

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

June 1-8, 2015



TRINITY SUNDAY

June 1 • Rc • Justin

† Fr. Schwere (40th Anniv of ordination)

June 2 • 9am • Rc • Marcellinus & Peter

† Christopher Coates r/o Handy Family

June 3 • Noon • Rc • Charles Lwanga & Companions

St Mary's on the 92nd Anniv of our founding

June 5 • 6pm • Rc • Boniface • 1st Friday

† Joan Mellen r/o Donna/Jessica Gulash
Divine Mercy/Benediction

Body & Blood of Christ • June 6/7



4pm • J † Florence Koscuk

r/o Crawford Family

5:45pm • M † Frank Jarzinko r/o Wife, Jean & Family

8:15am • J † George Mattie, Sr. r/o Granddaughter

10am • M † Bernard Osilka r/o Barb, Dave & Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1119 • J: S: 1478; Campaign: 735;**
St. Vincent DePaul (Memorial Day Mass) \$89.

•via myEoffering: M: \$20 • J: \$25

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** Deut 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

•Next Week: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16;22-26

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

Pray for: •Bea Gius • John Washko • Dorothy Yanuskiewicz •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 •Bob Fellin •Francis Hillibush

•Gordy Weikel •Nancy Blackwell •Kathy Milefsky

❖ **Birthdays Blessings:** Joanne Michalik: 5/31; Tom Sokolofski, Mary Labonski: 6/1; Ann Kaczmarczyk, Collin Searles: 6/2; Bob Bergman, Thomas Monaghan: 6/3; John Biros, Amanda Crawford: 6/6.

❖ Congrats to **Jessica Gulash**, as she was designated "Super Lawyer" again this year!

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** May drawing this weekend!

❖ **Bishop's Annual Appeal:** You have received the info. by mail, respond by supporting the Appeal.

❖ **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!

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an offering of a gift in thanks for Veterans: living and deceased!

❖ See us: stmarystjoseph.net

❖ [facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc](https://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc)

❖ **Grant:** We have submitted our expenses for the \$2,000 we received in grants over the past years for our music system speakers, our HDTV's in Church & rectory chapel. The funds come back to the parish at the end of the month. You read of our new grant from Forward With Christ Grant for a new 80" HDTV for teaching/education. The grant came in at \$2,033, with the parishes matching funds! Your stewardship does make a difference! We've received grants of more than \$6,000 in the past 3 yrs.

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet Sun. 6/21 after 10am Mass @ Parish Office.

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

Reflection: Trinity: Three Person, equal but distinct.... A mystery....yet, it's given as a gift. What a great God to share with us His Divine life!

During Holy Mass, after the consecration, we proclaim: "the mystery of faith." We can't fully understand it, but we can be grateful that we've been given a participation in it.

I liken it to a family: father, mother, children (and a pet!) Each one is distinct, unique, yet together all make up a family! This something we do, we live, it is something we are.

So too the Triune God. God, unique persons, loves the other, they work together & provide us an example.

This part of the Trinity, we can accept, deal with, understand, but most importantly let God be God.

Too many times when we use the word "mystery" it's like CSI, something we have to solve (in 1-2 hr!) or like a murder novel: read the entire thing and you'll figure out.

It's not so much solving as it is enjoying the beauty with which God has revealed Himself to us.

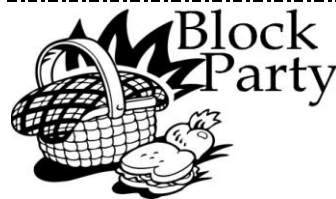
From there we learn how to live as creatures of the Creator. God from God, light from light, true God from true God.....

One this Trinity Sunday, it is my prayer that we'll appreciate the revealed mystery that we'll be able to ponder in eternity. Until then, with heartfelt thanks do we praise Our God for revealing Himself in this most wonderful way.

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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❖ **Block Party @ M:** Setup/Work/Cleanup! Two weeks and we begin! Help is very much expected from as many parish disciples as possible! **High school**

students: Need service hours? Contact Barb/Dave @ 570-889-5216, or see them at the Block Party.

For our **basket auction:** \$25 value. Bring it to Church by Thursday, June 11th, if possible. If you can donate a single item, but not a basket, we'll put yours with others to make one up. Children's items and toys, kitchen accessories, etc. are always popular! **Donations** of paper towels/paper plates, brand-named soda, water, mustard/ketchup are still needed! **Advanced Tickets:** \$10 worth for \$9- contact the Parish Office.

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

❖ **Adult Ed:** Our sessions will resume after the Parish Family Block Party and Picnic.

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

Memorials: @ M: Betty Kory: Ed & Ann Opanel: \$25;

@ J: Albert Gius: Kathleen, Judy, Cynthia,

Bill & Rosemarie Fellin, Joyce Macus, Marjorie & Bill Lorah, Monica Gleeson, Barbara Wolk & Son: \$180.

