

# Aug. 3-Aug 9, 2015

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

Aug 3 • 6pm • Rc • Health of Roy Gius r/o Honey

Aug 4 • 10am • M • St. John Vianney

Funeral: William Rydzyn

Aug 6 • 9am • Rc • Feast: Transfiguration † Robert Brehony

## Aug 8/9 • 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

4pm • J † Josephine Libassi r/o Corrine Sabatella

5:45pm • M † Bill Lorah, Sr. r/o wife, Pauline

8:15am • J † William & Anna Fellin r/o children & family

10am • M † Eleanor Weikel r/o Bill & Alice Jarzinko



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S:1,491; Cemetery: 110; BF: 314;

Dues: 81; Campaign: 275.

• **J:** S:1,510; Cemetery: 70; Campaign: 440; BF: 313

• myEoffering: M:\$145 • J: \$60

*Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Scripture:** Ex 16:2-4; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

• Next Week: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51



❖ 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

• Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin • Gordy Weikel • Nancy Blackwell

• Kathy Milefsky • Phil & Shirley Kennedy • Theresa Szott

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Preston Biros, Jane Reese, Bob

Richards, Tina Heim:8/3, Allison Filozof, Sean Foley, Angela

Grabosky: 8/4; Hunter Sartori, Rachel Idacavage, Joe

Williams: 8/6; Carol Burke, Jennifer Bell: 8/8

❖ **Welcome: @ M: Anne Tomtishen**



....to the families of **Francis Hillibush & William Rydzyn**, from St Mary's, who have died. Both veterans & faithful

members of St. Mary's. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** July drawing is held this weekend!

❖ **Aug 14/15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

Mass is offered **Fri. @ 6pm @ Rc** and **Sat @ 9am @ M.**

The 14<sup>th</sup> is the 121<sup>st</sup> anniv of the founding of St. Joseph's!

It's not a holy day of obligation, falling on a Saturday, still we don't follow the "letter" but the spirit of the law. Join us for Mass honoring this gift of our Catholic faith.

Bring flowers for Holy Mass over the weekend: one for the Blessed Mother, the other to be blessed and for you to take home, share, give away. Bring them from your garden, but any will do, place them on the table @ Our Lady's altar.

❖ **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.

❖ **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!

❖ **Adult Ed:** Our series continues this Mon, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm Mass @ Rc. Topic: "**The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace**" Bring your Catholic Bible, Catechism/ YouCat. We had one of our most inspiring session last week...why not join us? Sessions consist of a video on the topic, sharing, & social!

❖ **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: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Miracle Pill that will not be affected by storms, that will ease starving, freed from cooking & cleaning. There would be benefit, surely, but at what point do we become "machines." Eating involves a social dimension, a communal purpose, a habit that is much more than nourishment alone.

Our Gospel shows people who want their stomachs filled, perishable bread. Jesus instructs that the "bread from heaven" is a person and if so, then so are we who are nourished by this bread. If it is true that we are what we eat, then we're to be disciples who lead others to the "Bread of Life." Who is there in our lives who needs to be invited back to Mass?

The very person of Jesus is all that we "hunger" for. What He offers is His presence reaching out to satisfy us with that which is imperishable: Bread for the Life of the World. Let us fashion hearts full of love for this bread!

☉ Be a saint...what else is there? ☉

Fr. Jim & 🐾

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p.s. Welcome Fr. Zelonis for Mass next weekend as I'm chaplain for the Into the Wild Weekend! Pray for us!



❖ **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!

❖ **N.B:** Parish Office: the office is open only on an as-needed basis. Mary is improving, as it's a slow process, we're looking at a mid-August return. Pray for her restoration to health & for her family. Meanwhile, when you request items, we'll try to get them to you @ weekend. Best to use email if you can! Your understanding is appreciated.

❖ **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.

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

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

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

❖ **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:** Some names have been submitted: thank you, a few are in the running: Apple, Peaches, Echo, Beauty, Firecracker, Starburst, etc... View his pic 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 fr!

