

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

June 15-21, 2015

June 15 • 9am • Rc • † Albert Gius r/o DeDe Maylath

June 16 • 9am • Rc • † Alphonse Balulis r/o Rosary Group

June 17 • Noon • Rc • † Joan Marks

June 19 • 6pm • Rc • Romuald † Daniel Petrecca

June 20/21 • 12th Sunday • Father's Day

4pm • J Father's

5:45pm • M Day

8:15am • J Intentions

10am • M [All Enrolled, Living & Deceased]



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S: 1703; Dues: 533; Campaign: 75
• **J:** S: 4464; Dues: 437; Campaign: 215.

• via myEoffering: M: \$15 • J: \$280

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

• Next Week: Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

❖ Fill out the forms, 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

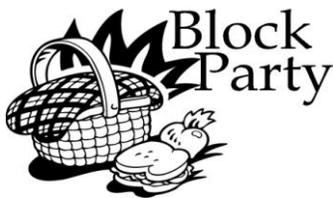
• **Jen Gilliam • Peg Burns • Grace Snover • Loretta Zienkiewicz • Betty Lou Torpey • Vickie Hartz • John Tait • Bill Rydzy • Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin • Francis Hillibush • Gordy Weikel • Nancy Blackwell • Kathy Milefsky**

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Wyatt Sutton: 6/15; John Zakavage: 6/17; Jeanette Fellin, Heather Lorah: 6/20.

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** No June drawing: see our grand raffle! Thank you, Betty Kakalecik: donated her winnings back!

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

❖ **@ M:** Sat: 5-10: Our celebration of faith, family, community is upon us!
As you read this: if you count yourself a member, get involved!



Disciples are needed on Sunday, we have a crew coming for cleanup Monday morning: if you'll help to serve them lunch, come to the rectory around 10am.

❖ **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)

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

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

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

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

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

Reflection: 11th Sunday: Farming is much different than in Jesus's day. It's our Gospel this week. Today, seeds aren't "spread" & farmers "sleep & rise", it's a science. Some say it is changing food. We certainly seem to eat by "look" more than smell. Advertising/marketing is big \$! Still the point remains: a fruitful harvest, no matter if it's a large crop, farmer's field or a backyard growing bed, the fruitfulness is, ultimately, a gift!

As with all things: it is a gift... You know the saying: that is why we call it a "present!"

Jesus wants us to realize that we ourselves are His harvest for the Kingdom of God. Hearing the Word, opening our hearts, acting on that word, being fed by the food of eternal life, we can become the greatest mystery of all: God's abundant harvest.

Hard part? Do the work, let God do the harvesting. You do that by a life of prayer, penance, fasting, sacrifice & ultimately dying in Christ! Hopefully, we'll see it in it's fullness this weekend & at the end of the month with our parish picnic. If you haven't heard it from us lately: thank you!

Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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p.s. Mom is "quietly" celebrating her 85th birthday this Thursday! Don't let on that I told you!

pss: I thank the many of you who offered cards, gifts, flowers, greetings as I celebrated my 32nd anniv. as a priest! I am humbled by your generosity & kindness.

❖ **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: June 27/28.** Still looking for: canola oil & paper towels: drop them off at the garage! We've plenty of soda, water, & napkins.
Grand Raffle: Take them to buy/sell! We've 52 gifts for a

\$10 ticket with \$4,500 in prizes.

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

❖ **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.

❖ **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!

❖ **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 Weis, \$25 Home Depot, \$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.

❖ **Ministry:** With 5 Seniors graduating, the number of servers is down. Here's our plan: an adult to learn to serve as we make the transition to adult ministry while keeping our young people! See Fr.

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! Honor Him by appropriate attire! Come to every Mass dressed appropriately. Then, if you're called on, you are ready! Living in a "relaxed" culture, we're counter-cultural. We form the culture, it doesn't form us!



❖ **Father's Day Flowers:** We've sponsors for Main altar @ J, side altar flowers are available for \$25-35@. Seeking sponsors @ M. Contact the parish office.

