

Jan 5 • 6pm • Rc •

† Alfred Handy r/o Family

Jan 6 • 9am • Rc •

† Madeline & James Torpey r/o Fr. Jim

• Jan 10/11 •

4pm • J

† Eleanor Morrissey
r/o Bill/Kathleen Lynch



5:45pm • M

† For the Unborn r/o Brian Irslinger

8:15am • J

† Eugene & Helen Recla r/o Daughters/Family

10am • M † Victor Cicioni r/o Family



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1286; Campaign: 785 • J: S: 1455;
Campaign: 100

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$305 • J: \$580.

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ SCRIPTURE: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Matt 2:1-12 •

Next Week: Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



Hear Our Prayer

Prayer List: Forms are at Church, the parish office, online. Fill them out & get them in, even if you are healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of illness! If you are family member and

do not have power of attorney or guardian-ship, we suggest: write their initials in the Book of Intercessions!

Pray for: **Marge Krupilis •Dorothy Yanuskiewicz •John Washko •Rose Ann & Tracey Aponick •Jean & Alice Jarzinko •Joseph Washko •Ed & Sally McNamee •Jennifer Gilliam •Margaret Burns**

❖ Birthday: **Matt Jones: 1/5; Mary Beth Kosar, Peg Dixon: 1/6; Ann Biros, Julia Grohol, Donna Gulash: 1/7; Teaghan & Madison Biros: 1/9.**

Condolences to the family of **Joseph Aponick** who was buried this weekend from St. Mary's. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.....

❖ **Altar Servers:** To memorialize one, they are \$200 each! We seek adults to serve: Family/Father/Sons. See Fr.

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** December tickets are: \$2 @!

❖ **St Mary's: Jan. 1, 2015 PA 4, 7pm #, \$1,000!** What a nice way to start off the New Year!

❖ **"Women of Grace":** continues the journey with 12 women gathering for 16 sessions alternating btw Sheppton & Ringtown. We expect a deeper prayer life to enhance the lives of participants and families, including the parish family.

❖ **Year of St. Mark's Gospel continues! Read your Bible!**

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Offer in Stewardship the offering of a gift you've given to someone you love!

❖ **Interested in our Catholic faith?** Think about discerning the Catholic faith? Ask, encourage, invite! Share the gift of faith!

Reflection: Epiphany: This time of year we live in darkness more than light, literally. Crime increases, depression sets in, the night seems to last "forever." So very often danger is associated with darkness. Contrast that with the message of the feast of the Epiphany. (The day, by the way, when most of the world offers gifts: they come from the ones who brought gifts to Jesus, the Kings). Here the message is that the "danger" is in the light!

The light that brings us to encounter the "newborn King of the Jews" is found in a most unexpected place, a little village, a cave, among the lowly shepherds & the foreign "magi". Here the light challenges us to change, to live, not by fear but by faith. Truth is we should run from the light. We get the message to stick with the magi: follow it, trust it.

Darkness or light? A very stark contrast! Which do we choose?

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & ☘

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Welcome Fr. Brennan for Mass next weekend as I will be making my annual retreat.

❖ **SCRIP:** We have cards to assist the parish: We've \$25 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Arby's, \$10 Burger King; \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$10 Domino's, \$10 Dunkin Donuts, \$25 Giant, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 iTunes, \$5 KFC, \$25 Weiss, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Old Country Buffet, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Theatres, \$25 Sheetz, \$10 Taco Bell, \$100 & \$25 Walmart & \$10 Wendy's on hand. on hand. Contact the parish office. When you purchase from us, you receive the full value of the card, we receive % on each. We're looking for disciples to take a Mass @ month to offer them.

❖ Visit us on the web: stmarystjoseph.net

Mass returns to our regular schedule next weekend: Jan. 10/11:

• **Sat: Jan. 10: 4pm @ St. Joseph**

5:45pm @ St. Mary!!!!

• **Sun: Jan. 11: 8:15 J; 10am M**

If enough participate during the Spring/Summer, we might offer a 5pm Sunday Mass, moving the Sat. Mass!

❖ **Service of Christian Unity:** Sun, Jan. 18th at St. Paul's UCC Church, Ringtown. Light lunch served from 11:30 - 12:45. Service begins at 1pm. Join us for this time of prayer for Unity and Peace.

❖ **Men's Spirituality:** We're working to establish a "King's Men" regional group that will encourage men to be accountable to the Lord, His Church & each other & live as men of prayer. This is a group distinct from the Knights of Columbus council recently established. We encourage participation in either/both.

❖ **Envelopes:** for St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishioners are at Church. Please, if you have a neighbor/relative that you can take the box for, drop it off.

Those who support the parish by attendance & stewardship receive the full benefit of "active membership."

❖ **Epiphany Hymn of St. Ambrose:** Most High God! Thou that enkindles the fires of the shining stars!

O Jesus! Thou that art peace and life and light and truth, hear and grant our prayers. This present day has been made holy by thy mystic baptism, whereby thou didst sanctify those waters of the Jordan, which of old were thrice turned back. It is holy by the star shining in the heavens, whereby thou didst announce thy Virginal Mother's delivery and didst, on the same day, lead the Magi to adore thee in thy crib.

