William Lorah Jr. r/o wife, children

Sunday, 9/11

24th S in Ordinary Time • Year C

8:30am J John & Diana Bogashewicz r/o Mary Kubicki

10:00am M † Stanley & Irene Piaskowski

r/o Aaron & Kristi Piaskowski

Upcoming Collections September:

Weekly, Dues, Propagation of Faith

❖ Last 2 Sunday collections:

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$1,970	\$1,942

✠ Confession: available anytime.



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



❖ K of C Happenings:

- ▶ 9/1 – 4th Degree meeting at 7:00pm in Frackville
- ▶ 9/4 – Rosary at St. Joseph's prior to mass.
- ▶ 9/11 – Rosary at St. Mary's prior to Mass
- ▶ 9/18 – Rosary at St. Mary's prior to Mass – Meeting following Mass



❖ Congratulations to

The Utrera/Hall family as we welcome Auriella Jean Utrera into the family of faith @ St. Joseph's September 11, 2022.

✠ Confirmation: Date is: ***Tuesday, October 18th @ 4:30pm at Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah.***
Please see Fr. Dominic or call the parish office if you will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

► **Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program – Prep**

Now is the time to register your child for the Religious Education Classes for Students in Grades 1-8, for the 2022-2023 school year. The students who attended PREP classes during the 2021-2022 school year have received their registration forms. The forms are to be completed and put in the mailbox of Annunciation Convent, 229 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA.

**The Parents of new students are to call
Sister Mary Glackin at 484-888-1358.**

❖ **Second Collection: September 10-11th weekend for the
Archdiocese Military Collection.**

Please read the bulletin insert for more information.

► **2023 SAVE THE DATE: On June 25, 2023** St. Mary's will celebrate 100 years of serving God's people in Ringtown and surrounding areas. The celebration will start with Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert followed by a reception.

More details to come in future bulletins.



Redner's Save-A-Tape: Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%.

**For your receipts to count toward the church
you must sign up at Redners service desk!**



**THANKING THOSE WHO
SERVE & PROTECT.....**

The Woman of Grace would like to send your family members, friends, and neighbors who are serving in the military, a care package to thank them for their service to our country.... a sacrifice they and you are making to keep us all safe. But we need your help. If

you know any active service members (who may or may not be parishioners) please call Arlene Sachleben @ 570-590-5810 or Nancy Krajnikovich @ 215-801-5797 and provide the following information: **Service member's unit, last and first name, title, DPO/FPO/APO and full ZIP code.**

(We will post the addresses of these service members in case you'd like to send holiday greetings in the next few months).

Also, if you'd like to donate items, there will be a box at the entrance to church from **August 20th - Sept 10th**. Here are some military care package ideas that are appreciated by service members:

- **Necessities** - such as sunblock, socks, underwear, flip-flops, lip balm and powder
- **Snack** - including chips, salsa, nuts, cookies, beef jerky, non-melting candy and trail mix in packaging that isn't easily crushed. Drink mixes in single-serving packets are also a good addition.
- **Games** - such as playing cards/poker chips, crosswords or puzzle books.
- **Stationery** -paper, envelopes, address labels and pens.

God Bless these brave men and women!

Call for Volunteers! Please help us feed the hungry! Catholic Charities *needs more volunteers*. The demand for food has risen and we need help to serve meals at our soup kitchens in Allentown and Pottsville. We are looking for cooks, servers, and food pantry organizers. Please visit www.catholiccharitiesad.org/volunteer to learn more other volunteer opportunities. All volunteers must complete background checks, training and forms. Please add to your parish bulletins and contact Bob Olney at 610-435-1541, ext 327, or rolney@allentowndiocese.org for more information.

Healing Mass: Join Father George Winne for a Healing Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 1825 West Turner Street, Allentown on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Praise and worship music begin at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

On **Thursday, October 6th, 2022**, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will lead a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., to celebrate the **60th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Diocese of Allentown**. As with previous pilgrimages all parishioners, parish organizations, high school students, grade school students, and PREP/ CCD students are invited and encouraged to attend. For this pilgrimage to be a success we will need and depend upon your cooperation and support and especially your encouragement of the faithful to participate. Since this is a Diocesan event, we hope to have representation from all areas of the Diocese. Participation in this pilgrimage will have a great impact on parishioners and students as we rejoice in the sixty years the Diocese of Allentown has promoted the gospel and as we recall Our Lord's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist that has been the foundation of those sixty years and the special focus of this year. There will be a keynote speaker.

► **Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Joseph:**

To make this pilgrimage a possibility for us to attend, we would need to be able to fill 50 seats on a coach bus. If we cannot fill a bus, we will need to cancel the trip. At that time if you still would like to attend, we ask you to contact another parish for a seat on their bus. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone interested in going. One name per line when signing up please! The bus will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Any names beyond capacity of 50 will be put on a waiting list in the event of any cancellations. We will need to know a headcount by Sept 6th as prices may vary based on amount of people attending. The plan is to stop on the way home to eat. Currently the **estimated** cost is \$85/person. Payment will be due by Sept 12th. More details to come in future bulletins.

Diocese of Allentown Commission for Men Presents Catholic Men's Conference. November 19, 2022, at DeSales University.

"How to be a Catholic Man in the world today."

To register: <http://www.MenAliveInChrist.org>

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on **Thursday, September 1** at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville.

An informal social beginning at 6:00pm will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00-8:00 with the opportunity for Confessions. RSVP Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community (kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org).



Community Events:

• **St. Patrick Church SWAHILI CATHOLIC MASS** Fr.

Barnabas Shayo, A.J., will celebrate a **Swahili Catholic Mass** on **September 11, at 2:00 pm**, in St. Patrick Church. All are welcome to experience the African way of celebrating Mass. There will be African food and drinks at the Parish Center following Mass. Tickets are needed for the dinner because space is limited. Please RSVP by August 28 by calling Debbie at 570-622-1802, ext. 0

• **Aurand Memorial United Methodist Church Soup Sale:**

Saturday, Oct. 1st. Soups: Vegetable Beef, Ham & Bean, Creekside Chicken Noodle, Italian Wedding. \$7.00/quart. Soup pick up from 11:30am-1:30pm at 217 W. Main St., Ringtown. Pre-orders being accepted August 29th – Septs. 24th. To order contact any AMUMC member or call Louise Hetherington at 570-889-5925

• **St. Paul's UCC Church** 100 East Main St, Ringtown. "Free" Fresh Vegetables from the Bountiful Garden of Grace available for pickup Saturdays 10-11:30am