

Aug. 31-Sept 6, 2015

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

Aug 31 • 6pm • Rc • † Dorothy Katner

Sept 1 • 9am • Rc • Fr. Jim (birthday) r/o Crawford Family

Sept 5/6 • 23rd Sunday of the Year

4pm • J † Helen & Joseph Wolk r/o son, Bob & sons

5:45pm • M † Ben & Helen Mays r/o Joann Zogby

8:15am • J † Ginny Spaide r/o Crawford Family

10am • M † Catherine Murray r/o Mary & Larry Frizzell



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S: 1312; E/C Church: 144; Campaign: 50 • **J:** S: 2226; E/C Church: 226; Campaign: 1230

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Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** Dt 4:1-2;6-8;Jas 1:17-18,21b, 22,27;
Mk 7:1-8;14-15;21-23

• Next Week: Isa 35:4-7a;Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37



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

.... • Roy Gius • Richard Buczkowski • Mary

Balkiewicz • Bea Gius • John Washko • Dorothy Yanuskiewicz • Rose Ann & Tracey Aponick • Jean

& Alice Jarzinko • Joseph Washko • Ed & Sally McNamee • Jen

Gilliam • Grace Snover • Betty Lou Torpey • Vickie Hartz

• John Tait • Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin • Gordy Weikel • Nancy

Blackwell • Kathy Milefsky • Phil & Shirley Kennedy • Bill/Flo

Steele • Theresa Szott

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Jonathan & Alexander Biros, Richard Grabosky, Cindy Zienkiewicz: 9/1; Pauline Lorah, Frank Shatalsky: 9/3; Zach Schwalm: 9/4; Larry Pryzblick: 9/5.

❖ **Mission Appeal:** Fr. Douglas Mary, from the Maryknoll Missionaries joins us next weekend, Sept. 5/6th for the Appeal. The envelope for the Appeal is in your box for Sept. 13th, it will be taken then. Welcome Fr. as you do our guest priests.

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** August drawing after this weekend and on to Sept.!

❖ **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!

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

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

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Next mtg. Sept. 20th. Mark your calendar for the Diocesan Men's Conference: Sat, Nov. 21, 9am-5pm. @ DeSales University: see www.cmfda.org. Early registration: \$25 @; High School/College: \$10.

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

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

❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** We're up: visit our webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, taking you to your amazon page, the parish receives 5% on your purchase! We're using St

Mary's to filter all purchases, if you'd like credit to go to St Joseph's, let us know. No cost to you!

❖ **Adult Ed:** Our series is held this Mon, Aug 31st our topic is: "**Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints**" Bring your Catholic Bible, YouCat Catechism..... join us! Sessions consist of a video on the topic, sharing, & social.

Reflection: 22nd Sunday: Jesus challenges the leaders of God's people for putting themselves above God, upsetting the reality that God's commands are meant to preserve and deepen, not stop us from enjoying life. Therefore, we hear Him turn their judgments about Him & His disciples back on them. He teaches that no human tradition can supplant god's commands, that good law doesn't oppress, but promotes the good.

Taking a look at one of these: the 5th commandment has a most important value at heart: it is actually rendered: "you shall not murder." It means that we simply say: "well I haven't killed anyone, goodie for me." Instead it demands respect for all life. How does this play out? Think of our gov't leaders who asked that we post tweets to save the girls held in Africa just for being Christians! Thinking that the tweet will force the terrorists to drop their weapons and flee because of tweets, yet that very government will insist that "they" have the power to decide if our young ladies can get birth control or even an abortion without their parents consent!

Commandments are meant to take us beyond the letter to the spirit, beyond minimal observance to the free surrender of our heart to God and others. That is what Jesus calls us to!

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

Fr. Jim & ☺

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p.s. I'll be on vacation for the next few weeks, priests will be available for funerals, in emergencies ask for the chaplain on call at the hospitals. Welcome our guest priests so generous in offering their assistance.

p.s.s. This week, Sept. 4th, I'll mark the beginning of my 6th decade, God willing. I ask for your prayers. If you are thinking of offering anything, can I ask that you make a donation to the King's Men Ministry in my name. Make a check out to the King's Men or visit them at: www.thekingsmen.org



❖ **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.

❖ **N.B: Parish Office:** office hours are still on an as-needed basis as Mary hopes to return this Mon, Aug 31st! Best to call before stopping by! When you request items, we'll try to get them to you @ weekend. Best to use email if you can! Your understanding, prayer and support is still 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.

❖ **Finance Councils Reports:** Are announced this weekend at Mass. Results of the Block Party/Picnic are announced as banner years, again!

❖ **Flowers:** Celebrating an anniversary or birthday? For the main altar/tabernacle: \$75, side altars: \$25+. Contact us via the parish office.



❖ **Ministry:** We're replenishing our teams: adults to learn to serve as we transit to adult ministry [keeping our young people]! Some disciples have responded as Lectors, Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist! We're looking for more, especially Sunday AM Masses: how about you?

CH_CH: what's missing?

❖ **Registration for CCD** classes will take place after mass on Sunday, August 30th. Forms are available in the back of the church. Registration fee is \$35 for one child and \$65 for two or more children. Classes for grades 1 to 8 will be held Sunday mornings after mass from 9:15 to 10:15 at St Joseph's Church. Any new



students need to call Sue Crawford at 570 384-5732 to register for classes. A Baptismal Certificate is required at the time of registration.

❖ **Integrity Restored.com** Children the age of 7 find their way to pornography! IR provides education, encouragement & resources to break free from pornography, heal relationships, assist parents in preventing & responding to pornography that devastates lives/families.

