

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

July 6-12, 2015



July 6 • 6pm • Rc • Maria Goretti  
† Helen Gimbor

July 7 • 9am • Rc • † Mother's Day Intentions [15]

July 8 • noon • Rc • Stan/Marie Piaskowski (42<sup>nd</sup> wed. anniv.)

July 10 • 6pm • Rc • † Josephine Bodock

July 11/12 • 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

4pm • J † Vincent Fanelli r/o Cathy Andrews

5:45pm • M † Marie Houser r/o Tina Davis

8:15am • J † Starzetsky Family r/o Pepper Family

10am • M † Jeanne Cleveland r/o Daughter: Sherry,

Gene & Family



♦ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 986.40; BF: 153; Campaign: 1275

• J: S:1083; Dues:278; BF: 293 • myEoffering: M:\$35.30 • J: \$15  
*Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

♦ Scripture: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

• Next Week: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

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

.... • Be a Gius • John Washko • Dorothy

Yanusiewicz • 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: Matt Dillman, Shawn

Burke, Mary Milosh:7/5; Rosemarie Devaney, Diane

Searles, Ian Murray, Diane Schmidt, Virginia Shadler,

Ron White: 7/6; Barb Baranowsky:7/7; Paul Gaudet,

David Hannen, Bert Hartz:7/9; Joan Fish, Jeanne

Zakrewski, Sandee Fritz:7/10; Ryan Evanousky:7/11.

♦ Wedding Anniv: Stan/Marie Piaskowski: 7/8: 42 yrs.

♦ St. Joseph's 50/50: July drawing resumes next weekend!

♦ N.B: Parish Office 'til mid-August, the office is open only on an **as-needed basis**. We'll be praying for the health of our parish secretary, Mary & her family. Request items, we'll try to get them to you at the weekend Mass. Best to use email if you can! Your understanding is appreciated.

♦ Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Appeal continues as the \$4M mark has been achieved towards \$5M goal! If you haven't made your contribution yet, you can do so via the parish, web or mail.

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

♦ Knights of Columbus: Mtg. Sun. 7/19 @ Mass @ M.

♦ See us: [stmarystjoseph.net](http://stmarystjoseph.net)

♦ [facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc](https://facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc)

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

♦ Adult Ed: Our series picks up next Mon, July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Mass @ Rc. Topic: "Who is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?" Bring your Catholic Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church/YouCat. Let us know if you're joining us. Our sessions consist of a Video Presentation on the topic, some feedback & social.

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

♦ 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!

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

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

Reflection: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday: We're not surprised when someone acts "out of character." Yet there are times when those we're familiar with can surprise us. Jesus encounters resistance from "his own" as He goes home as they see only the "carpenter's son!" Beyond that, they took offense at Him.

They wanted God in their image. He couldn't come in His own! Respecting their "choice", he doesn't settle for the lie. God loves us so much to let us accept or reject Him. Jesus "was not able" to perform any mighty deeds because of their lack of faith. Pray that as God works through Jesus in our midst that we'll welcome Him even though He has become "family" to us!

On this July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, I pray we are renewed as a people living in the land of the free & home of the brave!

As we come to the end of June, thanks to all who worked so very hard for the success of our Block Party & Picnic!

☉ Be a saint...what else is there? ☉

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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♦ Amazon Purchases: Smile: We've received our info for the smile purchase plan, visit our webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, taking 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: thanks to all who made our celebration, again, a time for faith, family & community! Special thanks to the planning committee members: Bea,

Dolores/Roy, Donna G, Rhonda/Val, Rose/Bill, Bob, Judy/Mike, MaryJean & Jeanette & that person(s) we forgot! Our first glance shows a deposit of \$12,163.21 After expenses, we'll provide an update.

♦ SCRIP: We've \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Weis, \$10 Bed, Bath & Body, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 iTunes, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 Sheetz, \$25 Lowe's, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 PetSmart, \$25 Walmart \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Theatres, \$10 Taco Bell on hand. Contact the office, we'll arrange to get them to you.



❖ **Orange Ribbons:** Wear one as a sign of support that we wear the “color” that the “people of the Cross” wear when they’re martyred. A few remain. Wear it!



❖ **Ringtown Yard Sale: July 18<sup>th</sup> 6am til noon... Bleenies, Hot Dogs, Water/Soda, Walking Taco’s, Snacks!** We seek bakers....You were so generous at the Block Party/Picnic. Dare we ask again?!

If you’ve items to donate, the Knights will have a table to offer goods. Bring them to Church, we’ll sell them! Many of us have something around that’s a “treasure” to someone else. To sponsor bleenie batter, etc....contact us via a Knight or the Parish Office.

❖ **Ministry:** We’ve graduated some servers & have sought to replenish the pack, so we’ve a plan: adults to learn to serve as we make the transition to adult ministry while keeping our young people!

A few disciples have responded to our request for Lectors, Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Remember, please, 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. If the need is great, then you are ready! Living in a “relaxed” culture, we’re counter-cultural. We form the culture, not it us!



