

July 20-26, 2015

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

July 20 • 5:30pm • Rc • Apollinaris

† Deceased of the Hirko Family r/o Geri/David Sarno

July 24 • 6pm • Rc • Sharbel Makluf Ruth Ann Brouse

(for comfort & protection) r/o Ty & Mary Ellen Krigbaum

July 25/26 • 17th Sunday of the Year

4pm • J † Agnes Recla r/o Bob/Jeanette Fellin

5:45pm • M † Ed Balkiewicz r/o Mary

8:15am • J † Bob & Ann Marie Adams r/o Donna & Jessica

10am • M † Edward C Kayes (birthday) r/o Jim/Virginia Spudis



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S:1387; Dues: 125; Campaign: 125


• **J:** S:2600; Dues:120; Campaign: 125

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Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

•Next Week: 2 Kngs4: 42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

 ❖ Fill out the forms, if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!
.... •Roy Gius •Mary Balkiewicz •Bea Gius
PRAY for... •John Washko •Dorothy Yanuskiewicz •Rose Ann & Tracey Aponick •Jean & Alice Jarzinko •Joseph Washko •Ed & Sally McNamee •Jen Gilliam •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 •Phil & Shirley Kennedy

❖ **BirthDay Blessings:** Melissa Enders:7/20; Cindy Bankus: 7/21; Chick Rinkenber, Riley Sartori:7/22; Antoinette Cieslukowski:7/23;

❖ **N.B: Parish Office:** the office is open only on an **as-needed basis**. We're 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.

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** July drawing is underway!

❖ **Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The Appeal continues as the \$4.2M mark has been met towards \$5M goal! You can make your contribution via the parish, web or mail.

❖ **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!

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

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Mtg. THIS Sun. 7/19 @ Mass @ M.... [n.b.: brief meeting after the Yard Sale work on Sat.]

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

❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** We're up & running: 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!

❖ See us: stmarystjoseph.net

❖ facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

❖ **Adult Ed:** Our series continues next Mon, July 27th @ 6pm Mass @ Rc. Topic: "The Paschal Mystery: Jesus' Death & Resurrection" Bring your Catholic Bible, Catechism/YouCat. We had a great gathering of 13 last week....why don't you join us? Let us know if you're coming! Our sessions consist of a Video Presentation on the topic, some feedback & social (great snacks!)


❖ **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.

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

Reflection: 16th Sunday: When we're overwhelmed by life, often it's from things crashing down on us sapping us of the energy to do the simplest of tasks. After returning from their mission, last week's Gospel, He invites them to "come away and rest." When the crowd seeks Him out, He teaches them.

The point being we all need to "rest a while." The form that this takes, varies, the goal is the same: there is no vacation from vocation! Achieving a balance between the demands of discipleship and the needed rest from weariness itself is not easy. That is why when we draw near to Jesus, He is the one who can direct us when we're overworked & weary or "resting" too much. This week, the mission is: balanced rhythm! ☉ Be a saint...what else is there? ☉

Fr. Jim & 

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❖ **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!



❖ **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 get them to you.

❖ **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! We're looking for more, especially Sunday AM Masses: how about you? CH__CH: what's missing?

❖ **New addition:** Maybe you've seen the pics on facebook & the web....a young male canary has joined star & fr! We're asking our children/young folks to suggest a name! Index card/email to fr!



❖ **Flowers:** this weekend @ J are to welcome the reunion of the classes of Shenandoah Catholic HS, some 70+ joining us for 4pm Mass to give thanks! Reserve flowers for a weekend in the coming weeks/months.

You can reserve flowers for the main altar for an offering of \$25 up to 75+. Contact us via the parish office.

❖ **Into The Wild Weekend:** Men/Young Men (age 11+) join us at Hickory Run State Park, White Haven: **Aug 6-9:** Mass-Orienteering-Rifle Shooting-Outdoor Cooking-Church Building-Adoration-Archery-Brotherhood. Fr. Jim & Star are spiritual directors. Visit: intothewildweekend.com We've 4 going so far...wives, encourage your husbands to go!

❖ **Integrity Restored.com** Did you know that children the age of 7 are finding their way to pornography? Their mission is to restore the integrity of individuals, spouses, and families that have been affected by pornography and pornography addiction.

Integrity Restored provides education, encouragement, and resources to, break free from pornography, heal relationships, and to assist parents in preventing and responding to pornography exposure which is so devastating in the lives of our children. In addition, they hope to be a resource that assists clergy in assisting families at the parish level, so that the domestic church truly becomes what it is, the human space in which we encounter Christ.

