



Community of Faith
December 5 – December 18, 2022
M: St Mary • J: St Joseph

Tuesday, 12/6

St. Nicholas

8:00am J † James Ney r/o Theresa & Mary

9:00am M † Priest Intention



Vigil: Wednesday: Dec. 7th

3:00pm • M

4:30pm • J

Thursday: Dec. 8th

8:30am • J

10:00am • M

Friday, 12/9

Weekday

8:00am J † Richard Grabosky r/o Bob & Jeanette Fellin

9:00am M Ron Whalen (*health*)

r/o Knights of Columbus Council #16072

Saturday, 12/10

Weekday

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



3rd Sunday of Advent • Year A

3:00pm M † Stasia Kolesinsky

r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

4:30pm J † Albert & Marie Salvaterra

r/o Judy & Mike Dziak

Sunday, 12/11 **3rd Sunday of Advent • Year A**

8:30am J † Rudolph Sentiwany

r/o granddaughter, Carol Stancik

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

Tuesday, 12/13

St. Lucy

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Charles R. Lescowitch r/o John J. Washko

Wednesday, 12/14 *St. John of the Cross*

8:00am J † Priest Intention

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

Thursday, 12/15 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Friday, 12/16 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Priest Intention

9:00am M † Priest Intention

Saturday, 12/17 *Weekday*

8:00am J † Priest Intention



4th Sunday of Advent • Year A

3:00pm M † Julian Vicente

r/o O'Conner family

4:30pm J † Stanley & Mary Michalik

r/o Al, Joanne & Sons

Sunday, 12/18 **4th Sunday of Advent • Year A**

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

10:00am M † ILM: Joseph, Joanne, Roseanne Aponick
 r/o Tracey Aponick & family

+ Liturgy & Word +

“A voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Mt:3.1

The highway to be made straight is our way of life. It is not the Lord who needs the straight path but us, and it's not so much a straight path we need as a straight attitude. Someone may be living next door to one another, yet, because of a hostile or unforgiving attitude, they may be unable to travel the few yards that separate them from one another.

The word “straight” stands for honesty and right living. To go straight means to reform after having been dishonest or deceitful. Crooked, on the other hand, stands for dishonesty, cheating.... there can be a crooked way of dealing with others, a crooked way of living, a crooked way of behaving. This is what God asks of us that we “act justly, loving tenderly, and walk humbly with your God.” (Mic 6:8)

During the season of Advent, let us ask the Lord to take the blindness from our eyes, the weakness from our will and the hardness from our hearts, so that our lives may be flooded by the grace of His coming.

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

❖ **Last 2 Sunday collections:**

| | St. Mary | St. Joseph |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS | \$1,902 | \$2,176 |

† **Confession:** available anytime.



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

❖ **K of C Happenings:**



► **Dec. 11th & Dec. 18th** • Rosary at St. Mary's prior to Mass

► *No December monthly meeting – Meetings will resume in January

► **2023 K of C Council 16072 council dues** are now being collected. Please place your \$25.00 annual dues in an envelope with your name on it and give to Stan or George; or you can mail your \$25.00 dues to Stan Piaskowski @

Stanley J Piaskowski
 Financial Secretary 16072
 464 West Main Street
 Ringtown, PA. 17967

† **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.

❖ **Collection Envelopes 2023:** 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 please take their envelopes to deliver to them. We would greatly appreciate it!*

❖ **2023 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 stipend. *Any questions please contact the parish office. *** Daily Masses are still available for 2022 ****

❖ **Oplatki: \$3 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European custom, guides are included.

❖ **St. Mary's Choir:** Our table is filled with the traditional Advent Calendars for your family to use for counting down the days until Christmas as well as cards and Christmas puzzles.

❖ **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: **Stauffer-Breznik Funeral Home**



❖ Our giving tree is adorned with envelopes labeled BIRTHRIGHT and FAMILIES IN NEED. As before, monetary donations and gift cards are perfect.

Birthingright will use our donations to purchase the necessities that young mothers will be given to care for their precious babies.

Families in Need donations will be used by Father Dominic for local families as he helps to feed and clothe the very needy among us. He handles all the purchasing as he finds necessary. If there are any questions, please call Nancy or Arlene or the parish office. **Please return envelopes in the collection basket.** Thank you in advance for your generosity. God bless you!

❖ **PARISH REGISTRATION** – Over time, as children leave for college, we can lose track of some of our parishioners. Some people move away, and later return to the area believing that they are still registered members. However, if we haven't heard from you over a period of a few years, you are dropped from the parish registry. Young adults, 21 years or older, who still live with their parents also need to register.

Please keep in mind that if you are asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation, sponsor certificates require the member to be a registered practicing catholic.

If you would like to register in our parishes, please call the parish office at 889-3850.

✚ 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. Please see the front of the bulletin for phone numbers.

❖ **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!*

❖ **Retirement Fund for Religious:** A second collection will be taken the weekend of December 10 & 11, 2022.

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Please give generously.



WELCOME

WELCOME - We often see new faces at Mass and we would like you to know that you are always welcome in our parishes.

Saturday, 12/24 Christmas Eve

4:30pm Mass @ SJ

3:00pm & Midnight Mass @ SM

Sunday, 12/25 Christmas Day

8:30am Mass @ SJ Parish

10:00am @ SM Parish



Saturday, 12/31 New Year's Eve Mass

3:00pm Mass @ SM Parish †

4:30pm Mass @ SJ Parish †

Sunday, 1/1 Solemnity of Mary

8:30am Mass @ SJ Parish †

10:00am Mass @ SM Parish †



❖ **Ember Days** His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert encourages the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to celebrate the Ember Days for the Season. Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are twelve Ember Days in all. In particular, the Advent Ember Days are a heightened time of expectation and waiting in preparation for Christmas. Fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the Church, with abstaining being from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day, with the allowance of two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal, and no eating between meals. The Advent Ember Days for 2022 are as follows: Wednesday, December 14, 2022, Friday, December 16, 2022, and Saturday, December 17, 2022.

✚ Assumption BVM School is seeking a **Full-time First Grade Teacher, full or part-time maintenance person and substitute teachers** for the 2022-2023 school year. Please send application, resume, certification and clearances to Assumption BVM School to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating, 112 South 7th Street, Pottsville, PA 17901 or call 570-622-0106 for more information.