❖ **Flowers:** Reserve them for a weekend in the coming weeks/months. Nothing more beautiful than to see the Church adorned with fresh flowers! You can reserve flowers for the main altar for an offering of \$75+ and \$25+ for the side altars. Contact us via the parish office.

❖ **Supreme Court Ruling on Marriage** What does it mean? The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that same-sex “marriage” is a constitutional right on the basis of the majority’s interpretation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

As a result: • “Marriage” is now a genderless institution that discards the important, unchangeable, and unique roles that mothers and fathers play in parenting. • Each state must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. • Laws and ordinances based on the ruling will pose enormous risks to the future of our First Amendment religious liberty. What remains the same? God is the “Supreme Judge of the World” as our Founders recognized in the Declaration of Independence. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). • God has ruled that marriage is between one man and one woman. His ruling is authoritative and final, regardless of what Courts rule. • All sin, the Church offers reconciliation & forgiveness to anyone who repents of sin, trusts in & follows Jesus (Mark 1:14- 15), including those who participate in LGBT behavior (1 Cor. 6:9-11). • Affirmation of true marriage (& opposition to same-sex “marriage”) is not hatred or bigotry. It is grounded in the teachings of Scripture, affirmed by the Church & Christ Jesus Himself (Gen. 1-2; Matt. 19:4-6). • Christians must “obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29) regardless of the consequences that come as a result of our beliefs on marriage. What should be our response? Believers should respond as Jesus would: with grace & truth (Jn 1:14). • Model Christ to those who identify as LGBT, struggle with same-sex

attraction or their God-given sexual identity (John 8:1-11).

• Resist the temptation to despair and lose hope. His Kingdom will prevail. • Repent of the ways our own churches have downgraded marriage and resolve to restore the Biblical standard in our homes. • Support the First Amendment Defense Act introduced by Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) and Rep. Raul Labrador (R-ID). Call (202) 224-3121.

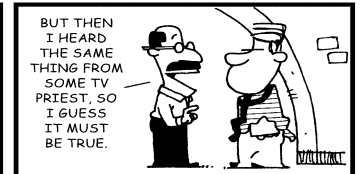
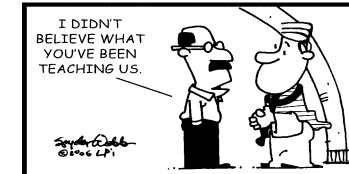


**St. Joseph’s: \$1,000 winner:** Rosemarie Fellin; gifts: Brenda Rubrecht· Michelle Macus· Ann Berger· Shawn Burke·

Mary Lynott· Chick Rinkenberg· Sharon Aucker· Jared Buchman· David Milosh· Greg Gius· Betty Lou Torpey· Dennis Antonelli· Michele Kusmeder· Trisha Sartori· Joya Jett· Michel Miller· Brian Furedi· Dot&Irene· Peter Schott· JJ Jordan· Nicole Foros· Paul Burke· Lola· Anna Bevin· Kathy Cheetham· Greg Koperna· Carl Defrederico· Dennis Fellin· Conrad Wittig· Mary Ann Wesner· Kathleen Lynch· Leslie Gartner· Sandy Palokas· Jessica Gulash· Heidi Eckert· Jesse Barrett· Mary Curie· Pam Costa· June Nenstiel· Ray Sachleben· Paul Gaudet· Desire Milosh· Star· Fred Krutz· Joan Fish· Diane Yoder· Kim&Frank· Shawn Burke· David Novak· Edith Melchick· Jim Yurich· Kathleen Yori. With the addition of a gift certificate, we were able to offer 53 prizes!

❖ **Immaculate Waters Hand/Body Lotion:** A faithful way to use Lourdes Water every day. We’re expecting a shipment of Lavender, Rose & Unscented. If you’re looking for a favor, relief, miracle: try it! We ask an offering of \$10. We’ll have them at Church for you to pick up. Pass the Word!

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



❖ **Outside Events:** ☞ **Trinity Academy** Register for Pre-K Call 462-3927. ☞ **Festival:** St. John the Baptist, Pottsville; 7/17-18, 5-9:30pm. ☞ **Marian Football Camp:** Grades 3-9, 7/13-15; Call 570-668-2225. ☞ **Community Picnic:** St. Paul’s UCC, Ringtown, 7/19, Noon-7:30 @ Recreational Complex. ☞ **Shepton Fire Co** Bingo: 7/5:1pm; Golf Tournament: 7/12

❖ **Diocesan Events:** ☞ **Infant Adoption Program:** Married couples interested, contact Teri @ 610-435-1541 ext. 334. **2015 National NFP Awareness Week: July 21-27** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced this year’s theme: “All Natural! Good for the body. Good for the soul.” Our Diocese offers teachers, resources, and events to promote Natural Family Planning. To find out about events in our Diocese to celebrate NFP Awareness Week: [www.AllentownDiocese.org/NFP](http://www.AllentownDiocese.org/NFP)