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

❖ **St. Joseph's Picnic** seeks: canola oil, napkins, paper towels, soda, bottled water: drop them off at the garage, please!

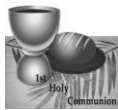
Grand Raffle: Tickets have arrived! Take some to buy/sell! We've 52 gifts for a \$10 ticket with \$4,500 in prizes.

❖ **Graduates:** Submit your family member's name, school graduating from, future plans, etc. We'll place the names in the June bulletin & offer a gift for high school graduates. Email/Index cards, print please.



❖ **Ministry:** It's time for new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors & Servers. Please, remember, that when you minister, appropriate dress is required! No jeans, tank tops, flip flops, buzzing or flashing wearables. This is Holy Mass worshipping our Lord & God, honor Him by appropriate attire!

Come to every Mass dressed appropriately. That way, we'll always be ready to minister if called upon. Living in a more "relaxed" culture, we are counter-cultural. We form the culture, it doesn't form us!



First Communion: ☺ Jennifer Gilliam will receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament THIS Sat., May 30th @ 5:45pm. Congratulations!

❖ **SCRIP:** After these are sold, we'll only be taking orders: We've \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 iTunes, \$25 Home Depot, \$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 arrange to get them to you.

❖ **Mainstream Reports of Christianity's Demise Greatly Exaggerated, Says New Poll Data [cont'd]**

Study reveals nearly half of all children raised in atheist families grow up to be believers ... "Simply put, the strains of a funeral dirge aren't being played at the graveside of American Christianity because there is no body for burial," Stetzer wrote. "Those who value their faith enough to wake up on Sunday morning and head to their local church are mostly still going. ... Christianity and the church are not dying, but they are being more clearly defined."

Perhaps the most interesting findings in the Pew study, however, came from speaking to adults who were raised in atheist or unaffiliated households. While one out of every five people who grew up in religious homes now identify as non-religious, nearly half of those raised in non-religious homes grew up to become believers.

Now, the cynic in me is tempted to say that every generation has its rebellious children, and those raised by atheists are likely to rebel by getting religion. But the disproportionate percentage - *nearly half*- of next-generation atheists who abandon their disbelief, & the powerful stories of re-demption they tell, give me hope that this is more than backlash.

In a 2013 essay for *Christianity Today*, millennial Jordan Monge recounted her own journey from the "militant atheism" of her childhood to her conversion to Christianity during her freshman year at Harvard in 2008. After meeting a Christian classmate who challenged her intellectually and pushed her to examine her beliefs with a critical eye, she began to see the flaws and holes in her carefully constructed worldview.

"I had always believed in the Big Bang," Monge wrote, "but I was blissfully unaware that the man who first proposed it, Georges Lemaitre, was a Catholic priest. And I'd happily ignored the rabbit trail of a problem of what caused the Big Bang, and what caused that cause, and so on."

As Monge dug deeper into Christian philosophy, she began to read the Bible, and found herself attracted to the Gospel message of redemption.

"I was confronted by my sin," Monge recalled. "I was painfully arrogant and prone to fits of rage. I was unforgiving and unwaveringly selfish. I passed sexual boundaries that I'd promised I wouldn't. The fact that I had failed to adhere to my own ethical standards filled me with deep regret. Yet I could do nothing to right these wrongs. The Cross no longer looked merely like a symbol of love, but like the answer to an incurable need. When I read the Crucifixion scene in the Book of John for the first time, I wept." [tbccont'd] by Kirsten Andersen @ *Aletia.org*

❖ **Fyi: May 31, 1975: Fr. Schware was ordained 40 yrs ago, we'll be offering Holy Mass for him on Monday. Join us!**

❖ **Orange Ribbons:** Wear one as a sign of support that we wear the "color" that the "people of the Cross" are wearing when they are martyred. They're at the entrance to Church.

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❖ **Outside Events:** ☞ **Trinity Academy** Register for Pre-K Call 462-3927. ☞ **A.D.:** The Bible Continues: Sun @ 9pm: NBC: 12 weeks. ☞ **Baby Bottles for Life:** fill with your loose change through the month, it supports the pro-life work of so many in need. ☞ **Padre Pio Healing Mass:** 6/26 @ 7pm, Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah. ☞ Ringtown Fire Co. Breakfast: 6/14. ☞ Shepton Fire Co Bingo: 6/14, 1pm.

❖ **Diocesan Events:** ☞ **Infant Adoption Program:** Married couples interested, contact Teri @ 610-435-1541 ext. 334.

☞ **Upon This Rock:** St. Patrick's, Pottsville; 6/25, 6-8pm. Ages 18-35. ☞ **Marriage Enrichment:** Morning of Spiritual Renewal: 6/27, 8:30am-Noon @ St. Patrick's, Pottsville. Call 610-289-8900 ext. 238. \$20 per couple; Deadline 6/22.