

Nov 15, 2015

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

Nov 16 • 6pm • Rc • Gertrude
† Elizabeth Babon r/o Bea Gius

Nov 17 • 9am • Rc • Elizabeth of Hungary
† Kevin Bauman

Nov 18 • Noon • Rc • Dedication of Ss Peter & Paul
Special Intentions r/o Bea Gius

Nov 20 • 6pm • Rc • † Leo Letterhouse

Nov. 21-22 • Christ the King • Year B
4pm • J † M/M Anthony Evangelista
r/o M/M Jerry Evangelista



5:45pm • M † Ann Balla r/o Dan/Kathy Milefsky

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

10am • M † Edward J. Kayes r/o Jim & Virginia Spudis



♦ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S: 1034; Dues: 345; Campaign: 75; Redners: 134 • **J:** S: 1515; Dues: 478; Campaign: 31
• myEoffering: M: \$45 • J: \$60 • **Lions Club @ St Joseph's** collected for the camp/leader dog for the blind: \$273. Thank you!
Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

♦ **Scripture:** Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32;
• Next Week: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:4-8; Jn 18:33b-37;



♦ Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!
.... • John Biros • 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 • 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

Condolences to the family of **Betty Krupilis**, buried from St. Mary's last week. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord...

♦ **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 as we draw closer to the date available dates.

♦ N.B: Parish Office Hours: am to pm. **Mon & Wed: 4-7pm; Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 4-6pm.** We'll see how it goes & adjust as necessary.

♦ **Birthday Blessings:** Dave Osilka: 11/15; Luann Scodari: 11/16; Celeste Johnson: 11/17; Tom Murray, Bob Rukavage: 11/19; Lindsay Rader, Tyler Fritz: 11/20; Jacki Zions, Virginia Staerk: 11/21.

Thank You donors & workers who installed the changing table for infants/babies @ M!

♦ **Year of St. Mark's Gospel** enters our last weeks. Ready to begin journey through the Church year with St. Luke! Read it!

♦ **St. Joseph's 50/50: Nov. drawing underway!**

♦ **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](https://www.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 continues: this Wed, 11/18 @ 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 this weekend: Nov 14/15. Inviting new members/transfers. We're attending the Men's Conference: next Sat, Nov. 21, 9-5pm. @ DeSales University: see www.cmfd.org. Registration: \$35 @; High School/College: \$15. We leave St Joseph's @ 7am • Knights offer a free Thanksgiving Day meal delivered to your home btw. 10-2pm; call 570-773-0627 or 570-691-1429. Reserve by THIS Thurs., Nov. 19th @ 5pm! NB: You must be at home to receive the meal!

♦ **Adult Ed:** Session this Mon. @ Mass @ Rc: Our topic: **Who is St Luke? Getting ready for Year C!** Bring your Bible!

Reflection: 33rd S B: As we near the end of another liturgical year, our Gospel speaks of the end times that call for us to look far into the future. The picture of calamity & doom paints a dark & dismal picture that we often dismiss. The word "apocalyptic" comes from the Greek for "uncover" or "reveal."

The temptation is to ask: "When, Lord?" Jesus' answer: "no one knows", ought to bring us to pay more attention to what is before us. Now is an opportune time for the in-breaking of Christ. Now is what counts. The future isn't tomorrow, it is today.

We're tempted to think of Jesus' 2nd Coming as a future event. The darkening of the sun & moon and stars is already happening in the trials & tribulations that not only beset the first disciples, but also a part of our lives.

What calls us to sober reality is the realization that the end will come. Jesus' use of the image of the "fig tree" when summer is near is a sign that "He is near." Summer is a time of life, growth, fruitfulness. We who & heed His Words are in the "greening of our lives", choosing life, growth, fruitfulness. For us, the future is now!

● 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:** This week @ M: In Memory of **Joseph Aponick** on his birthday, by Family.

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

♦ **St Mary's:** next \$1K Drawing: Valentine Day, 2016!



❖ **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.

❖ **Collection: Local Poverty Relief: next weekend:**

Nov. 21/22. Your support of the collection allows us to assist our local food pantry & our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Envelopes are at Church entrance or place it in Sunday Stewardship marked: Poverty Relief.

