

Nov 21, 2015



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

Nov 23 • Noon • Rc • Clement

† Fr. Forgotch

Nov 24 • 9am • Rc • Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

† Fr. Anselmi

Nov 25 • Noon • Rc • Catherine of Alexandria

† Norman & Loraine Davis r/o Betty Lou/Fr. Jim

Thanksgiving Day

Nov 26 • 9am • J • In Thanksgiving

Nov. 28-29 • 1st S Advent • Year C

4pm • J † Steffie & John Michalik

r/o Al & Joanne

5:45pm • M † Billy & Marie Houser

r/o Family

8:15am • J † William Fellin, Sr.

r/o Children

10am • M † Connie Schipin r/o Family

Baptism of Luke James McClafferty



1st SUNDAY OF Advent



♦ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1108; BF: 121; Campaign: 195;

• J: S: 1342; BF: 356; Campaign: 103

• myEoffering: M: \$45 • J: \$40

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

♦ Scripture: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:4-8; Jn 18:33b-37; •Next Week: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28;34-36;

♦ 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 •John Zakavage

♦ 2016 Mass Book: is open, you can reserve up to 3 weekend Masses. In time, if Sunday mass is available, you can schedule them as we get closer to the date.

♦ 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: Johnny Milosh, Michael Reese: 11/25; Irene Feeko, Bill Houser: 11/27.

♦ Welcome New Parishioners @ J: Ed & Marissa Lengen.

Thank You to all who have cared for our grounds & buildings during the spring/summer & fall seasons!

♦ Year of St. Mark's Gospel comes to an end this week.

Year of St. Luke's Gospel begins next weekend! Get your Bible out & read along!

♦ 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.

♦ Choir @ M: There are some great voices, we can hear you, why not join us in giving praise and thanks to God! Practice continues: Wed, 12/2 @ 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: New members/transfers packets were given to almost 50 men last weekend: Thanks!

• Knights are offering Thanksgiving Day time delivering meals to those in need! Want to be of service? Join the Knights: prayer, living holy, Catholic, family, faith-filled lives.

♦ Adult Ed: Session next Mon., Nov 30 @ Mass @ Rc: Our topic: ADVENT! Year C! Bring your Bible!

Reflection: Christ the King B: All I have to do is walk into the kitchen after being out and ask Star: "what have you done?" The ears go back, the tail goes down, she has no clue what she's done, but it is in the tone that she hears that something is wrong....it has nothing to do with the ripped & empty bag of treats that she slurped down!

When Pilate asks Jesus: "what have you done?" and "are you the King of the Jews?" I wonder if he's interested to see Jesus' reaction to his power....

Surprisingly, the King of Kings standing before the one with temporary power responds in such a beautiful way: Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"

That question is met with scorn and derision. Hmm... Sounds a lot like our culture today. A bishop in Australia is being hauled before temporary powers because he defended marriage between one man/one woman. Young people on college campuses are being told to put aside their "privilege" and bow down at the altars of the PC crowd.

The world seems upside down. Just like in Jesus' day, we're presented with an opportunity and a challenge. Take advantage of it, if you want to "give thanks." Stand with the Lord, Jesus & His Church as a witness to truth. Invite others around the table to come with you to meet Him, especially those who have fallen away from the beauty of our Catholic faith!

At the end of this journey through St Mark's Gospel, we are invited again to fall in love with the King of Kings who has won for us eternal life! To Him be power and glory for ever!

• 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 week @ M: In Memory of Ann Balla, by Charlie & Luann. 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: THIS 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.

❖ [facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc](https://www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc)

❖ **Thanksgiving Pie Sale:** We've made more than 650 crusts for 500 pie orders. Join us **BOTH Mon & Tues @ 5:30am!**

Pickup: Tues: 2-5pm @ M; after 6pm @ Rectory @ J



❖ **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.



ADVENT
Calendars

❖ **Yankee Candles, Advent Calendars, Crosses:** benefits St. Mary's, are available. ADVENT begins next weekend! Make the Season great by opening the "doors" each day!

Prices vary! Crosses are handmade & donated by John/Dolly Zakavage

& Bob Bruno

❖ **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!

❖ **Criminalizing Scientific Controversy: Climate Change, Galileo, and Our Modern Inquisition** [cont'd] ... Thus, the proposed RICO investigation is more dangerous to science than the Inquisition's theological demands. The latter opposed a claim of knowledge of reality on the part of science, an opposition which is today taken for granted, whereas the RICO letter appears to advocate limiting independence in scientific thinking. The situation is made more striking when one considers the position advocated by the Catholic Church in *Gaudium et Spes*: "We cannot but deplore certain habits of mind, which are sometimes found too among Christians, which do not sufficiently attend to the rightful independence of science." *Edward Dougherty is Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Texas A&M University and Scientific Director of the Center for Bioinformatics and Genomic Systems Engineering.* www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/10/15851

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

❖ **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@.

❖ **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service:** St Mary's hosts the gathering this Wed, Nov. 25th @ 7pm. Join us for prayer & a social afterward. Weather permitting.

We Are BLESSED

❖ **Thanksgiving:** I take the time to thank any & all who, in the course of the past year,

helped to make our parishes places of hospitality and worship. We continue to grow in the Lord in so many ways from simple acts of kindness to great deeds done simply well. Personally, I thank the many that enabled us to support our King's Men ministry @ \$1,000 at the time of my birthday. If we're not serving the King, whom are we serving?

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



❖ **Outside Events:** ☉ **Christmas Wreaths/Greens:** Benefit Ringtown Library; 889-5503, order by 11/23. ☉ **2016 Calendar Sale:** \$10@, Benefits Trinity Academy; 570-462-3927.



Mass time change starting:

Dec 5/6:

3:30pm @ St Joseph

5:15pm @ St Mary

❖ **Memorials @ J: Margaret Wilcko:** Cecilia Funanage: \$20.

❖ **St. Nicholas Shoes:** Drop them off at Mass Dec. 5/6, the feast of St. Nicholas (pre-cursor to our present day Santa Claus). Tradition around the world holds that children/young people who leave their shoes outside the door of their home or at Church are "blessed" with gifts of candy, fruit & items to help enrich their lives and share with others the joy of following Jesus! Mark the shoe, leave it at the Advent wreath.

