

Nov 1, 2015

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

Nov 2 • 9am • M • All

Souls

Noon • Rc •

Intentions

Nov 6 • 6p • Rc • First Friday

In Thanksgiving r/o Kuzmitsky Family

[Exposition/Divine Mercy/Benediction]

Nov. 7-8 • 32nd S of the Year • B

4pm • J † Larry Evangelista r/o M/M Jerry Evangelista

5:45pm • M † Ed Balkiewicz & Francis Jarzinko

r/o Bill & Mary

8:15am • J † Walter & Verna Kutney r/o Bob/Jeanette Fellin

10am • M † Helen J. Buscavage r/o Tom/Margaret Krupilis



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M: S:** 1145; **BF:** 191; **Campaign:** 230

• **J: S:** 1862; **BF:** 643; **Campaign:** 490 • **myEoffering: M:** \$154 •

J: \$30 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Scripture:** Jer 31:7-9; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a;

• **Next Week:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44;

❖ 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 • Barbara Green

❖ **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.

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Jacalyn Possessky: 11/2; Rick Kuzmitsky, Ernest Lorenz (**90 yrs. young!**): 11/3; Cathy Stamatopoulos: 11/4; Virginia Bryk: 11/6.

❖ **2016 Mass Book:** is open. In order to accommodate the many requests for weekend Masses, you can reserve up to 3, in time if Sunday masses are available, you can schedule them on an as available basis.

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

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

❖ **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 10/28 @ 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:** Membership Appeal: Nov. 14/15. Knights will greet & speak at Mass. Seeking new members/transfer. We're attending the 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!

• **Knights of C** offers a free meal delivered to home: Thanksgiving Day btw. 10-2pm; call 570-773-0627 or 570-691-1429. Must reserve by Thurs., Nov. 19th @ 5pm!

❖ **Adult Ed:** no session this week as Fr. is on diocesan workshop. We'll resume later.

Reflection: All Saints/All Souls: Recently I had the honor of celebrating the funeral of a person who was born Nov. 1st! It reminded me of the fact that most of us are not destined for a church to be named after us, still the call to SAINTHOOD is just as great as was those who have that honor!

Years ago I heard a radio host end his program with the invitation & challenge that is at the bottom of my weekly reflection. You'll see it by the ● below!

Human beings have long honored our departed loved ones. Thus, the desire of the Church is to do the same, after all, if they belong to God's family while here on earth, then, we pray that they enjoy that same family relationship in heaven. Thus, for those who join the Lord there, they are numbered among the Saints!

For those who need our prayers, it is the celebration of All Souls. So, when do I stop praying for them? Never! So, what happens if they are in Heaven? God uses our prayers for whatever purpose or design God applies. Although we are bound by time & space, God is not! Since only God knows what happens to our beloved dead, of which some day we'll be part, our job is not to figure out where they are, it is to beg God's mercy, grace & peace upon all the living & the dead. That we who are alive, who await the Lord's coming, will seek to belong to the family of saints and those who have died, will find a place in that heavenly kingdom, even if they must pass through that place of purgation in order to come one day to the beatific vision!

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

Fr. Jim & ❖

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

❖ **St Mary's: THIS Sunday evening: Nov. 1st, 2015 PA 4, 7pm #, \$1,000!** Tickets are out. This is a necessary means by which we help pay our bills! Thank you for helping your parish out! Good luck!

❖ **Coat Drive:** Boxes @ Church to donate to the goal of 100 coats (outerware): hoodies, etc. to assist local families in need.

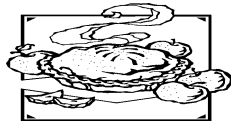


❖ **Orange Ribbons:** Wear one as a sign of support that we wear the “color” that the “people of the Cross” wear when they’re martyred.

❖ **Thanksgiving Pie Sale:**

Seeking donations of flour & butter!

Order forms for Pumpkin, Apple Covered & Crumb @ Church, a

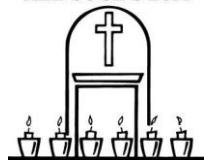


choir member, parish office. They are \$8 @. Order by 11/20. Reserve: **Nov. 15th @ 1pm** as we’ll be rolling pie dough, and **Nov. 24th @ 5:30am**, we many “apple peeling helpers!”

