

Jan 30/31, 2016

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

Feb 1 • 6pm • Rc † Peter Gius

r/o M/M Roy Gius



Feb 2 • 9am • Rc *Presentation of the Lord*

† John Susko r/o Jennie

Feb 3 • Noon • Rc *Blaise* † Frank Ruscavage r/o Ann Balulis

Feb 5 • 6pm • Rc • *Paul Miki & Companions* • First Friday

† Irene Gans r/o Donna & Jessica Gulash

Adoration • Divine Mercy • Benediction

Feb 6/7 • 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year C

3:30pm • J † John J Balitas r/o Wife & Daughter

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

† David Milosh r/o Dan & Kathy Milefsky

8:15am • J † Jeanie Austra r/o Cousin

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

Health of C. Mary Zimmerman r/o Gordy



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: 1/23-24:** Snowmageddon: will be included next week. Fyi: just like you, our bills don't take off if it snows, if anything, they increase. A great reason to consider giving online: myEoffering *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Scripture:** • Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 13: 4-13; Lk 4:21-30;

• Next week: Is 6:1-2a; 3-8; 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Lk 5:1-11;



❖ 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 • Brian Irslinger • Al Mehalick • Helen Gurka • Irene Feeko • Jennifer/Rose Gilliam

❖ **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:** Ed Krusinsky, Brian Schwalm: 1/31; Tom Campanici: 2/1; Cherise Yablonsky, Kathleen Richards, Judith Vasey: 2/2; Jonathan Biros, Dorothy Mattes: 2/6.

❖ **Year of St. Luke's Gospel:** Pray your Bible!

❖ **St. Joe's 50/50:** January drawing this weekend!

❖ **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. Party this Sat., 1/30 @ 6:30pm, @ American Legion Hall, Ringtown.

❖ **Adult Ed:** resumes soon!

❖ **facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc**

❖ Visit us on the web: [www.stmarystjoseph.net](http://www.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: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** One of the best commercials is the father with his sons "participation trophy." He scribbles on the base: Champion! I don't remember the car they get in! Truth is, the "culture" may not want us to keep score, but we long to be on the winning side. Why do you think Mary B cries year after year over her (our) poor Eagles! Hope springs eternal. We hear something similar when everyone speaks "highly" of Jesus, but when He challenges their idea of salvation, peace & hope, they turn to their "culture."

What killed the prophets? They challenged people to make choices. Just what happened to the Savior: He forced a choice by His life that would become the Gospel. Today, the temptation is the same. When the Good News doesn't deliver as quickly as we like, we take our lives & will back from the God who gave us our life & free will!

One of the reasons Jesus "escapes" the wrath of the crowd is the promise that God's Word endures, despite opposition. How do we react to the challenge of the Gospel? Never is easy, but, in time, it beats the 'promise' that the "culture" will determine what we're to accept. Remember that brave father with his son. How much more does the Heavenly Father want to write "champion" on our "participant" trophy.

● 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. We expect to reopen Feb: 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. 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!

❖ **Catholic Calendars** for 2016 arrived! Take one home or give to a neighbor. They're a gift from your parish to you! We've more than enough for each family in our parishes.

❖ **Ash Wed: Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> both at St Joseph's:** 3:30pm Mass/Ashes; 6:45pm:Liturgy of the Word/Ashes

❖**Pro-Life Witness:** Thanks to Nancy Krajnikovich for her witness to the sanctity of life and the work of the pregnancy crisis center. If you haven't already, watch the video link on our website or listed below.

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>

❖**Ministry:** We've come to that place where, after repeated requests, a 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 arrived! 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: the next two weekends, with renovation work: 5:15pm Sat. & 10:30am Sun. @ St. Paul's UCC, Ringtown

❖**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!



❖**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... now!)

❖**St. Mary's Choir** sells homemade **Shoo-Fly Pies @ \$8.**

Forms are at church, see a choir member/parish office. Order by Sun, 3/13. Pick up: 3/18, 10-Noon @ Parish Office; after 6pm @ Rectory.



❖**Socks/Gloves:** Among the poor/homeless, the need is great for socks & gloves. At the month draws to a close, we'll be ready to deliver our gifts! Let's make it a sock/glove storm with more than they ever dreamed! Thanks to Alice Valenty/Liz Kuzmitsky for helping organize/deliver.



### ❖Placement of Pews/Opening of Church:

We're looking to NEXT Sunday: Feb. 7<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! Get the word to us of what you'll bring!

We need some young, able guys to help replacing light bulbs, cleaning the fixtures this weekend after the 10:30 mass! 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.

### Umbert the Unborn



**Outside events:** ☉2016 Calendar Sale: \$25@; 50/50

Spectacular tickets \$1@: benefits Trinity Academy; call 570-462-3927 ☉Extraordinary Ministers needed for Schuylkill Medical Center: Contact Fr. Zelonis @ 570-429-0701.

☉Marian HS accepts applications for 2016/17 school year; 570-668-2225 ext. 2217. ☉Marian HS Open House (for 7/8 grade students); 1/31 @ 1pm; 570-467-0641. ☉Bingo: 2/7 @ 1pm: Sheppton Fire Co. ☉Deppen Pie Sale: benefits Ringtown Library. Order by 2/10, call 570-889-5503.