

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

June 8-14, 2015



June 9 • 5pm • M • Ephrem

† Lilian Ambarian r/o Paul Zimmerman

June 10 • 9am • Rc • † Joseph Gudysh r/o Family

June 11 • 9am • Rc • Barnabas

† Pauline Yuravage r/o Ruth/Linda Sabol

June 12 • noon • Rc • Sacred Heart of Jesus

† Albert Gius r/o Cecilia Funanage

June 13/14 • 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

NB: NO 5:45pm Mass @ St Mary's

4pm • J † Deceased of the Nahas Family r/o Family

4pm • M † Joseph Aponick r/o Wife, Joanne & Children

Workers Mass ½ hr after Block Party ends!

8:15am • J † Bob Stancik r/o Wife, Carol

10am • M † Bruce Johnson r/o M/M Peter Bolusky



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 936; Father's Day: 421; Campaign:

75 • J: S: 2297; Father's Day: 586; Campaign: 350.

• via myEoffering: M: \$55 • J: \$45

*Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ Scripture: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16; 22-26

• Next Week: Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34



❖ 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

❖ Birthday Blessings: Kali Casella, Alfred Michalik: 6/8;

Jacki Mellon: 6/9; Sarah Grabosky (Sweet 16), Kevin

Kanute: 6/13.

❖ St. Joseph's 50/50: May winner: Betty Kakalecik: \$89

No drawing in June: support our grand raffle!

❖ 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!



❖ Flowers: @ M: Health of Josephine & Mildred, sisters of Ty/MaryEllen Krigbaum.

@ J: In Honor of Jessica Gulash, by Donna.

❖ 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](http://stmarystjoseph.net)

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

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

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

**Reflection: Corpus Christi:** I'm taking extra time in preaching these two weeks as it is impossible to do justice to the mystery and awesome gift of the Trinity & the Lord's Body & Blood! It is my prayer that it increases your love and understanding of our Catholic faith and the many wonderful aspects to it!

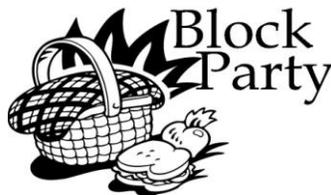
This week we consider the Body & Blood of Christ. Consider this: For a Hebrew, the phrase: "take the cup of salvation" meant taking a cup of wine and pouring it out as libation in thanksgiving for some saving deed on God's part. On this feast, we sing this refrain with added meaning! The cup of salvation that is "poured out" is the Blood of Jesus, His very life given for the salvation of all the world!

We take the cup, not to pour it out, but to drink it so that our blood, transformed into Christ's own, may be poured out for others. We take this in thanksgiving for Jesus' gift to the Father (something we considered last week in the uniqueness of each person of the Trinity: equal and distinct.) We take it up and tip over the cup of our own hearts in self-sacrificing love. That is, after all, why we call ourselves disciples.

Be a saint...what else is there?

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❖ Block Party @ M: Setup/Work/Cleanup! See our insert! Mon-Tues-Wed: setup. Help is very much expected from as many parish disciples as possible!

For our basket auction: \$25 value. Special Drawing Item: 2014 Dale Earnhardt Daytona 500 Replica Helmet (signed & verified)! Car Show; New Item: Snow Cones!

Donations of paper towels/paper plates, brand-named soda, water, mustard/ketchup are still needed!

Put your statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the window for good weather for the block party!

Advanced Tickets: Last chance! \$10 for \$9- @ Parish Office.

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

❖ Year of St. Mark's Gospel continues!

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

❖ Amazon Purchases: Smile: When we receive our info (June 20th or so), visit our webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, it takes you to your amazon page, the parish receives 5% on your purchase! For ease, we're using St Mary's, if you purchase & would like credit to go to St Joseph's, let us know. No cost to you!

❖ **St. Joseph's Picnic** seeks: canola oil & paper towels: drop them off at the garage, please! We've enough soda, water, & napkins. Grand Raffle: Tickets are out! Take them to buy/sell! We've 52 gifts for a \$10 ticket with \$4,500 in prizes.

