

# Sept 27, 2015

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

Sept 28 6pm Rc • Wenceslaus † Albert Rodgers

Sept 29 9am Rc • Michael, Gabriel, Raphael: Feast  
† Robert Shuttleworth r/o M/M James McCool

Sept 30 Noon Rc • Jerome † Josephine Bodock

Oct 2 6pm Rc • Guardian Angels • First Friday  
† Albert Gius r/o Mary Stitzer/Theresa Novak  
[Exposition/Divine Mercy/Benediction]

## Oct 3/4 • 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

4pm • J Al & Joanne Michalik (50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)

5:45pm • M † Mary Hysock r/o, Alice & Bill

8:15am • J Bob & Jeanette Fellin (40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)  
r/o Jason, Kelly & Owen Titus

10am • M † Billy & Marie Houser r/o Family  
*Blessing of the Animals: 11:30am [M] 12:30pm [J]*



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 9/6.13.20: S: 1754.955.1044;  
Dues: 476; M. Appeal: 421; Campaign: 150.1125  
• **J:** S: 1779.1378.1166; Dues: 400; Campaign: 256.1140.350  
Mission: M: 421/J: 713 • Prop. Of Faith: M: 133/J 213  
• myEoffering: M: \$189 • J: \$370  
Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** Num 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48  
• Next Week: Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16;



❖ 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 • Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin • Gordy Weikel • Nancy Blackwell • Kathy Milefsky • Phil & Shirley Kennedy • Bill/Flo Steele • Theresa Szott • Msgr. Ed O'Connor • Emily Milewski • Helen Mehalick

❖ **Birthdays Blessings: Congratulations to Josephine Devaney, who marked her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept 12**

• Jack Messina: 9/28; Barry Druesne: 9/29;  
Denise Mensinger: 9/30; Colleen Joyce: 10/1.

❖ **Baptismal Congratulations:** To the family of **Robert Roulin**, baptized this weekend into the Catholic Family of Faith! Remember, parents/godparents: it is your responsibility to teach your child in the ways of the faith. We trust that you'll do a good job, our prayers are with you!

❖ **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!

❖ **Mission Appeal/Guest Priests:** Thanks to Fr. Douglas May, Fr. Zelonis & Fr. Reilly @ weekend Masses while I was away. I am grateful for their support & encouraging words about you, the good people of the parishes! Fr. Jim

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

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** Sept drawing: This week....

Thanks to James/Margaret Dixon who donated their July winnings to the parish.

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an offering of a gift in thanks as we've entered the fall season! What a great summer it was!

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Next Mtg. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar: Franciscan Friars Men's Day. Newark, NJ: Sat, Oct. 17. Depart St Joseph's @ 6am. Carpool for our daylong event! Preregistration a must. Contact James Johnstone @ 570-889-5366 or Fr. Jim

Also: Diocesan Men's Conference: Sat, Nov. 21, 9am-5pm. @ DeSales University: see www.cmfd.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:** 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:** Symbolon series concludes this Mon, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Mass. Our topic: "**The Last Things: What happens after we die?**" Bring your Catholic Bible, YouCat, Catechism...join us! Sessions consist of a video on the topic, sharing, & social.

**Reflection: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** When I was a child, while helping dad in his workshop, he showed me the power of a magnet! The stronger the magnet, the stronger the attraction. He warned me about what to keep them from and what they could pick up. He showed me how it was impossible to put them, opposites, together, try as we did.

Today, we encounter Jesus as a strong magnet. Very much like our Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth, who attracts by his particular gifts & talents. Attraction to Christ Jesus and His Church must be like a strong magnet: drawn to His values, acting in His name, doing good to others as He did!

He uses strong images, affirming the reality of Hell, not as a place of punishment, but instead a place we choose. Discipleship is based on our BEHAVIOR, sinners though we are, who are called to follow Him in such an extreme way that we live as though our lives depended on it (it does!): both in this life and the life to come!

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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This Thurs, with new Pa State reporting guidelines, I'll be attending a workshop to re-certify priests on protecting our children, families & society.



❖ **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.

❖ **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.



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

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

❖ **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?



❖ **Religious Ed continues...** Classes for grades 1-8 are held Sunday mornings at St Joseph's: from 9:15-10:15. **Weekly Mass attendance is a must!**

Contact: Sue Crawford @ 570-384-5732.

❖ **Taste of Italy: Sun, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.** Oneida Community Center: Noon, 2:15 & 4pm seatings. \$12 per adult; children 6-12 \$4, children under 6 Free!