Tools to help fight the battle: **covenanteyes.com:** enter the code word *Patrick* for a 30 day trial. Every family should have this on your computers, laptops and mobile devices. The price? It could save your life, your family, your marriage, your faith: priceless!

Protecting Your Children Begins With You!

"At a recent church gathering Paul, a young father, came up to me and asked how he can protect his children from pornography.

I responded by asking him what he is doing to protect himself. Paul was surprised by my response because he was more concerned about his children than himself when it came to pornography.

When parents like Paul ask me how they can protect their young children from pornography, they are usually hoping for practical advice, such as having filters on computers, limiting their child's use of technology, or monitoring the television programs they watch. I do provide such strategies; however, I really try to impress upon them that before they can protect their children's lives, they must first look at their own lives.

Setting the Example: If you are going to protect your children in our pornified culture, you need to look at the example you are setting for them. Do you intentionally view pornography? Do you watch objectionable television programs? Do you watch R-rated movies? Do you listen to music with profane lyrics? Do you play video games that depict nudity? Before you can purify your child's environment, you need to purify your own. Just because you are an "adult" doesn't mean that using sinful media is okay. You need to set the standard for purity in your home and live by it.

While he was committed to avoiding porn himself, Paul admitted that he needed to install filters on all his devices. Occasionally he would allow his young children to use his tablet to play video games. He did not want them to accidentally encounter Internet pornography on his tablet though misleading ads or pop-ups.

One thing Paul didn't think about was his use of other forms of media. He often enjoyed watching police detective dramas on television that presented nudity and foul language. Although his children were in bed when these shows were on, I explained that if he wants every area of his kids' lives to be

pure, every area of his life also needed to be pure. His wife agreed.

Walking the Walk: In addition to purifying your life of all objectionable media, it's important for parents to live lives of strong virtue and moral character. Paul wanted to raise virtuous kids, but could not see the connection to pornography. I explained that if he expected his sons to respect women he had to model that for them early on. He needed to demonstrate that respect by guarding his eyes, insisting that his daughter dress modestly, and treating his wife with love and respect. By observing how Paul treats women with respect his sons will learn to treat them in the same way. As they grow into adolescence Paul will have set a firm foundation in them so that they will understand why pornography is so harmful to women and to them. They will be better equipped to reject pornography when they see how it exploits women and damages men's ability to comprehend true beauty.

In addition to respecting women, parents need to demonstrate what it means to be a virtuous adult in all other areas of life. For fathers this means striving to be the best leader, provider and protector you can be. For mothers this means striving to be the best helper, nurturer and comforter you can be. By constantly striving to become the man/woman God created you to be, it will be easier for you to avoid vices (i.e. pornography) and your children will also learn to do so.

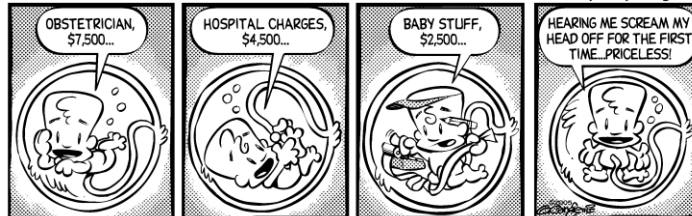
While Paul generally lived a good Catholic life, he realized he had some work to do if he was going to model for his children a strong and virtuous father and husband. By doing this, and by purifying his own life, he would then be better prepared to use all the practical strategies for protecting his children from pornography.

While there are many great strategies for protecting children from pornography, parents, you first have to begin with yourself and your own life. Children will learn volumes from you when you "walk the walk" as well as "talk the talk."

--Paul Kleponis: integrityrestored.com/protecting-your-children-begins-with-you

❖ **Immaculate Waters Hand/Body Lotion:** A faithful way to use Lourdes Water every day. We're expecting our 2nd delivery by this weekend... We've Lavender, Rose & Unscented. Looking for a favor, relief, miracle? Try it! Let us know if favors are granted, already we've reports of relief from arthritis, pain, reduced anxiety & swelling! The offering is \$10@ bottle.

Umbert the Unborn



❖ **Outside Events:** ☺ **Community Picnic:** St. Paul's UCC, Ringtown, THIS Sun: 7/19, Noon-7:30 @ Recreational Complex. ☺ **Trinity Academy Food Service Director:** full time breakfast/lunch programs. Administrative & computer skills, cooking experience a must. Info, resumes: Sr Mary Ann: mSPAetti@trinitymatters.com ❖ **Diocesan Events:** ☺ **NFP Week: July 20-26** "All Natural! Good for the body. Good for the soul." Visit: AllentownDiocese.org/NFP