

Jan 19 • 6pm • Rc •

† Jean Cristie r/o Al/Bea Gius

Jan 20 • 9am • Rc • Sebastian

† John Palushock r/o Enes & Family

Jan 21 • Noon • Rc • Agnes

† Julia Sider r/o M/M Steve Shemany

Jan 23 • 6pm • Rc • Marianne Cope

† George VanGosig r/o Handy Family

• Jan 24/25 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year

4pm • J • † End To Abortion r/o Kosciuk Family

5:45pm • M • Charles Scodari [birthday blessings] r/o Wife, Luann

8:15am • J • † William & Anna Fellin r/o Children/Family

10am • M † Robert J. Smith r/o Mary Kreisher



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 933; Dues: 134; Campaign: 275 •

J: S: 1569; Dues: 238; Campaign: 162

Offered through myEoffering: M: \$5 • J: \$48.

[updated]: Christmas: M: 6081 • J: 4029;

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ SCRIPTURE: 1 Sam 3:1-5;10; 1Cor 6:13c-15a; Jn 1:35-42

• Next Week: Jonah 3:1-5;10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**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 •Loretta Zienkiewicz**

❖ Birthday: **Rosemarie Fellin, Anna Kealy, Fred Lubrecht, George Wilkinson: 1/19; Logan Fritz, Loretta Zienkiewicz: 1/20; Stephanie Casella: 1/23; Charles Scodari: 1/24.**

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

❖ New Year's Drawing: \$1,000 winner! 6434: **Vanessa S** from Marion Heights, Pa.

❖ Our next drawing: **St. Patrick's Day: Tues, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Pa. Evening Daily 4 #; \$2 @.** Tickets sellers/buyers needed!



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



Prayer for Christian Unity

: this Sun, Jan. 18th at St. Paul's UCC Church, Ringtown. Light lunch served from 11:30 -

12:45. Service begins at 1pm. Join us to pray for Unity.

❖ 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.

**Reflection: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time:** During "ordinary time," that is, a time when we aren't marking a Season: Lent/Advent; Christmas/Easter, we proclaim the Good News according to St Mark. The Church year runs longer than the Gospel, so the Gospel of St John is woven throughout. All of it to proclaim for us how salvation unfolded then & how it continues to unfold now.

Our desire then is to be transformed as were those first disciples in a way that only God knows (thank God!). For some of us, He may be preparing us for the end of our earthly journey. Remember, Venerable Fulton Sheen said: "the only reason to take this life so seriously is to believe that this is all there is to life! For others a fresh start, some new life, new beginnings, new challenges: it's exciting to think about God moving us along on this journey that is too short, now how many "days" we're given.

How to take it in stride? Well consider this note that I received during the Christmas season: "Dear Fr., Don't eat these, they are for Star!" What a lesson in humility & some great advice. If somehow we could embrace the simplicity of the "messages" that God sends our way, think of how simply beautiful life can be. Enjoy it!

By the way, thank you to so many who offered gifts, cards, candy/cookies and treats as we embraced the Christmas Season. Star is grateful as well too for your kindness to her. Can't wait for the day she can type on her own. Look out if that happens!

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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

❖ **SCRIP:** Assist your 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 make them available.

❖ **Prayer to Discern God's Call:** Heavenly Father, Your call never comes to us in a vacuum; It comes to us in the circumstances of our ordinary lives. Therefore our response cannot be given only in the privacy of our own minds; it must overflow into our daily lives. You call us through our family, through our community of Church, and through the world.

Help me to see that when I say no to the legitimate requests of my family, my community, or my world, I say no to You. You have ordained that whatever advances the true progress of self of the Church and of the world, is my way of saying yes to your call. May I take advantage of the daily opportunities that You place at my disposal to answer your call affirmatively.

*-New St Joseph People's Prayer Book*



For years, our bulletin covers have come from an outside source. Now we venture forth doing our own. Next week's bulletin will be our first issue. A Special "Thank You" to all who are sponsoring our bulletin: **Gallagher**

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❖ **Parking @ St. Mary's Ramp:** the area at the end of the ramp is for drop off/pick up. Parking close makes it hard for others to use the ramp. When spring arrives, we hope to have the borough mark the area off clearly. Until then, as so many have done, drop off/park away, please.



❖ **Church Cleaning/Decorating:** Thank you to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations. Know of our prayers and thanks to all who did great and small tasks.

**Memorials:** **Eleanor Weikel:** The Tomtishen Family, Northwestern Lehigh Boys Basketball Team, John & Bridget Bowman, Bob & Eileen Bergman, Anna & Emerald Houser, Mary Balkiewicz, Stan & Marie Piaskowski: \$185; **Joseph Aponick:** Margaret Twardzik, Bob & Eileen Bergman, Tracey Aponick, Anna & Adie Jankaitis, Nikki Zarcufsky, Nancy & Joe Zarcufsky Jr., Mary Balkiewicz, Robert & Janet Moyer, Charlotte Wright: \$160; **Ann Balla:** Charles & Luann Scodari, Mary Balkiewicz: \$40.

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meeting next Sunday, 1/25, 11:30 @ Parish Office.

❖ **"Women of Grace":** continues the journey with 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.

❖ **Lenten Symbols:** Ash Wed. is Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Easter: April 5<sup>th</sup>! We seek a sponsor for our Lenten symbols this year. One or several sponsors can join together. We have received great feedback on how the symbols mean so much to our parish family members.

See Fr. to sponsor or memorialize this yearly endeavor to enhance the Lenten/Easter journey.

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❖ **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!

➔ **"Gun @ Week for a Year":** Sheppton & other Area Fire Co.'s: \$30 each. 384-4746.