❖ **Blessing of Animals: Next Sun, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>:** 11:30 @ St Mary's; 12:30 @ St. Joseph's

❖ **Pro-Life Witness:** Sun, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>: Exposition: Noon-2pm: RC. Witness on the Road: 12:30-1:30pm. Signs: Life, Respect Life, Love Life: Announcing the Goodness of Life.

❖ **Integrity Restored.com** Children age 7 porn finds them! IR provides education, encouragement & resources to break free from porn, heal relationships, help parents prevent & respond to porn that devastates lives/families. To fight: **covenanteyes.com**: enter the code *Patrick* for a 30 day trial. We should have this on our computers, laptops & mobile devices. The price? Saving our lives, family, marriages, faith: priceless!

❖ **Stained Glass Windows @ Rc** are installed: Ss Peter & Paul. Frames: Oneida Chapel pews. See our pics. To memorialize them: \$2,000 each (over time or sponsors together).

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

❖ facebook.com/stmarystjosephrc

❖ **The Grotesque Persecution of Scott Lively by Austin**

**Rose:** [cont'd] First, international law, either by treaty or custom, does not recognize gays as an "identifiable group." No human rights treaty mentions gays as a protected category. Not a single one. As for customary international law, almost half the countries in the world have laws regulating the kind of gay behavior and advocacy that plaintiffs in this case say violates international law. Custom therefore would support not the gays, but their opponents.

Second, the Supreme Court has recently held that the Alien Tort Statute can only be used for claims that "touch and concern" the United States with sufficient force. This has led to the dismissal of well over a dozen cases which involved alleged conduct overseas. Scott Lively's case should have met the same fate, since it alleges conduct and speech in Uganda, not the United States. However, the same rules and law do not apply when dealing with the homosexual juggernaut.

Some of the egregious comments by the judge in his decisions not to dismiss show a multiplication of offenses committed by this judge against fairness and justice.

The judge complains that Lively has said there is a connection between pornography and homosexuality.

The judge also complains that Lively has said the U.S. "has been brought low by the homosexual movement."

Reasonable people may disagree with Lively's statements but they would insist on his right to be wrong. Reasonable people might think the First Amendment, which is portable and follows Americans wherever they go, protects such statements. This radical judge says such statements are not protected as Lively has used them in the commission of a crime against humanity.

The judge also says, "The history and current existence of discrimination against LGBT people is precisely what qualifies them as a distinct targeted group eligible for protection under international law." In this comment, Ponsor is trying to creating international law out of whole cloth and going far beyond his mandate as a Federal judge.

The judge says Lively is "analogously the head of a criminal enterprise" and that Lively's statements in the U.S. are similar to someone making bombs in the U.S. and shipping them off to explode in a foreign country. This is what Lively is up against.

The state of play now is that this dishonest judge has declined to dismiss the case even though it is clear the case cannot be brought under the Alien Tort Statute, even though gays are not a protected category under international law, and even though nothing Lively did or said rises to within a moonshot of crimes against humanity.

The plaintiffs have gotten exactly what they wanted. Scott Lively will be tied up in "discovery" for the next two years at a cost of millions of dollars. Over 30,000 pages of documents have already been exchanged and there have already been a dozen depositions. Plaintiffs have unlimited resources from their rich gay friends and have something like 14 attorneys working the case.

This is one of the more disgusting trends in the gay takeover of—well—everything. If you dare to step out of line they have high-priced lawyers who will destroy you; take your house, your business, your livelihood.

Lively's more-than-capable attorneys are from Liberty Counsel, an Orlando-based public interest law firm specializing in defending Christians under attack that exists on a budget of less than \$4 million per year. You can read more about the case at the Liberty Counsel website where I am certain you can find a donate button, too: <http://www.lc.org>

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2015/the-grotesque-persecution-of-scott-lively>

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** 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@.

❖ **Confirmation:** 10/7: 4pm: Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, Mah. City. Prayer partners needed for our candidates: Makenna Piaskowski & Jennifer Gilliam, both from St. Mary's.

❖ **Ringtown Community Day:** Sat, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> We're selling Advent Calendars and Yankee Candles!



❖ **Outside Events:** ☉ **Watch Pope Francis' Mass @ Steel Stacks:** Bethlehem: this Sunday: noon-8pm. Mass, Music, food, fun: 4pm live streaming on gigantic screen for the Pope's Mass. ☉ **Curiosity Shop/Yardsale:** St. John's, 10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo, Pottsville: 10/2: 4-7pm; Sat. 10/3: 8-Noon. ☉ **Holy Cross Kitchen,** 99 Lombard Street, New Philadelphia, 640-8750: Noon-5:00. To order Kugelie, call Thurs. @ 8:00 am. Specials & regular menu items.