

Oct 18, 2015

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

Oct 19 6pm Rc • John de Breufeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions
† Robert Marzen, Sr.

Oct 20 9am Rc • Paul of the Cross † Vivienne Bruno

Oct 21 Noon Rc • † Michael Brennan, Sr.

Oct 23 6pm Rc • John of Capistrano † Alphonse Balulis
r/o Sally Leon

Oct 24/25 • 30th Sunday of the Year

4pm • J † Joseph Sokolofski r/o Sokolofski Family

5:45pm • M † Wade Stauffer r/o Charlie/Kathy Lorah

8:15am • J † Sophie Nahas r/o Nahas Family

10am • M † Bruce Johnson r/o M/M Peter Bolusky



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S:857;Energy:453•**J:**S:1328;Energy: 832
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Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** Is 50:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45;

•Next Week: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52;



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

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Tracey Aponick •Jean & Alice Jarzinko •Joseph Washko •Ed & Sally McNamee •Jen Gilliam •Grace Snover •Vickie Hartz •Ann Lewis •Bob Fellin •Gordy Weikel •Nancy Blackwell •Kathy Milefsky •Phil & Shirley Kennedy •Bill/Flo Steele •Theresa Szott •Emily Milewski •Helen Mehalick •Margaret Krupilis

❖ N.B: Adapting to changes, we've adjusted parish office hours from am to pm. **Monday & Wednesday, 4-7pm; Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 4-6pm.** We'll see how it goes & adjust as necessary.

❖ **Wedding Anniv: John & Anna Tait (55 years): 10/15; Bob & Jeanette Fellin (55 years): 10/18.**

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Jeff Markosky, Lisa Trask: 10/18; LouAnn Rader: 10/20; Marianne Lubrecht: 10/21; John Popalis: 10/22; Angel Halford: 10/23.

❖ **Condolences** to the family of **Jean Biros**, buried this weekend. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord....

❖ **2016 Mass Book:** will open this **Mon, Oct. 19.** In order to accommodate the many requests for weekend Masses, you can reserve up to 3, others will be scheduled for weekday Masses. We'll be available next weekend after to Mass to accept requests.

❖ **Welcome New Parishioners:** @ J: Jose Romero

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

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

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an offering of a gift in thanks as we've entered into fall!

❖ **Interested in our Catholic faith?** Ask, encourage, invite!

Share the gift of faith! ❖ See us: stmarystjoseph.net

❖ facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

❖ **Choir @ M:** There are some great voices, we can hear you, why not join us in giving praise and thanks to God! Practice resumes 10/21 @ 6:30pm.

❖ **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!

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Meet this Sun, Oct. 18th! Mark your calendar: Diocesan Men's Conference: Sat, Nov. 21, 9-5pm. @ DeSales University: see www.cmfd.org. Registration: \$35 @; High School/College: \$15. We're going as a group, make preparation for the day!

❖ **Adult Ed:** THIS Mon, Oct. 19 @ Mass: Session 2 of several. Our topic: "**The Problem of Evil/the Devil...**" We'll watch a segment of: the Rite: deal w exorcism, evil & possession. Bring a Crucifix! Your Catholic Bible, YouCat, Catechism...join us!

Reflection: 29th Sunday: This Gospel passage is the 3rd prediction by Mark about Jesus' coming Passion, but it does more. It points to and challenges our human tendency to seek fleeting glory. There is nothing in this life that can bring us lasting glory. There are plenty of things in this life to enjoy & make us happy at the present moment, but if everything satisfied, why is there an iPhone6? There are always promises of the newest, the best, that which will make us happy.

Instead of asking: "Lord, what do you want of us?", the disciples ask: "Do whatever we want you to do!"

This weekend, we stand in witness to the sanctity of life. It's one thing to say it in Church, another to witness to it along the highway of life! What inspires us are our sisters and brothers the world over who are being persecuted simply because they are Catholic!

Take the time, not to redefine our understanding of glory, but to shape our life around choosing to serve others rather than to be served. It will mean drinking the cup of suffering and undergoing the baptism of Jesus' passion, death & Resurrection. Can we, are willing to do this?

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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❖ **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, \$10 Taco Bell on hand. Contact the office, we'll get them to you.



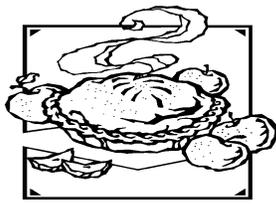
❖ **Flowers:** This weekend @ J: Honoring **Bill & Rosemarie Fellin's (55th) Wedding Anniv. @ M:** Honoring **John & Anna Tait's (55th) Wedding Anniv.** Celebrating? For the main altar &/or tabernacle: \$75+, side altars: \$25+. Contact us via the parish office.

