

Jan 16/17, 2016

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

Jan 18 • 6pm • Rc † Russell Thomas

Jan 19 • 9am • Rc † Leo Letterhouse

Jan 20 • 11:30am • J Sebastian † David Milosh funeral

Jan 22 • 6pm • Rc • Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children † Josephine Bodock

Jan. 23/24 • 3rd Sunday of Year • C 3:30pm • J † Clara D. Valanty r/o Alice & Tony Valanty

5:15pm Mass @ St. Paul's UCC † Ann Marie Burke r/o Burke Family

8:15am • J † Bob Stancik r/o Wife, Carol

N.B.: 10:30am @ St. Paul's UCC † Nancy Blackwell r/o Anderson Family



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1135; • J: S: 1109 • myEoffering: M: \$45 • J: \$180 Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ Scripture: • Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12: 2-11; John 2:1-11; • Next week: Neh. 8:2-4a;5-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12: 12-14,27; Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21;



❖ Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!... • John & Ann Biros • Richard Buczkowski • John Washko • Dorothy Yanuskiewicz • Rose Ann Aponick • Jean Jarzinko • Joseph Washko • Grace Snover • Vickie Hartz • Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin • Gordy Weikel • Kathy Milefsky • Phil & Shirley Kennedy • Bill/Flo Steele • Theresa Szott • Helen Mehalick • Margaret Krupilis • Barbara Green • John Zakavage • Geri Sarno • Brian Irslinger • Helen Gurka • Irene Feeko

❖ NEW MAILING ADDRESS: [No PO Box!] 82 N Center St., Ringtown, Pa. 17967

For this week, the Parish Office is open on an as needed basis.

❖ Birthday Blessings: Gloria Guydish, Anthony Kelmalis: 1/18; Rosemarie Fellin, Anna Mae Kealy, George Wilkinson: 1/19; Logan Fritz, Stephen Hovanec: 1/20; Stephanie Casella: 1/23.

❖ Condolences to the family of David Milosh, from St. Mary's, who will be buried this week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord....

❖ Year of St. Luke's Gospel: Pray your Bible! ❖ St. Joe's 50/50: January tickets out now! ❖ Stewardship: No one can do everything, everyone can do something! Make an offering of a gift in gratitude for all God has done for us!



❖ 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.



❖ Knights of Columbus: meet Sat: 1/16 @ 3:30 Mass @ J. Post-Christmas Party will be held on Sat., 1/23 @ 6:30pm, at the American Legion Hall, Ringtown.

❖ Adult Ed: resumes soon!

❖ facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

❖ Visit us on the web: stmarystjoseph.net

❖ Sign of Peace/Cups @ Communion: with the onset of flu/cold season, are suspended.

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!

Reflection: Ordinary Time: 2nd Sunday of the Year: Only during the cycle of readings C are we treated to several epiphanies in a row: Epiphany: the manifestation to the Magi; then the Epiphany: Jesus' baptism revealed for the saving waters for us; this week: the Epiphany: the first miracle of the wedding feast at Cana.

Thank God for Mother May who points out the need for Jesus' to begin his ministry. Her simple phrase: "They have no more wine" could have been met with a skeptical: "so what?" Instead, it is an invitation for Jesus to get about his ministry: truly His "hour" has not yet arrived! That will happen during the Last Supper/Calvary.

For the present moment there will be "little hours" when Jesus' abundant revelation will be more fully revealed. Still we're left with the question: "what is Jesus' hour?" I read this brief & awesome description: In the Gospel God's abundance is revealed. Not one jar of water become wine, but six! Not a little bit of wine, but over 100 gallons! Not partially filled jars, but "to the brim"! Not inferior wine, but "good wine"! Not just one sign, but the "beginning of His signs"! More is coming! The more is the Glory of God revealed. In the "more" is God's abundance - a sign of the fullness of Life and love God offers us.

It's like the anticipation of the re-opening of our Church at St Mary's. Something we're excited about & can't wait for! So too as we walk with the Lord through this Year of Mercy & St. Luke's Gospel!

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

Fr. Jim 🐾 & Peaches

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❖ SCRIP: We've \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 & \$100 Weis, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 Sheetz, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Giant, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 PetSmart, \$25 Walmart, \$25 Olive Garden, \$25 Dunham's Sports, \$25 Red Robin, \$50 Sunoco on hand. Contact the office, we'll get them to you.



Altar Flowers again: Thank you!

❖ Flowers: sponsors have come forward for the altars @ St Mary's re-opening. As of this time, we're told to expect to get into Church the 2nd weekend of Feb: 13th/14th.

For your dedication to your parish,

❖ Interested in our Catholic faith? Ask, encourage, invite! Share the gift of faith!

