

Nov 8, 2015

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

Nov 9 • 6pm • Rc • Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

† John Soda r/o Donna Gulash

Nov 10 • 9am • Rc • Leo the Great

Mark & Colleen Searles r/o Fr. Jim

Nov 11 • Noon • Rc • Martin of Tours

† Special Intentions r/o Bea Gius

Nov 13 • 6pm • Rc • Frances Cabrini

† Mary Louise Baver

Nov. 14-15 • 33rd S of the Year • B

4pm • J † Martha Matenkoski r/o Kosciuk Family

5:45pm • M † Joseph Aponick r/o Wife, Joanne & Children

8:15am • J † Mike & Rose Dziak r/o Mike & Judy

10am • M † Irene Cicioni r/o Dan & Kathy Milefsky



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 955; J: S: 1250; Campaign: 150

•All Saints: M: 155; J: 339 •All Souls: M: 525; J: 780

•myEoffering: M: \$70 • J: \$360

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ Scripture: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44;

•Next Week: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32;



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

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Buczowski •Mary Balkiewicz •Bea Gius •John Washko •Dorothy Yanuskiewicz •Rose Ann &

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 •Betty Krupilis •Mary Ann

Dombrowski •Gavin Kane

❖ N.B: Parish Office Hours: am to pm. **Mon & Wed: 4-7pm;**

Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 4-6pm. We're taking a look & will adjust as necessary.

❖ **BirthDay Blessings:** Mark Mensinger: 11/9; Carl

DeFederico, Vickie Hartz: 11/10; Clara Brennan: 11/11;

Amelia Loftus, Kathy Anderson: 11/14.

❖ **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** enters our last month! Read it!

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50: Oct. winner:**

Cathy Stamatopoulos, \$76 Congrats!

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!* Make an offering of a gift in thanks as we enter Thanksgiving

❖ **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 11/11 @ 6pm.

❖ **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: next weekend: Nov 14/15. Knights will greet & speak at Mass. Seeking new members/transfers. 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 your home: Thanksgiving Day btw. 10-2pm; call 570-773-0627 or 570-691-1429. Must reserve by Thurs., Nov. 19th @ 5pm! NB: You must be home to receive the meal!

❖ **Adult Ed:** Sessions resume this Mon. @ Mass @ Rc: Our topic: **Saints & Souls!** Bring your favorite/patron Saint story/picture to share & your Bible!

Reflection: 32nd S B: The Scribes were responsible for transmitting the Jewish faith. Their job was to be faithful in copying the scrolls and teaching the word and law of God. Often they didn't live what they taught, for instead of serving others, they served themselves! Jesus gathers the disciples to teach them how to be new "scribes" called to transmit faithfully the fullness of the law He reveals.

Why didn't He just drop the Bible out of the sky and tell them: don't teach, just give them this book! Could it be that He wanted to fulfill the Father's plan: restoring us to the relationship of love lost by Adam's sin?

Why do that? It'll be messy, won't it? Yes, therein lies the example of the widow. Freedom would be lost if we were forced to give our all. Rather than simply be puppets, God become flesh teaches us that He desires to enter into the mess that is our lives, not make us puppets.

As the new "scribes", we, as Jesus' disciples, are called to live Gospel values. We teach when our loving is self-giving, not self-serving. We transmit when our story is told in the light of God's love, not the tall tale of our own making, thus: the Saints!

As with the widow in our Gospel, transmitted faithfully by the Apostles, you and are to give our all --- our very selves.

● 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 at M: In memory of **veterans, living & deceased**, by the **Ringtown Ladies Auxiliary**. Celebrating? For the main altar &/or tabernacle: \$75+, side altars: \$25+. Contact us via the parish office.

❖ **St Mary's: Winning # 5028, \$1,000** won by **Bill & Rosemarie Fellin**. Congratulations & thanks to all who sold, bought & supported us! Our next drawing will be Valentine's Day, 2016!

❖ **Coat Drive:** This, while we finish off Indian Summer, the last week to donate! Help yourself, by living the Gospel of the widows mite.



❖ **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:** We ask donations of flour & butter! Order forms for Pumpkin, Apple: Covered & Crumb @ Church, a choir member, parish office. They are \$8 @. Order by 11/20.



Join us next Sun., Nov. 15th @ 1pm to roll pie dough & Nov. 24th @ 5:30am, to peel the apples!

