

July 27-Aug 2, 2015

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

July 27 • 6pm • Rc • † Marie Turnbach

July 28 • 9am • Rc • † Caroline Herman

July 29 • 9am • Rc • Martha † Bernard Utrata

July 31 • 6pm • Rc • Ignatius of Loyola

† Dorothy Albeck

Aug 1/2 • 18th Sunday of the Year

4pm • J † Florence Kosciuk r/o Theresa & Mike Gaizick

5:45pm • M † Frank Jarzinko r/o son, Bill

8:15am • J † George Mehalick r/o Helen Mehalick & family

10am • M † Joseph Mattes r/o M/M Timothy Hanrahan



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S:1189; Cemetery: 119; BF: 120.

• J: S:2135; Cemetery: 898; Campaign: 400; BF: 32

• myEoffering: M:\$35 • J: \$40

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** 2 Kngs4: 42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

• Next Week: Ex 16:2-4; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



❖ 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:** Terrance O'Boyle, Cynthia Puhl: 7/27; Phil Heuchert: 7/28; Emily Gallagher, Stephanie Ott: 7/29; Melissa Biros: 7/30; Tina Stankavage: 7/31; Jacqueline Austin, Cecilia Coslop: 8/1; Alfreda Zakavage, Art Fuehrer: 8/02.

❖ **N.B. Parish Office:** the office is open only on an **as-needed basis**. Mary is improving, still it is a long & slow process. As of now, we're still looking at mid-August for her return. Pray for her return to full health & for her children/family. In the meantime, when you 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 held next weekend!

❖ **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!

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Mtg. Sun. 8/16 @ Mass @ M....w the rosary before Mass @ both worship sites. Thanks to all who worked at, donated & supported our sales @ the Ringtown Yard Sale! We show initial numbers of: \$752 [with about \$600 profit] from food sales and \$250 from items sold!

❖ **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 this Mon, July 27th @ 6pm Mass @ Rc. Topic: "**The Paschal Mystery:** Jesus' Death & Resurrection" Bring your Catholic Bible, Catechism/ YouCat. We had a nice crowd at our last session...what about you? Join us! Just let us know. Sessions consist of a video on the topic, sharing, & 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: 17th Sunday: Children, at an early age, be very possessive, but then, learning the value of sharing, family, community, love, they can be incredibly giving!

Consider where the overwhelmed disciples get the bread for Jesus to offer to the crowd... [read John 6: we're reading that for the next few weeks]. Certainly what was considered by adults, must have been an abundant amount by a young person & what Jesus would do with it will provide even more. Think you have only so much to offer? Consider what you have to be a small amount? Take the time this week to imitate the generosity of the one who gave of their youthful bounty in order for God to do so much more with it, if only we'd give it as freely as our young people do, not as small children are tempted, to hang on & cry: "this is mine."

☉ Be a saint...what else is there? ☉

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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:** A few folks have offered their choices: thank you, but star vetoed: yankee, jeter, bird, cage, etc...

Take a look at 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!

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

❖ **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!

❖ **Into The Wild Weekend:** Men/Young Men (age 11+) join us at Hickory Run State Park, White Haven: **Aug 6-9:** Mass-Orientering our Lives-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! See the poster at the entrance to Church!



❖ **Flowers:** 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.

❖ **The Little Sisters of the Poor v. The Big Sisters of the Rich** *While Planned Parenthood does not call itself a religious order, it clearly has many of the trappings of a passionate and serious cult*

It isn't every week that clear bookends of the culture war are so manifestly on display. Earlier this week the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver ruled that the Little Sister's of the Poor must comply with the Health and Human Services' requirement that they pay for their employees to contraception and abortifacients. The Little Sisters have vowed to not comply with the requirements that would force them to choose between serving the poor and their faith.

These women, who beg for their income, could be forced to pay fines of \$100 per day per employee, which could amount to roughly \$2.5 million in penalties out of their annual \$6 million budget.

On the other hand, this past week Planned Parenthood was caught dealing human body parts from the aborted babies killed in their facilities. Dr. Deborah Nucatola spoke candidly about the selling of organs to two people posing as potential clients for purchasing "parts."

While Planned Parenthood does not call itself a religious order, it clearly has many of the trappings of a passionate and serious cult. It's Dogma is Any Abortion, Any Time. It demands complete, even wildly irrational, allegiance from its adherents—or else. Their faith is placed in the goddess of choice—well, as long as the choice is for an abortion. They even have their own trinity: "legal, safe and rare". Hmm,

okay, the safe and rare parts, not so much. Our President, as the unofficial high priest, has asked God's blessing to come upon them, making them too big to fail with even more business directed their way through Obamacare regulations.

The love and faith of the Little Sisters is perhaps most evident at the end of the lives of the residents they care for. The sisters bring them joy through socializing and even a little dancing, no matter what their physical limitations. And then when they are very close to dying, a sister is assigned around the clock so that no one will die alone.

As for the Big Sisters of the Rich, who have a government allowance of \$528 million—nearly 100 times the annual budget of the Sisters of the Poor—their end of life story is slightly different. Yes, their business is also in end of life tissues, er, issues. Yes, there is someone there to make sure their clients are not alone in death, but their sole focus is to make sure that the forceps are in the right place so that the organs remain intact to be sold to the highest bidder. Livers, apparently, are fair game, but life is cheap in the mega-church of death on demand.

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catholicworldreport.com/Blog/4031/the_little_sisters_of_the_poor_v_the_big_sisters_of_the_rich

❖ **Immaculate Waters Hand/Body Lotion:** We're placing our 3rd order for Lavender, Rose & Unscented. Just a few bottles remain. Again, let us know if you have favors granted, already we've reports of no pain after surgery & other favors granted through the Intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. The offering is \$10@ bottle.

Umbert the Unborn



❖ **Outside Events:** ☛ Sheppton Fire Co. Bingo: Aug 2, 1pm.

☛ **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

❖ **Bulletin Sponsors:** Make our parish bulletin possible! It would be great for a disciple or two to write a thank you note to some of them, thanking them for helping to put the bulletin in our hands, better yet, visit & support them.

We thank the sponsors who have been our long time sponsors: Gallagher Oil, Oravitz funeral home, etc.....now we welcome: **J & S LANDSCAPING *570-889-5366**

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