It is holy too, by thy changing the water of the pitchers into wine; which the steward of the feast, knowing that he had not so filled them, drew forth for the guests.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Jesus, that didst appear on this Day! And to the Father and to the Holy Spirit, for everlasting ages. Amen. --*Hymn of St. Ambrose (338-397), used by the Church in Milan*



❖ **Epiphany Blessings:** For those who have reserved your packets: they are at the Church as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany! We're blessing our parish worship spaces @ the am Masses. Holy Water is available for you to reserve & keep at home for blessing & protection throughout the year.

❖ **Calendars:** for 2015! Take one home! Thanks to **Oravitz Home for Funerals** for sponsoring our calendars.



❖ **Giving Tree:** Gifts can be given through this weekend, the feast of the Epiphany. We've left them out so we can see how we take giving seriously! Your gifts help Birthright Frackville & the Catholic Social Agency, Hazleton

❖ **Bulletin:** For years, our bulletin covers have come from an outside source. In the coming weeks, we're doing our own. Ad space is available. Know of someone who might sponsor an ad & help us? We offer space for a reasonable rate. We seek ads for a year, prices vary by size. With this, we can maintain & help fund the lease of a new copier. Contact or refer someone to the parish office.

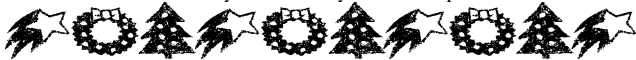
❖ **Church Cleaning/Decorating:**

Thanks to all who helped to make your Church so beautiful! Know of our prayers of thanks to all who did great and small tasks! Don't forget: we need help to take our



decorations down **next Sun: Jan. 11th** after Mass!

❖ **Sign of Peace/Communion:** Because of the flu epidemic, we have been directed by the diocese to suspend extending the sign of peace & communion via the Precious Blood from this weekend until Holy Thursday 2015: April 2nd.



❖ **Outside Events:** ☞ Marian HS Open House: 7-8th graders thinking about high school: Sun. 1/25 @ 1-3pm: Call 570-467-0641. Drawing towards \$500 tuition assistance! ☞ Bingo: Sheppton Fire Co: 1/11: 1pm ☞ **"Gun @ Week for a Year":** Sheppton & other Area Fire Co.'s: \$30 each. 384-4746.



❖ **Christmas Flowers:** Our listing of those who indicated flowers are memorialized in memory/honor of. For some who have written, not printed, we did our best "deciphering."

Guydish Family~ Anna/Charles Steele~ Charles/Sophie Knieriem~ Gallagher Family~ Jones Family~ Florence Piniuk~ William/Anna Maczees, Sr.~ Stamatopoulos Family~ Sarah Kelmalis~ Devaney Family~ Michael Laudig~ James Murray~ Furedi Family~ Joe Mattes~ Dziak/Salvaterra Families~ Macus Family~ Matejick/Hardy Parents~ Kosar Family~ Kealy Family~ John Zakrewski~ Vasey Family~ Grabosky Family~ Anderson Family~ Annamarie/James Hall~ Health/Welfare of Family~ Joseph Stachowski~ Joann Schlauch~ Sartori Family~ Zienkiewicz Family~ Peace for our troubled world~ William Lorah, Sr.~ Kovalcik Family~ Paul Flaim~ Roulin Family~ M/M Edward Matta~ Susan Flaim~ Tait Family~ Bankes, Mattie, & Yeager Families~ Peter/Rachel Dangelo~ Thomas Gulash~ Kayes Family~ Marianne/Rick Lubrecht~ Lorah/Fellin Families~ Mary Yadinskie~ Families of the Unborn~ Catherine Murray~ Michael Murray~ Tomtishen Family~ Sprague Family~ Washko Family~ Ricci/Gaudet Families~ M/M A. Stankavage~ D'Arcy/David Families~ Mike Funanage~ Zakavage, Oldinsky, & Kayesuski Families~ Fisher/Cossack Families~ Hovanec Family~ Thomas Angelotti~ Novak Family~ Kreiger Family~ Valanty/Sharkey Families~ Victor Cicioni~ All Souls~ Dixon/Dunleavy Families~ Friendly Family~ Milefsky Family~ Blackwell Family~ Rinkenberg/Yorke Families~ Hoffman Family~ Bob Stancik~ Fritz Family~ Peace of Mind~ Sister~ Mother~ Evangelista Family~ Sachleben Family~ Balkiewicz, Jarzinko, & Bryk Families~ Fanelli Family~ Sullivan Family~ Torpey/Dinger Families~ Health~ Nahas Family~ Rader/Johns Families~ Biros Family~ Deceased of Stivers/George Families~ Houser Family~ Oscovitch/Ancharski Families~ Lynch Family~ Bell Family~ Hartz Family~ Brennan Family~ Victor J. Yanuskiewicz~ Dorothy Yanuskiewicz~ M/M James Popalis~ Marie Taglieri~ M/M Joseph Loftus~ Noel Brouse~ Irvin/Helen Brouse~ Mathias/Elizabeth Schmidt~ Gurka/Michalick Families~ Motil Family~ Coslop Family~ Staerk Family~ Johnny J. Navitsky~ Wolk Family~ Jeanne Cleveland~ Josephine/Bron Rejent~ Jane Schneider~ For the Depressed during holidays~ Good Health of Family~ Savitsky Family~ Stella/Anthony Pomorski~ Albert Urban~ Anna Zakarevicz~ Raymond Milosh~ Fr. Schware~ James Conroy~ Fishburn/Milosh Families~ Bruce Johnson~ Deceased of Piniuk Family~ Howard/Logan Family~ Walch Family~ Joseph Dombrowski~ Pekitus Family~ Zogby/Mays Families~ Grohol Family~