❖ **Collection: Local Poverty Relief:** Your generosity has brought in \$2,200 to assist our local food pantry & St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can contribute through the Christmas Season: mark your contribution: **Poverty Relief.**

❖ **St Mary's:** next \$1K Drawing: Valentine Day, 2016! Tickets available! See a seller after mass!

❖ **Pro-Life Presentation:** a brief invitation is extended this weekend for us to witness to the sacredness of life, especially with the Anniv. of Roe v Wade and the death of some 55 million children since 1973! **Sanctity of Life, Miracle of Life Video:** <https://youtu.be/APkV40vUhWs>

❖ **Calendars** for 2016 arrived! Take one home with you! They have been purchased by your parish as we were not able, in the past, to secure a number equal to the number of families.

❖ **Ministry:** We're in need of disciples to step up for ministry, extra-ordinary minister of communion, lector, servers. If we don't, regretfully, we'll have to bring some ministry to an end.

❖ **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 a must!** Contact: Sue Crawford @ 570-384-5732.



❖ **Yankee Candles, Crosses:** Prices vary! Crosses are handmade & donated by John/Dolly Zakavaga (M) & Bob Bruno (J).

❖ **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. Put this on our computers, laptops & mobile devices. The price? Saving our lives, family, marriages, faith: priceless!

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** New order placed so they'll be on the way! Lavender, Rose & Unscented. Favors, graces continue to be reported. Have a favor granted? Let us know.....Our Lady's intercession reveals Christ's healing. The offering is \$10@.

# Mercy

❖ **Year of Mercy:** Proclaimed by Pope Francis to fashion our year around living, receiving & extending mercy.

The Magnificat Year of

Mercy Companion Book guides us through the year, giving us a weekly breakdown: Sunday: Poetry; Monday: Meditation; Tuesday: Saints; Wednesday: Catechesis; Thursday: Witness; Friday: Scripture; Saturday: Devotion. A great way to start your day!

We've a prayer card, composed by Fr. Ezaki, a priest from our diocese to pray through this year of Mercy. Copies are at the entrance to Church. First come, first served.



❖ **Gift Books..** that haven't been picked up are available for visitors, new registrants & guests! Tell us what you think, drop us a line, point out something that has touched your heart!

Written by **Matthew Kelly, Rediscover Jesus.** It is our prayer that the book inspire what it is meant to do: Rediscover the Lord Jesus!

❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** Parish Picnic Sponsors are sought so that we can get our ticket out early! See the board on the wall at Church, sign up to sponsor one or several gift cards. We'll order the cards, you'll get the credit, the parish gets the % of the purchase & the winner gets a great gift card!



**Mass for St Mary's: For the next few weekends, with renovation work: 5:15pm Sat. & 10:30am Sun. @ St. Paul's UCC, Ringtown**

❖ **Socks/Gloves:** Among the poor/homeless, the need is great for socks & gloves. In this month of January, we are asking for donations of new ones: all sizes, all ages needed! Even colorful ones for the young ones! Let's make it a sock/glove storm with more than they ever dreamed! Disciples to organize/deliver are needed.



**PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

❖ **Christian Unity Service: Sun, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>,** luncheon served from 12:00pm til 12:45pm; Service at

1pm @ Aurand Methodist Church, Ringtown.

**Memorials @ M: Vincent Opanel: Wife, Joan: \$1000.**

❖ **Placement of Pews/Opening of Church:** We're looking to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Feb. for help with bringing the pews back into Church, then the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> for moving things back into place in time for the Sat./Sun Masses!

Start preparing now: we need bakers to help with our social, open house! Watch for our announcements here & via social media!

St Mary's is closed til the work is completed! Funerals are held at St. Joseph's. **Sat./Sun. Mass for St Mary's is celebrated at St. Paul's UCC Church, Ringtown. It IS handicapped accessible.** [p.s. Our annual social at the rectory is moved to the re-opening of St Mary's when the renovations are complete!]

### Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



**Outside events:** ☉2016 Calendar Sale: \$25@; 50/50 Spectacular tickets \$1@, Benefits Trinity Academy; call 570-462-3927 ☉Sheppton Fire Co: Bingo: 1/3/16 @ 1pm. ☉Extraordinary Ministers needed for Schuylkill Medical Center: Contact Fr. Zelonis @ 570-429-0701. ☉Marian HS is now accepting applications for the 2016/2017 school year; call 570-668-2225 ext. 2217. ☉Marian HS Open House (for 7/8 grade students); 1/31 @ 1pm; call 570-467-0641 for more info. ☉March for Life: 1/22 @ 7:15am; \$50/adults, \$15/students: call Susan @ 570-385-5924.