❖ **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. ● Fr. Linkhorst joins us next Sun., 11/8, hearing confessions.

❖ **Candles, Advent Calendars, Crosses:** benefit St Mary’ are available at Church. We’ll have a table full of items at the craft show this Sunday. The Yankee candles are discounted, Calendar prices vary & Crosses are handmade & donated by John/Dolly Zakavage.

ALL SOUL’S DAY ❖ **Nov. 2 All Souls Candles:** They’re placed in the sanctuary & lit this weekend. We ask \$10 @ ● Pictures: Place yours at the altar of St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary. Make sure you indicate your name and theirs on the back. They remain through the month as well. ● Envelopes offered in the past weeks are placed at the altar through the month. A listing will be provided Nov. 7/8th.



❖ **Taste of Italy:** Thanks to all who helped to make our event another grand success! Initially we deposited: \$1500+



❖ **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?

❖ **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!

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** A new order has arrived: Lavender, Rose, and 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@.

❖ **Criminalizing Scientific Controversy: Climate Change, Galileo, and Our Modern Inquisition**

In a remarkable letter to President Obama, twenty climate scientists have called for a RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) investigation into “corporations and other organizations that have knowingly deceived the American people about the risks of climate change.” They support their position by claiming that “an overwhelming majority of climate

scientists are convinced about the potentially serious adverse effects of human-induced climate change on human health, agriculture, and biodiversity.”

The RICO letter has drawn the interest of Walter Olson of the Cato Institute, who is concerned about “the continuing freedom to pursue lines of inquiry in public debate that the government may find unwelcome or unreasonable,” and Walter Williams of George Mason University, which is home to six signatories of the letter, who has derided it as part of “a desperate effort to gain greater control over our lives.”

In this essay, I discuss another problem with the letter: it aims to subvert the integrity of science. In this way, it is similar to—but, in an important way, worse than—the famous and often misunderstood case involving Galileo.

Science and the State The notion that a criminal investigation should be used to arbitrate a scientific dispute is antithetical to the proper norms of scientific inquiry. Whether or not there is intended deception is irrelevant, because the validity of a scientific theory is independent of one’s motivation for affirming the theory. Moreover, an overwhelming majority of scientists favoring a particular position does not provide scientific support for that position. There was universal support for Newton’s laws for over two centuries, but it only took one dissenter to supersede them.

Human-induced climate change is much less universally accepted than some previously generally accepted theories that were eventually rejected. Indeed, there are many prominent scientists who are not convinced that human-induced changes are significant. If the authors wish to make a case for acceptance, they should state their model, state their conditions for significance, and provide predictions that validate their theory—at least until future observations invalidate it (see my *Public Discourse* article on the war on science). Simply put, the authors should *behave as scientists*. A RICO prosecution will do nothing to support their viewpoint or vanquish their opponents—except perhaps to silence them. [tbc’td]

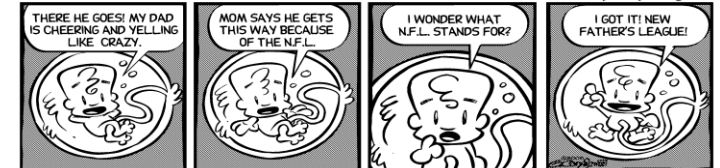
www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/10/15851/

❖ **Parish Collection: Local Poverty Relief: taken Nov. 21/22.** Your support of the collection allows us to assist our local food pantry, the work of the Ministerium & our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Envelopes will be at Church entrance or place it in give your offering marked: Poverty Relief.

❖ **Craft Show @ M: THIS 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!**



Umbert the Unborn



by Gary Cangemi

❖ **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. ☉ **2016 Calendar Sale:** \$10@, Benefits Trinity Academy; call 570-462-3927.



This weekend: (In addition: we’re preparing for a possible change in Mass times coming late Nov/Dec.)