❖ **There Is No Fundamental Right to Marry** by S. Adam Seagrave *within Constitutional Law, Marriage* 5 June 15

↳ It's easy to confuse fundamental rights with intensely-desired goods—and thus to wrongly invest the latter with the moral urgency and primacy of the former. ↵

[cont'd]..Few commentators on either side of the ongoing marriage debate would deny that individuals possess a fundamental right to marry. To do so seems ridiculous today. Marital relationships are, as the Supreme Court first affirmed in *Meyer v. Nebraska* (1923)—albeit in *obiter dictum*, an aside unnecessary to the decision of the case—an important part of the happiness that individuals have a natural right to pursue.

It may be a surprise to modern Americans to realize that the *Meyer* case represents the first notable appearance of the "right to marry" language in the American political tradition or its antecedents in liberal political philosophy. It played almost no role in the Civil Rights Movement beyond its invocation by Chief Justice Earl Warren in the 1967 case of *Loving v. Virginia* (neither King nor Malcolm X made mention of such a right to my knowledge), it was entirely absent from the anti-slavery movement (Lincoln's Republican Party was formed, in fact, with the twin policy goals of ending slavery and outlawing polygamy), and it was similarly absent from the revolutionary conflict with Great Britain.

The idea of a fundamental right to marry—not just someone of the same sex, but *anyone at all*—is a relatively new one. Among those who didn't think *anyone*—not just homosexuals, but heterosexuals as well—possessed such a right are John Locke, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Abraham Lincoln, to name only a prominent few. Why not? Didn't they see the enormous importance of marriage to individuals and society? And if this is the case, don't people have a right to it?

Invoking Rights in Public Discourse There is a momentous difference between affirming something as a good for an individual or a community and claiming

possession of this good as a fundamental, natural, or human *right*. Such rights follow from the fact of individuals' self-ownership or human dignity and not from their desires, however legitimate these might be. I want to stay alive, and I also want a million dollars. These are both legitimate desires, but only the former involves a fundamental right.

There are innumerable good things to which no one has a fundamental right: world peace, tropical beaches, lollipops, and so on. To claim a fundamental right is to attach a special moral urgency to a particular good thing that is in danger of being taken away. Locke's famous triad of "life, liberty, and property" provides the best example of such things. And the moral urgency that is attached to these good things does not derive merely from our desire for them—otherwise, why doesn't our desire for other good things include a similar urgency?

We possess fundamental rights to things such as life, liberty, and property because these things are intimately connected with our self-ownership. As Locke helpfully explains, we own property in external objects because we own our free actions of appropriating them, and we own our free actions because we own ourselves. For Locke—as well as for the American founders and Lincoln—this was as far as our fundamental rights went.

It was from this philosophical lineage that the language of fundamental, natural, or human rights derived its enormous power in political discourse. People have always had intense desires for their lives, liberties, and property—but now these bare desires put on the robes of natural justice and eternal decree. Because of this, fundamental rights are inalienable and non-negotiable; they don't enter into political discussions, they dictate public policy. According to Locke, their protection is not just one of many important considerations for government—it is the very purpose of any legitimate government. Governments don't create these rights, they find them already there. Fundamental rights are the "trump cards" of moral and political discourse, foreclosing further debate and discussion. *tbcont'd: www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/06/14960*

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



❖ **Outside Events:** ➔ **Trinity Academy** Register for Pre-K Call 462-3927. ➔ **Ringtown Fire Co. Breakfast:** 6/14. ➔ **Healing Service:** St. Michael's, Shenandoah, 6/17 @ 6pm. ➔ **Block Party:** Divine Redeemer, Mt. Carmel, 6/19: 5-10pm; 6/20: 12-10pm. ➔ **A.D.:** The Bible Continues: last 2 weeks: Sun @ 9pm: NBC! ➔ **Baby Bottles for Life:** fill with your loose change & make your returns now, it supports the pro-life work of so many in need. ➔ **Padre Pio Healing Mass:** 6/26 @ 7pm, Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah. ➔ **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; Enroll by 6/22.