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

❖ **Graduates: Congratulations to:**

**Amanda Crawford:** Hazleton HS to Moravian College for Nursing.

• **Christina Fuehrer:** Hazleton HS to LCCC for Communications. • **Kaitlyn Lorah:** North Schuylkill HS to LCCC for Early Childhood Ed/Special Ed. • **Allyssa Idacavage:** Lock Haven Univ. • **Amanda Idacavage:** Kutztown Univ. • **Derek Schmidt:** Penn State BS, Civil Engineering to Alfred Benesch & Co., Pottsville.



❖ **Ministry:** We seek 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!

❖ **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 ...* Margaret Fox, a hospital chaplain studying to become a Presbyterian minister, told the Daily Beast that she became fascinated with religion when she studied abroad in France and fell "head over heels in love" with the beauty and meaning she found in ancient stained glass windows that told the story of salvation in pictorial form — "like comic books," she said.

At first, she tried to hide her newfound interest in God from her friends and classmates at Yale because she felt "embarrassed."

"There's a sort of ethos of independence in our culture, that you can get places on your own," she told the *Daily Beast*. "And to need God felt sort of out of sync with the Ivy League achievement environment I was in." But ultimately, her longing for the beauty and meaning she'd found in those windows back in France led her to attend divinity school — first at Harvard, then back at Yale — and seek baptism.

The search for beauty and meaning in an otherwise coldly rational worldview is part of what led Jennifer Fulwiler, another childhood atheist, to open her heart to God. "One thing I could never get on the same page with my fellow

atheists about was the idea of meaning," Fulwiler, now a prominent Catholic apologist, wrote in her conversion story. "The other atheists I knew seemed to feel like life was full of purpose despite the fact that we're all nothing more than chemical reactions. I could never get there. In fact, I thought that whole line of thinking was unscientific, and more than a little intellectually dishonest."

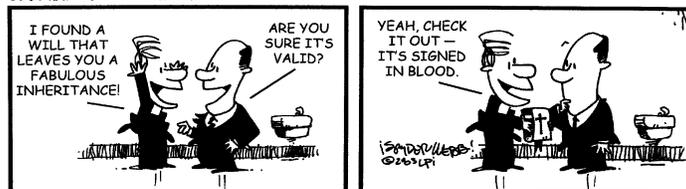
At times, Fulwiler contemplated suicide, "not because I was depressed in the common sense of the word, simply because it seemed like it was nothing more than speeding up the inevitable," she wrote. "A life multiplied by zero yields the same result, no matter when you do it."

After giving birth to her first child, however, Fulwiler found it increasingly difficult to embrace her concept of human life as fleeting and meaningless. "The dark-haired, blue-eyed baby felt so valuable; my own life was flooded with hope and joy at his presence," Fulwiler wrote. "But with none of the usual distractions in place, the facts of the matter now descended upon me: There was nothing transcendent about my son's life, my life, or any of the love I felt for him. He was destined for the same fate as the rest of us, to have his entire existence erased upon his inevitable death."

She fell into a deep depression. "For weeks, I hardly got out of bed," she recalled. "Some combination of severe sleep deprivation and more severe depression left me almost catatonic. But then one morning, as I looked at the baby in the pre-dawn light that filtered in through the window, I felt something new within me. It was something that was not despair, some unfamiliar yet welcome feeling. I peeled back the layers to find that it was doubt: Doubt of my purely materialist worldview, doubt of the truth I had believed since childhood that there is nothing transcendent about the human life." - by Kirsten Andersen @ Aletia.org

❖ **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.

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



❖ **Outside Events:** ☞ **Trinity Academy** Register for Pre-K Call 462-3927. ☞ **Rosary Rally:** Defense of Marriage: 6/13 @ Noon; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel; Call Ty/Mary Ellen @ 570-889-5788. ☞ **Healing Service:** St. Michael the Archangel, 6/17 @ 6pm. ☞ **Block Party:** Divine Redeemer (400 West Cherry St), Mt. Carmel, 6/19, 5-10pm & 6/20, 12-10pm. ☞ **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. ☞ Sheppton 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.