To help fight: **covenanteyes.com**: enter the code word *Patrick* for a 30 day trial. Everyone should have this on our computers, laptops and mobile devices. The price? Saving our lives, family, marriages, faith: priceless!

❖ **Stained Glass Windows @ Rc** are installed. They're from St. Joseph's Church, Pottsville: St. Peter & St Paul. The frames made from Oneida Chapel pews. See our pics. To memorialize them: \$2,000 each (pay over time or several sponsors together).

❖ **Interested in our Catholic faith?** Ask, encourage, invite! Share the gift of faith! ❖ See us: stmarystjoseph.net

❖ facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

❖ **The Grotesque Persecution of Scott Lively by Austin Rose:** As I wrote recently, I do not believe Scott Lively has had any serious impact on the laws in Russia or Uganda with regard to those countries' laws on homosexuality. I have argued that he is a "monster" created by the LGBT movement for their own purposes—to raise money and frighten their base.

In reality Scott Lively is the victim of what I call the Big Gay Hate Machine, an organized effort by rich gays in America to persecute anyone who may criticize their quick march to dominate the political and policy discourse in the United States and elsewhere.

Lively is currently the target of a grotesque lawsuit brought by these rich gays using bogus claims of international law in the court of a deeply biased gay-friendly Federal judge. What is happening to Lively is the grossest miscarriage of justice the purpose of which is to frighten any critic of the gay political agenda into the closet.

The charge against Scott Lively is that he perpetrated and led an organized attack on LGBTs in Uganda that resulted in their persecution and that in doing so he violated their human rights and specifically committed a crime against humanity under international human rights law.

The claim is being brought by an LGBT group in Uganda and it is being prosecuted in a U.S. court under something called the Alien Tort Statutes that allows foreigners to bring

civil action in American courts for violations of international law that happened on foreign soil. The use of the Alien Tort Statute was expanded in recent decades to include violations of human rights. And this is where the mischief begins.

According to the left-wing Center for Justice and Accountability, "In order to sue for most violations, the abuses must have been committed by a *government official* or a member of the *security forces* (the military, police, etc.), or by a person acting on behalf of, or together with, such authorities [emphasis added]."

Plaintiffs in the case claim eight instances of persecution brought against them by various Ugandan authorities, including raids of a gay-rights conference, arrests of gay leaders, a crackdown on media and gay rights advocacy, and the public outings of gays and lesbians by Ugandan newspapers.

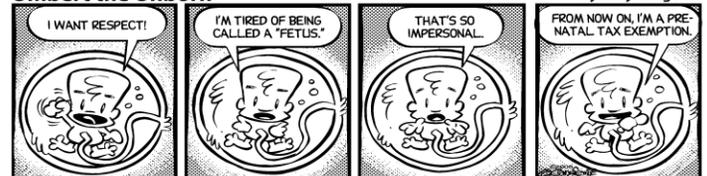
Plaintiffs do not claim that Lively perpetrated any of these actions, nor do they claim he even knew or even communicated with the perpetrators. They claim that over three visits to Uganda between 2002 and 2009 and in his U.S. work Lively said offensive things about gays and that he worked with four Ugandan nationals to enact national legislation to restrict gay conduct and advocacy.

❖ **Disciples Picnic: THIS Sun: Aug 30: 4-6pm: Rectory Yard:** Bring a dessert/appetizer, we'll provide burgers/dogs, etc. BYOC: chair; BYOB

❖ **Coat Drive:** Our own, Tevin Murray, is pursuing his N. Schuylkill Senior Project via a coat drive. Boxes are at the entrance to Church encouraging us to donate toward the goal of 100 coats (outerware): hoodies, etc. to assist local families in need.

❖ **Immaculate Waters Hand/Body Lotion:** We've our 3rd order of Lourdes Water Lotions: Lavender, Rose, Unscented. Favors, graces continue to be reported. Have a favor granted? Let us know.... Our Lady of Lourdes intercession reveals Christ's healing. The offering is \$10@.

Umbert the Unborn



❖ **Outside Events:** ☉ **Ringtown Rotary Pig Roast:** THIS SUN: 8/30: Noon-3:30 Twntship Bldg: \$13@. ☉ **Chicken BBQ:** St Paul's UCC Ringtown, 9/1:3-7pm: \$8.50@ ☉ **Healing Mass:** w Padre Pio's relic, 9/18, 7pm, @ Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah. Fr. David Kozak, presiding. Confessions: 6:15-6:45pm. ☉ **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale:** St. John's Church, 10th & Mahantongo, Pottsville: Fri, Sept. 11: 4-7pm; Sat: Sept 12: 8am-noon. ☉ **Holy Cross Kitchen,** 99 Lombard Street, New Philadelphia, 640-8750: Noon-5:00 pm. To order Kugelie or other items, call Thurs. @ 8:00 am. Weekly Specials & regular menu items: Hamburger w stewed onions-\$2.50; Cheeseburger: \$2.60; BBQ:\$2.50; Chicken/Fish Sandwich:\$3; Chicken Fingers: 3/\$2.50; Kugelie:\$2; Haluskie:\$2.50; Pierogies:3/ \$1.50; French Fries: \$2.25; Cake:\$1.50 ☉ **End of Summer Picnic:** St Patrick, Pottsville: 9/6: Noon-10pm, S Casss Fire Co, Primrose, Pa. ☉ **Watch Pope Francis' Mass @ Steel Stacks:** Bethlehem: 9/27: noon-8pm. Noon Mass, Music, food, fun: 4pm live streaming on the gigantic screen for the Pope's Mass.