

Jan 23/24, 2016

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

Jan 25 • 6pm • Rc Conversion of St Paul

† John Susko r/o John



Jan 26 • 9am • Rc Timothy & Titus † Leo Letterhouse

Jan 27 • Noon • Rc Angela Merici † Robert Tobash

n.b. Jan 28 • Noon • Rc • Thomas Aquinas † Grace Hick-Jones

Jan. 30/31 • 4th Sunday of Year C

3:30pm • J † Albert Donoris r/o Mark & Roz Mitchell

5:15pm Mass @ St. Paul's UCC

† Vincent Opanel r/o Wife, Joan

8:15am • J † Albert & Marie Salvaterra r/o Mike & Judy

N.B.: 10:30am @ St. Paul's UCC

† Bron & Josephine Rejent r/o Gene & Sherry



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 866; BF: 176; Campaign: 580

• J: S: 1975; BF: 967; Campaign: 290

• myEoffering: M: \$35 • J: \$55

*Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ Scripture: • Neh. 8:2-4a;5-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12: 12-14,27;  
Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21; • Next week: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 13: 4-13;  
Lk 4:21-30;

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

• John & Ann Biroš • 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 • Brian Irlinger • Al Mehalick • Helen Gurka • Irene Feeko



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

Parish Office hours: Mon. & Wed. 4-7pm

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

❖ Birthday Blessings: Charles Scodari: 1/24;  
Bill Maczees: 1/26; Ryan Coghill: 1/27; Bob Baranowsky,  
Marie Gaudet: 1/29.

❖ 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 Sun: 2/21 @ 10am Mass @M. Post-Christmas Party is postponed until Sat., 1/30 @ 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. If needed, when a minister serves as Lector, another minister should come forward to assist with communion.

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: 3rd Sunday of the Year: The beginning of Luke's Gospel describes it as a "narrative of... events." He's telling us that this is a continuation of the story of God's people from the Old Testament. Beginnings are important: salvation from the time of the Garden to now a time of glad tidings for the poor. How do the poor experience "glad tidings?" By the simple things we do: e.g. witness to the sanctity of life that says that ALL Life Matters, providing a coat for the needy, socks and gloves for the homeless. From the beginning: this story has captured our attention, calls us to look attentively & to do what Mother May reminded us last week: whatever He tells us, now what we tell Him. That's why the beginning of our lives, family, parish, community matter as well to, God this day wants us to be a part of the "narrative of today's savings events." It starts with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & extends to the little portion of the world where we dwell.

The Gospel challenges us to prepare well for each Sunday liturgy, not just reflect on the readings while we're at Holy Mass, but to read prayerfully through the Scriptures during the week. If you aren't a reader & like to listen, there is a youtube channel whereby the daily/Sunday readings are proclaimed beautifully for us: It's link is here & on our facebook/web page: Catholic Online: Daily Mass Readings:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL58g24NgWPIzPDrXpUQLJsr2ZNhf7wp7P

● 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

❖ 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. What an exciting time!

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

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

❖ Pro-Life Witness: Thanks to Nancy Krajnikovich for her witness to the sanctity of life and the work of the pregnancy crisis center. On this Respect Life weekend, if you haven't already, watch the video link on our website.

A small fact: In the Roe v Wade debacle, the “right to an abortion” at any time during pregnancy was so-called “settled law.” Not! Did you know that the child that an unethical lawyer used to bring this shame to our land was born, adopted & is enjoying life! Her mother would later become pro-life & a committed Catholic! Ever hear that from the complicit pro-murder media? Course not, but if the child had been aborted, we’d be celebrating “choice” & if Jane was a rep for Planned Parenthood, she be an “American Culture Saint”. Instead: Silence. While 55+ million children cry out for justice!

**Sanctity of Life, Miracle of Life Video:**

<http://www.hyperpixelsmedia.com/sermon-illustration-videos/the-miracle-of-life>

❖ **Calendars** for 2016 are here! Take one home with you! They have been purchased by your parish. We’ve more than enough for each family in our parishes.

❖ **Ministry:** We’ve come to that place where, after repeated requests, few have stepped forward for ministry, extraordinary minister of communion, lectors. We’ll be suspending some ministry. Perhaps well have more step up in the future.



❖ **Yankee Candles, Crosses:** Prices vary! Crosses are handmade & donated by John/Dolly Zakavage (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!

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



❖ **Ash Wed Bleenie/Soup Sale @ St Joseph’s: Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** We seek disciples to make soup, donate toward bleenies & workers to assist!

Let us know! (not let it s... no!)

❖ **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!



❖ **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: this Sun, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>,** luncheon served from 12:00pm til 12:45pm; Service at 1pm @ Aurand Methodist Church, Ringtown.

❖ **Placement of Pews/Opening of Church:** We’re looking to the week of Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 © **Shepton Fire Co: Bingo: 1/3/16 @ 1pm.** © **Extraordinary Ministers needed for Schuylkill Medical Center:** Contact Fr. Zelonis @ 570-429-0701. © **Marian HS** is 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 info. © **Bingo: 2/7 @ 1pm:** Shepton Fire Co.