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

Integrity Restored provides education, encouragement, and resources to, break free from pornography, heal relationships, to assist parents in preventing & responding to pornography exposure which is so devastating in the lives of our children.

They also provide resources for 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: **next weekend: Aug 6-9:** Mass-Orienteering our Lives-Rifle Shooting-Outdoor Cooking-Church Building- Adoration-Archery-Brotherhood. Fr. Jim & Star are spiritual directors. Visit: [intothewildweekend.com](http://intothewildweekend.com).

We've 4 going so far...wives, encourage your husbands to go! See the poster at the entrance to Church!



❖ **Flowers:** Flowers @ M this weekend are offered **In Honor of Eleanor Milewski** by children and grandchildren.

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

❖ **These Are the Three American Prisoners abandoned by the Iran Nuclear Deal:** Last year, the Senate called on President Obama to "use the tools it has in pursuit of what should be a bipartisan goal: securing the release of American citizens being held as hostages by the regime in Iran." Today, in the announcement of a nuclear deal with Iran that ignores the plight of these three hostages, the Obama administration has left behind a Christian preacher, a journalist, and a U.S. Marine.

...Chief diplomats from the Obama Administration announced that they had struck a deal with Iran on the Islamist regime's nuclear ambitions and the Western sanctions which have crippled the Iranian economy. Conspicuously absent from that deal, however, is the release of three high-profile Americans the Iranians are holding as political prisoners. Their stories and how their actions threatened the Iranian regime so profoundly as to land them in prison indefinitely are listed here:

**Saeed Abedini:** is an Iranian American missionary who went to Iran to spread the Gospel of Christ.

Although it officially allows freedom of religion for Christians and Jews, the Islamist regime in Iran, headed by the cleric Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, officially bans proselytizing and other forms of missionary work. It also bans apostatizing—or leaving—the Islamic faith.

In 2012, when the regime caught Pastor Abedini helping Iranian Christians evangelize and establish home churches, they arrested him and gave him a sentence of eight years in prison. From that point on, Abedini has faced systematic mistreatment.

Originally held in a notorious prison filled with political prisoners, Abedini was recently moved to an even more violent prison. "Now I'm even more afraid for his life," said his wife, Naghmeh Abedini, who lives in Boise with their two children. "The blow that has come with this news has been even harder than the blow that came with his initial arrest."

ISIS militants who are kept in the same prison as Pastor Abedini issued death threats against him, saying that he deserves to die for his Christian faith. Iran has done little to minimize his contact with these violent extremists. In June, the American Center for Law and Justice, an advocacy group pushing for freeing Iranian political prisoners, released information from the Pastor's family that he had been viciously beaten by his fellow prisoners. The Iranian guards did little to intervene until they thought Abedini's life was in danger. "It is heartbreaking to me and my family that Saeed was again beaten in prison. Saeed's life is continuously threatened not only because he is an American, but also because he is a convert from Islam to Christianity. It's time to get Saeed home before it is too late," his wife said in a statement. -*Michael Lucchese: www.breitbart.com/national-security/2015/07/14/these-are-the-three-american-prisoners-abandoned-by-the-iran-nuclear-deal*

❖ **Immaculate Waters Hand/Body Lotion:** We've placed our 3<sup>rd</sup> order for Lavender, Rose & Unscented. We've had some graces received: healing, no pain after surgery, relief from chronic pain, anxiety, etc. Have a favor granted? Let us know... the Intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes continues to show Christ's healing. The offering is \$10@ bottle.

#### Umbert the Unborn



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

☞ **Trinity Academy** seeks the following : ☉ **after-school cleaning duties:** M-F (2 ½ hours @ day) ☉ **Kindergarten Teacher's Aide:** M-F: 11:30-3pm. Send resume. ☉ **After-school care staff** (2 positions) to run & supervise: daily after school 'til 5pm. ☉ **Food Service Director:** full time breakfast/lunch programs. Administrative & computer skills, cooking experience a must. Info, resumes: Sr Mary Ann: [mspaetti@trinitymatters.com](mailto:mspaetti@trinitymatters.com)

