

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph
Rc: rectory chapel

April 27-May 3, 2015

4th Sun. of Easter!



Ap 27 • 6pm • Rc •

† Margaret Volansky r/o Family

Ap 28 • 9am • Rc • Louis de Montfort

† Cornelius McHugh

Ap 29 • Noon • Rc • † Nancy Robel r/o Dolores Furedi/Family

May 1 • 6pm • Rc • Feast: St. Joseph, the Worker

† Helen Gimbor

4th S of Easter • May 2/3

4pm • J † Leonard Wolk r/o Brother, Bob & Sons

5:45pm • M 58th Wedding Anniv.: John & Dolly Zakavage

8:15am • J † Alma Mattie r/o Granddaughter

10am • M † Ann Balla r/o Charlie & Luann Scodari

[1st Holy Communion]



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** Easter total: 3509; S: 1064.50; Campaign: 756; Bld Fund: 176 • **J:** Easter total: 3382; Campaign: 525; Bld Fund: 307; S: 1104 • Offered through myEoffering: M: \$15 • J: \$20 • *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **SCRIPTURE:** Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

• Next Week: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



❖ Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!

Pray for: •Bea Gius •Dorothy Yanuskiewicz •John Washko •Rose Ann & Tracey Aponick •Jean & Alice Jarzinko •Joseph Washko •Ed & Sally McNamee •Jennifer Gilliam •Margaret Burns •Grace Snover •Loretta Zienkiewicz •Betty Lou Torpey •Vickie Hartz •John Tait •Bill Rydzy •Ann Lewis

❖ Birthday Blessings: Valeria Matejick: 4/28; Joe Krupilis: 4/29.

❖ The Parish Office is closed this Friday, May 1st.

❖ St. Joseph's 50/50: April tickets now available!

❖ **A Parishioner is....** One who is registered, participates regularly in the liturgical life of the parish (e.g. Sunday Mass), demonstrates support by the gift of Time, Talent & Treasure! Join us!

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an offering of a gift in thanks for Easter Blessings!

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

❖ **Read your Bible!**

❖ **Visit us on the web:** stmarystjoseph.net

❖ **"Like" us:** [facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc](https://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc)

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet Sun. 5/17 after 10am Mass @ Parish Office.

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

❖ **ISIS: Radical Islam and Orange....** Looks like Orange has become the new "Yellow Star" that our Jewish brothers and sisters were made to wear by the Nazi's. Why Orange? Seems that ISIS, the devil's advocates, are mocking the USA, as the criminals at Gitmo wear orange. Now there is a movement, taking root for Christians to wear, either as a ribbon or as part of their clothing, to join with our friends around the world, and those being persecuted here for trying to live their faith. Fr. Frank Karwacki, OL of Mt. Carmel in Mt. Carmel, was quoted online, encouraging his parishioners to wear orange to Mass or even every day. "We're all brothers and sisters in Christ," Karwacki told Fox News.com. "We need to get prayer power going!"

Do we have disciples to make orange ribbons or strips of orange material for us to make available? Wear a ribbon/piece of orange clothing as a sign of solidarity.

Reflection: 4th Sunday of Easter: As a part of our "symbolon" series, we prayed the 23rd psalm. Before we did, we placed in context King David, who composed the psalms, his own family, his life, his strengths & weaknesses. It helped to put what has become the funeral psalm into our own lives: if it doesn't apply when we're alive, what will happen when our life's journey has moved on to the next level?

Getting to know ourselves can be a challenge, getting to know others can be even more perilous. To know the Good Shepherd takes a lifetime of living with the Gospel that is God's Word & the Eucharist that is God's Body & Blood. That is why each year, we proclaim: Christ is Risen, it's not the same as last Easter. We've changed, grown, loved, lost, succeeded, failed. Spending a lifetime with the Lord Jesus gives us the courage we need to imitate the Good Shepherd.

One of the gifts we give our young people (that's been sponsored by Brian Irslinger) is that of an ancient carving of a shepherd carrying a sheep. It is our prayer that the image will inspire our youth & their families receiving 1st Holy Communion to follow His example!

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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P.S. Mom is doing her best, physical therapy is making her work: she calls it "torture"! A great sign of getting her back to her old self! She remains in Seton Manor, room 702-2, for a few weeks of therapy & then home! If you'd like, her address is: 1000 Seton Dr, Orwigsburg, PA 17961. Your understanding as we work to get over this "bump" is appreciated.



❖ **Block Party @ M:** We ask donations of brand named soda (diet, too), water, and ketchup & we seek sponsors for our **basket raffle!**

❖ **Men's Spirituality:** We surrender, battle lost.

