

Nov 29, 2015

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

Nov 30 • 1pm • J • Andrew, Apostle

† Funeral: Ernest Lorenz



Dec 1 • 9am • Rc • † Eleanor Murphy

Dec 2 • Noon • Rc • † Joseph Miller

Dec 4 • 6pm • Rc • John Damascene • First Friday

† Janet Koch

Exposition/Divine Mercy/ Benediction

Dec. 5/6 • 2nd S Advent • Year C

3:30pm • J † Deceased of Hirko Family

r/o Geri/David Sarno

5:15pm • M † Joseph & Grace Scodari

r/o Charlie & Luann

8:15am • J Special Intentions

r/o Bob/Jeanette Fellin

10am • M † Ann Speaker r/o Piskowski Family



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1027; PR: 1074; Campaign: 325;

J: S: 1352; PR: 847; Campaign: 130

•myEoffering: M: \$149 • J: \$50

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ Scripture: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28;34-36;

•Next Week: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18;



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

.... •John Biros •Roy Gius •Richard

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 •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: Mon & Wed: 4-7pm;

Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 4-6pm

❖ Birthday Blessings: Celia Sokolofski: 11/29; Adrienne

Gallagher 12/2.

❖ Year of St. Luke's Gospel begins!

Get out your Bible & pray along!

❖ Baptismal Congratulations: To the family of Luke McClafferty, baptized this weekend into the Catholic Family of Faith! Remember, parents/godparents: it is your responsibility to teach your child in the ways of the faith. We trust that you'll do a good job, our prayers are with you!

❖ St. Joseph's 50/50: Nov. drawing this week!

❖ Stewardship: No one can do everything, everyone can do something!

Make an offering of a gift in Advent expectation of Jesus' coming in glory!

Condolences to the family of Ernest Lorenz, from St. Joseph's, being buried this Monday.

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord...

❖ 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.

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

❖ 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: We meet: 12/20 @ parish office after 10am Mass. •Knights offered 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 this Mon., Nov 30 @ 6:30pm @ Rc. With the 1pm funeral, there is no Mass @ 6pm.

Our topic: Preparing for the Year of Mercy!

Reflection: 1st S Advent C: Advent is upon us, yet the world describes it as the "Christmas Season": Wrong!!! So let the carols begin until we reach the 25th, no wonder we want to pull out hair out.

Try this: Do the necessary things that preparation for Christmas brings, but instead of holiday parties, socials and the like: postpone them until we actually reach the season of Christmas! I promise that the pressure will be on, you'll be described as the scrooge, but in the end, what is done in anticipation of celebrating HIS birth will not go without it's reward!

What reward? Well, think about it: when a couple is pregnant, there is plenty of anticipation, expectation, joy & hope. When the child is born, that isn't gone, it increases! So why wouldn't all of that surrounding the birth of Jesus!

Give it a try..... celebrate Advent! Get a calendar: Star, because she is older than Peaches, picked out the dogs on the Advent calendar and each day in the season, we're opening a new door (hoping for a great treat, perhaps) that will announce the Good News that the world that is in need of a Savior is once again among us.

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



❖ 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.

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

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

Supporting the collection allows us to assist our local food pantry & our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our initial deposit: \$847 @ J & \$1074 @ M. You can continue to do so in the coming weeks. Mark it: **Poverty Relief.**

❖ **THANKS:** The Catholic Social Agency in Hazleton sent a note of thanks to you, through **Tevin Murray's** N. Schuylkill Sr. Project. The letter is at the entrance to St. Joseph's. St. Mary's were delivered to a homeless shelter in Pottsville that serves Sch. County. Thank you! The coats are already on the backs of the poor!

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

❖ **Thanksgiving Pie Sale:** Thanks to all who assisted us with the work of "peeling" and filling & baking the pies! We've made more than 650 crusts for 500 pie orders.



❖ **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.



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

each day! Prices vary! Crosses are handmade & donated by John/Dolly Zakavage (m) & Bob Bruno (j)

❖ **Advent Prayer: "Shopping during Advent":** Dear God, as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life. But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy. And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centered on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.

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❖ **All Souls Pictures:** return yours to your sacred space at home. Thanks for allowing us to "remember" your loved ones through the month of All Saints/Souls.

❖ **Immaculate Conception: Holy Day Mass Schedule:**
Dec. 7: 3:30 (j); 6:45pm (m); Dec. 8: 9am (Rc);

❖ **Ministry:** We need adults to step up for ministry, otherwise we'll be forced to end ministry service. Will you 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!

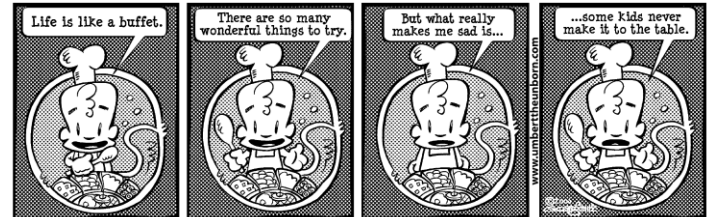
❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** Lavender, Rose, and Unscented. Favors, graces continue to be reported. Have a favor granted? We've heard about a chronic back problem being relieved! ...Our Lady's intercession reveals Christ's healing. The offering is \$10@.

❖ **St. Nicholas Shoes:** Drop them off at Mass next weekend, Dec. 5/6, the feast of St. Nicholas (pre-cursor to our present day Santa Claus). Tradition holds that children/young people who leave their shoes at home or 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.



❖ **Giving Tree:** Take a tag (or two) from the "tree", purchase the item for pregnant/unwed parents, bring it unwrapped (a gift 'bags' might work), leave it at the tree! They'll be left out throughout the season. Your participation helps Birthright Frackville & the Catholic Social Agency, Hazleton.

Umbert the Unborn



by Gary Cangemi



NEXT WEEKEND: Dec 5/6:

3:30pm @ St Joseph

5:15pm @ St Mary

❖ **Thanksgiving Thoughts:** You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink. --G.K. Chesterton- catholic convert, author

❖ **World Situation":** God of comfort, these times seem so uncertain, so scary. The world seems darker than it has in the past and I am less sure of myself. Maybe that's a good thing; maybe now I am turning to you with a realization that I need you so much more and that my life is not in my own control. Let me not forget all of those around the world who are frightened at this moment. Help those who are victims of terrorism and war. Be with those who have lost so much in the past year. Hold us all in your loving arms and let us be comforted by the strength and peace you want to much to offer us through the birth of your son, Jesus. Thank you for the many gifts you offer us. --"Used with permission. Taken from *Praying Advent*, on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>"

❖ **Outside Events:** ☉2016 Calendar Sale: \$10@, Benefits Trinity Academy; 570-462-3927. ☉Sheppton Fire Co Bingo: 12/6 @ 1pm.