❖ **St Mary's: Nov. 1st, 2015 PA 4, 7pm #, \$1,000!** Chances \$2@. These fundraisers increase the necessary revenue for our parish. Can you help? We have 8 packets to be sold...that's \$400!

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

❖ **Thanksgiving Pie Sale:**

Choir asks donation of flour & sugar, as prices rise. Order forms for Pumpkin, Apple Covered & Crumb @ Church, a choir member, parish office. They are \$8 @. Order by 11/20.



❖ **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.

❖ **Religious Ed continues...** Classes for grades 1-8 are held Sunday mornings at St Joseph's: from 9:15-10:15. 2 yr prep for Confirmation: see schedule. **Weekly Mass attendance is a must!** Contact: Sue Crawford @ 570-384-5732.



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

❖ **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?



❖ **Pro-Life Witness:** a dozen of disciples witnessed to the sanctity to life last week! What a prayerful, beautiful time, while

others prayed before the Blessed Sacrament in our Rectory Chapel! May that heart be changed or opened who needed the call! Thanks to St James UCC Church for allowing us to give witness along their property.

❖ **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 of Ss Peter & Paul.** Frames: Oneida Chapel pews. See our pics. To memorialize them: \$2,000 each (over time or sponsors together).

❖ **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@.

Memorials: @ M: Irene Cicioni: Stan & Marie Piaskowski, Frank & Rosemary Malocu, Jim & Debbie Stivers & Family, William & Frances Jones, Edward & Frances Domkus, Dave & Barb Osilka & Family, Stephen & Bradley Oravitz, Florence Dross, Alice Grutsky, Mary Gualtier, Dorothy Anstock, Dorothy Kamorowsky, Dorothy & Romolo Laureti, Theresa Tunilla, Colleen Harun, Mike & Bonnie Yanuskiewicz, Angie & Bob Babatsky, Victor & Dorothy Yanuskiewicz, M/M Joseph McCool & Sons, Pete Shumski, Geri Shumski, Patricia Muclada, Gary & Linda Muclada & Sons, Toth Family, Catherine Toborowski (tbcon't)

❖ **Legal Scholars Rise Up vs the Supreme Court** I've been saying that 2015 is the year of pushback, and this might be the most significant act of pushing back so far: A group of legal scholars, most of them university professors, have declared that the Supreme Court's redefinition of marriage this past June 26th is not "the law of the land," and they are calling on all office holders, together with all presidential candidates, to join them in rejecting the Court's decision.

Make no mistake about it: This is really big news. These scholars, who teach at schools like Princeton and Oxford and Notre Dame and Boston and Boston College and Michigan State and Kansas State and Vanderbilt and Hillsdale and the University of Toronto and the University of Nebraska, state that the Court's decision "has no more claim" to being the law of the land "than Dred Scott v. Sandford had when President Abraham Lincoln condemned that pro-slavery decision as an offense against the very Constitution that the Supreme Court justices responsible for that atrocious ruling purported to be upholding."

They note that "Lincoln warned that for the people and their elected leaders to treat unconstitutional decisions of the Supreme Court as creating a binding rule on anyone other than the parties to the particular case would be for 'the people [to] have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of that eminent tribunal.'"

They also cite James Madison, who in 1788 had this to say about the balance of powers: "The several departments being perfectly coordinate by the terms of their common commission, neither of them, it is evident, can pretend to an exclusive or superior right of settling the boundaries between their respective powers." But these professors and lawyers are not simply making a philosophical statement about the Court's Obergefell vs. Hodges ruling.

They have issued a call for action, reminding "all officeholders in the United States that they are pledged to uphold the Constitution of the United States, not the will of five members of the Supreme Court." They also call on "all federal and state officeholders" to "refuse to accept Obergefell as binding precedent for all but the specific plaintiffs in that case."

They urge these officeholders to recognize the right of each state to define marriage, to "pledge full and mutual legal and political assistance to anyone who refuses to follow Obergefell for constitutionally protected reasons," and to "open forthwith a broad and honest conversation on the means by which Americans may constitutionally resist and overturn the judicial usurpations evident in Obergefell." [www.stream.org/legal-scholars-rise-up-against-the-supreme-courts-judicial-despotism]



❖ **Craft Show @ M: Sun: 11/1; 9am-3pm:** Ringtown Fire Hall: Donations of food & baked goods needed. Call Kathy Lorah @ 889-3503. Buy your gifts for the holidays!

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❖ **Outside Events:** ☉ **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. ☉ **Friends Helping Friends:** 10/20; \$5 for 25% off shopping pass. Benefits St. John's Church. ☉ **White Cane Sunday @ J:** 10/25, @ Masses: benefit the blind by Lions.