❖ **Choir Practice @ M:** Continues in this Easter Season! There are some great voices out there, we can hear you, why not join us in giving praise and thanks to God!



First Communion Candidates:

☺ **Liam Messina** ☺ **Giavana Halford**
Prayer partners, pray now! Thank you! This Sat @ 4pm: John & Ava receive & next Sun: May 3rd @ 10am: Giavana & Liam receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time!

❖ **SCRIP:** We're ordering more! We've \$25 **Applebee's, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 iTunes, \$25 Weis, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Sheetz, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Wendy's, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Theatres, \$10 Taco Bell, \$25 Walmart** on hand. Contact the office, we'll have it ready for you after Mass! When you buy from us, you receive the **full** value of the card, we receive %.



Divine Mercy

❖ **Divine Mercy:** Candle intentions were offered:
Intentions submitted this week include: Michael Funanage
• **World Peace** • **For Our**

Grandchildren • **Stancik & Timko Family** • **Success of Treatment** • **M/M Michael Murray** • **Macus Family** • **Coslop & Flaim Family** • **Koscuk Family** • **C --** • **Noel Brouse** • **Families of Brouse & Schmidt** • **Fr. Jim & Mrs. Torpey** •

❖ **Cards:** Birthday, Get well, Anniversary, etc are available for \$2 each. Place your offering in an envelope marked: Cards.

❖ **Adult Education Books:** ...: "The Real Story" by Dr. Edward Sri & Curtis Martin. **Give the remaining books as a gift of what our Catholic faith is about!** If someone is more a "watcher", we've dvd's as well.

❖ **Memorial Day Flower Boxes:** we'll be taking orders in the coming weeks. The cost is \$14. Look for samples and our order form. We sold some last year, they were well received. The parish benefits from your purchase.

❖ **Parish Cemeteries:** Your care for your loved ones grave is inspiring! Please, as we move into a new season, remove Christmas décor, otherwise, they'll be disposed of as we prepare for Memorial Day.

❖ **Ministry:** We seek new disciples for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Greeters & Servers. Please, remember, that when you minister, appropriate dress is required! No jeans, tank tops, flip flops, flashing

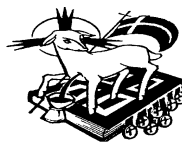
items. We are at Holy Mass worshipping our Lord & God, honor Him by appropriate attire!

What happens when we're called on to substitute and the minister doesn't show up? Come to every Mass, dressed appropriately and that way, there isn't a question or an issue.

Living in a more "relaxed" culture, we are counter-cultural. We form the culture, it doesn't form us!

❖ **St. Joseph's Picnic** seeks: canola oil, napkins, paper towels, soda, bottled water: drop them off at the garage, please! **Grand Raffle:** We're at about 40 of 50 needed sponsors for gift items. Will you help, sponsor a gift so we can reach 51!?! Place your form in Stewardship. We're looking for gifts of a \$25 minimum value for our \$10 ticket.

❖ **Adult Ed:** We're reviewing a new series entitled: "**Symbolon**" We're reviewing the dvd's & material: to learn about, strengthen our faith! We'll offer the series over the next few months, mostly on Mon evening. Our next gathering is THIS Mon, Ap 27. This week we cover Divine Revelation: God seeking us and the Compass for our lives! We had about a dozen: why not join us!?! Our sessions run about 90 min's.



Easter Items: • **Easter Hope:** See the listing that adorns our Church entrance of those who have been buried from our parish since last Easter.

• **Paschal Candles:** offered @ M: In memory/honor of those in **our Military** & @ J: In memory **Thomas Gulash & George Mehalick**.
• **Easter Water:** use it in your home, on each other, your children/parents [sign the cross], a great defense vs. evil!
• **Easter Greeting** throughout the Season, begins & ends our Gospel with "**ALLELUIA**" & "**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**"

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER



❖ **Outside Events:** ☺ **Trinity Academy Pre-K Registration:** Space is limited! Call 462-3927. ☺ **Golf Tournament:** 5/3, Benefit: Pregnancy Resource Center, Hazleton; Gary @956-0440. ☺ **Helen Roulin Foundation Scholarship:** for High School girls completing 9th -12th grade this year, & parents of Ringtown area! Contact the Parish Office. Submit by **next Sun:5/3**. ☺ **Healing Mass:** Mon. 5/11: 6:30pm, St. Ambrose, 201 Randel St., Sch Haven. Bishop Barres, Celebrant; Msgr. Scheaffer, homilist. For any who have experienced trauma. Holy Hour & Confession to follow, concludes: 8:30pm. ☺ **A.D.: The Bible Continues:** Sun @ 9pm: NBC: 12 weeks.