❖ **Thanksgiving Pie Sale:** Orders for Pumpkin, Apple: Covered & Crumb are due by this Fri, 11/20. They are \$8 @.



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

❖ **Religious Ed:** Classes for grades 1-8 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. • Thank you Fr. Linkhorst for hearing confessions last week.

❖ **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 in the sanctuary until next weekend. • **Pictures:** at St. Joseph or the Blessed Virgin Mary altar. They stay through the month. • Names of those from All Souls Day are placed at the tabernacle this month.

❖ **Ministry:** We seek 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! Will you be the one to complain loudest when, after review, we are mandated to cut back for lack of participation? 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:** Lavender, Rose, and Unscented. Favors, graces continue to be reported. Have a favor granted? We’ve heard about a chronic back problem being relieved! ... Our Lady’s intercession reveals Christ’s healing. The offering is \$10@.

❖ **Criminalizing Scientific Controversy: Climate Change, Galileo, and Our Modern Inquisition** [cont’d] ... In 1615, Cardinal Bellarmine, the key Church figure in the affair at the time, wrote, “To say that on the supposition of the Earth’s movement and the Sun’s quiescence all the celestial appearances are explained better than by the theory of eccentrics and epicycles is to speak with excellent good sense and to run no risk whatever. Such a manner of speaking is enough for a mathematician. But to want to affirm that the Sun, in very truth, is at the center of the universe and only rotates on its axis without going from east to west, is a very dangerous attitude and one calculated not only to arouse all Scholastic philosophers and theologians but also to injure our holy faith by contradicting the Scriptures.

Bellarmino suggests a possible change in the Church’s position by going on to say, “If there were a real proof that the Sun is in

the center of the universe ... then we should have to proceed with great circumspection in explaining passages of Scripture which appear to teach the contrary.”

Bellarmino’s position was communicated to Galileo by Piero Dini in a letter stating, in reference to Copernicus, that “with a similar precaution you may at any time deal with these matters.” Had Galileo claimed only that the heliocentric theory better agrees with observations until he could present “real proof,” then he would have “run no risk whatever.”

More Dangerous than the Inquisition There are similarities between the proposed RICO investigation and the trial of Galileo. - In both, the accusers argue that they have the support of the majority of scientists. In the case of Copernicus, even the great Tycho Brahe rejected the heliocentric theory. By the time of Galileo, the theory had gained more support, including from Johannes Kepler.

- In both, the accused would be brought to trial under laws giving the prosecution wide latitude of interpretation.

- In both, the charge is essentially heresy against what Francis Bacon called the *Idols of the Theater*—uncritical acceptance of dogma and popular theories.

- In both, conviction would result in imprisonment.

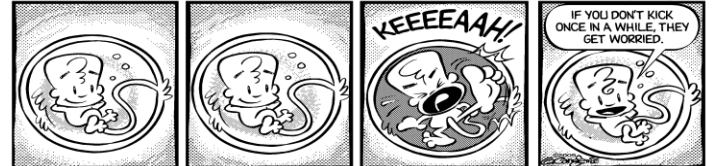
- In both, the accusers claim there is great societal risk in not taking their position. In the case of Galileo, it was credibly argued that rejecting the geocentric theory would undermine the faith, thus undermining the moral order, and thereby leading to societal breakdown. The argument takes on great urgency when one realizes that from Caccini’s accusation to Galileo’s conviction spanned the period of 1615 to 1633 and that the Thirty Years War ran from 1618 to 1648, a war resulting in population declines of up to a third in parts of the Holy Roman Empire.

While there are similarities, there is also a very important distinction between the proposed RICO investigation and the trial of Galileo. With Galileo the issue was theological truth. Galileo could have maintained his scientific opinion without being prosecuted. On the contrary, it appears from the language of the RICO letter that the authors desire prosecution over differences of scientific opinion. Science itself is to be brought before the bar of the state, as it was under both National Socialism and Communism. [tbct’d]

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

❖ **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service:** St Mary’s hosts the gathering **next Wed, Nov. 25th @ 7pm.** Join us for prayer & a social afterward. Pray for favorable weather.

Umbert the Unborn



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



Mass time change starting: Dec 5/6:

3:30pm Mass @ St Joseph

5:15pm Mass @ St Mary.