❖ **Religious Ed:** Sessions are held Sunday mornings at St Joseph’s: 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 this Sun., 11/8, hearing confessions.

❖ **Yankee Candles, Advent Calendars, Crosses:** benefits St Mary’s, are available. Prices vary! Crosses are handmade & donated by John/Dolly Zakavage.

❖ **All Souls Candles:** Remain lit in the sanctuary & over the next 2 weekends. ● **Pictures:** Place yours at the altar of St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary. Make sure you indicate your name & theirs on the back. They stay through the month. ● Names from your All Souls Day offering are placed at the tabernacle this month. See our insert this weekend.

❖ **Ministry:** We seek adults to learn to serve as we transit to adult ministry [keeping our young people]! Disciples are needed as Lectors, Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist! Will you be the one to moan when we’re mandated to cut back for lack of participation? CH_ _CH: what’s missing?

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** 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** [cont’d] ...Worse than the authors’ nonscientific approach to scientific disputation is their effort to bring down the machinery of the state on their opponents. It has taken centuries for science to free itself from domination by the state. It was not long ago that the opponents of Trofim Lysenko were crushed by Stalinist oppression. The authors might argue that they only want an investigation. If so, do they really expect that potential criminal investigations would not have an adverse effect on free inquiry?

The RICO authors defend their assault on the independence of science by pointing out the risks involved if they are correct about the severity of climate change. As scientists, they should also point out the risks of taking draconian action, but they do not. Clearly, constraints on free enterprise carry economic, social, and political risks. And what of the cost to society resulting from placing scientific disputations under the shadow of criminal prosecution?

Learning from Galileo It is instructive to compare the RICO letter to a letter written 400 years earlier by Tommaso Caccini and delivered to the Congregation of the Holy Office (the Inquisition) on March 20, 1615. Caccini argued that the Copernican heliocentric theory that the planets orbit about a fixed sun is incompatible with the Bible and informed the

Inquisition that Galileo had advocated this theory. On February 26, 1616, the Inquisition ordered Galileo “to abstain altogether from teaching or defending the said opinions and even from discussing them.” Galileo submitted to the decree and avoided prison.

Over the ensuing years, Galileo played cat and mouse with the Inquisition, not content to live within the confines of the decree. Eventually, on June 22, 1633, the Inquisition pronounced Galileo guilty of heresy and disobedience. He spent three days in prison and then was released by order of Pope Urban VIII. In December, he was allowed to return to his own villa, still a prisoner and confined to his own property, but free to continue his research and host visitors.

Our interest here is not with the verdict in 1633, but with the decree of 1616, whose genesis is better understood by considering Copernicus’s *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium* (1543), in which he supports the heliocentric theory. *De Revolutionibus* contains the following statement written by Copernicus’s assistant: “The master’s hypotheses are not necessarily true; they need not even be probable. It is completely sufficient if they lead to a computation that is in accordance with the astronomical observations.” [tbc’t’d]

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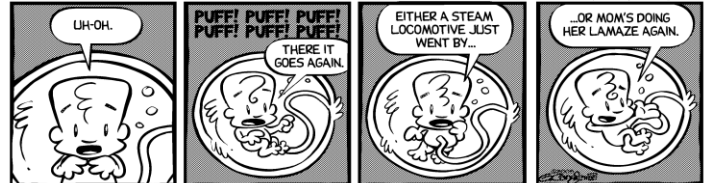
❖ **Collection: Local Poverty Relief: taken Nov. 21/22.**

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:** Thanks to **Kathy Lorah &** her faithful crew/family for a great craft show! New & our regular vendors! Great food, wonderful crafts & a nice turnout provide us with a profit of \$807!



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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. ☉ **2016 Calendar Sale:** \$10@, Benefits Trinity Academy; 570-462-3927. ☉ **Bingo:** Sheppton Fire Co: 11/15:1pm. ☉ **Coach Purse Bingo:** Trinity Academy: 11/15 @ 2pm. ☉ **Christmas Wreaths/Greens:** Benefits Ringtown Library; call 889-5503, order by 11/23.



Mass time change starting: Dec. 5/6:

3:30pm Mass @ St Joseph

5:15pm Mass @ St Mary.

Prayer for Deceased Veterans: O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

