

Feb. 13/14, 2016

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



Feb 15 • 6pm • Rc

† James F. Torpey (15th Anniv)
r/o Fr. Jim & Betty Lou
[Adult ed]

Feb 16 • 9am • Rc † Ernest Lorenz r/o Theresa Walters
[Stations of the Cross]

Feb 17 • Noon • Rc † John Soda r/o M/M Robert Fellin

Feb 19 • 6pm • M • † Joe Tobin r/o M/M James Ambrose
[Stations of the Cross]

Feb 20/21 • 2nd Sunday Lent C

3:30pm • J † Nick Tarris r/o Julia Osinchak

5:15pm • M † Billy & Marie Houser r/o Family

8:15am • J † Mike Funanage r/o Wife, Cecilia

10am • M † John Pastorella r/o Debra Flurie & Alex Ambrose



Stewardship: M: S: 1548; Dues: 520; Campaign: 500
J: S: 1444; Dues: 475; Campaign: 100

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Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

Scripture: • Dt 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13;

Next week: Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Pray For... Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!...
John & Ann Biras • Richard Buczkowski • John Washko • Dorothy Yanuskiewicz • Rose Ann

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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: Jim Fish: 2/15; Helen Fisher: 2/16; Justin Buchman, Sharon Galezniak, Marie Piaskowski, Rick Roulin, John Washko, Vic Yanuskiewicz: 2/19.

Welcome New Members: @ J: Jessica & James Barrett; @ M: Steve & Lynn Motil.

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

St. Joe's 50/50: February chances 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 next Sun: 2/21 @ 10am Mass @M.

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Visit us on the web: 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: 1st S Lent C: Time passes so quickly. We were just celebrating the Lord's birth & now we're moving through the 40 days of Lent. Participate in our 40 Can/Days for Life. [see the related article] It's good to sacrifice, abstain, set aside extra time for stations, reading & prayer. They give us a chance, as a parish to grow in the virtue of serving & living a life of Mercy, in this year of Mercy, by serving Jesus in the hidden guise of the poor.

This week the Gospel recalls for us the temptation in the desert. The wilderness invites us to enter that place in our lives where things have gotten dry, arid & a bit out of whack. Jesus didn't enter the wilderness alone, neither do we. Jesus leaves the waters of the Jordan River, filled with the Spirit, it's that Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert. An invitation to embrace the challenges of life. Why didn't He take some time off, take a break, relax a bit? It's not that He didn't enjoy those. St Luke reminds us that the Spirit that led Jesus into the desert, also let Him out of the desert to a new life. The life He offers us, His disciples.

Following the Spirit calling us to the desert of Lent, pray that we'll grow stronger when tempted by the devil, living a fuller & richer life: Life in Christ!

It is my prayer that the Lenten symbol, book, banner & song will enhance the journey through these 40 days of Lent to Easter Hope.

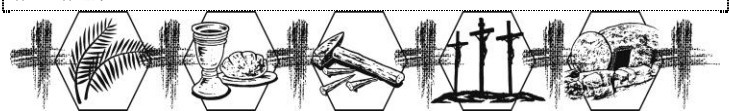
Be a saint...what else is there?

Fr. Jim & Peaches frjim.stmj@gmail.com

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.

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

St Mary's: Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, \$1,000 Pa Evening 4! Unsold tickets are offered this weekend. Good luck, someone will win!



Adult Ed: meets Mon @ Mass @ RC. We'll start with the Re-Discover Jesus book. Bring yours & thoughts on a chapter or topic that has impressed you or if you have a question.

2015 contributions: if, for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office.

❖ **Stations:** Celebrated at each worship site weekly in Lent. See the Mass schedule!

❖ **Flowers @ M** are offered in memory of **Irene & Stanley Piaskowski, Mary & James Ambrose, Ruth & John Schreffler & Bessie & Leon Davidson**, by Kristi, Aaron & Makenna Piaskowski.



❖ **Lenten Symbols/Books:** arrive later in Lent as the company was overwhelmed with requests, they're backordered 'til mid-March, just in time for Holy Week.

The symbol invites us into the journey of Lent. The symbols are given in memory of **Ron Rader** by **Lou Ann/Lindsay**.

Our **banners** arrive this week to help with the journey in the year of Mercy.

For the next week/two we're listening to/introducing our song: **Come Holy My Son** by the Thirsting. See the video link on facebook/web page.

❖ **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!



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

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** Lavender, Rose & Unscented. Favors, graces continue to be reported. 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..** are available for visitors, new registrants & guests! Written by **Matthew Kelly**, it's our prayer that the book inspire what it is meant to do: Rediscover Jesus!

Mass at St Mary's: We're thinking Sunday Mass at 10:15/10:30am after our month of Masses while renovations were going on. It will allow fr. greater ease getting from/to Shepton & Ringtown. Thoughts?



❖ **Ash Wed Bleenie/Soup Sale @ St Joseph's:** Thanks to workers, donors, cooks & all who supported our endeavor.

❖ **Socks/Gloves:** were delivered! Thank you for your generosity, most especially on behalf of Jesus, whom we serve when we serve the poor. "Lord, when did we see you?....."



❖ **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!

❖ **St. Mary's Choir** sells homemade **Shoo-Fly Pies @ \$8**. Forms @ church, see a choir member/parish office. Order by Sun, 3/13. Pick up: 3/18, 10-Noon @ Parish Office; after 6pm @ Rectory.



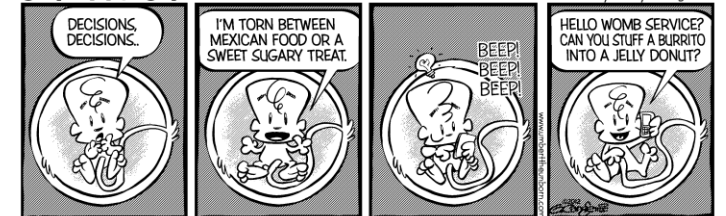
❖ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!** Use the Lenten journey that we spoke about on Ash Wed. to "give something", not just give something up! Our commitment to the poor challenges us to serve Christ in the poor by asking for a can for each day in Lent. Additionally, we invite you to pray for the Sanctity of Life during these days, seeking God's protection for the unborn & support for those who carry their children to term.

❖ **Help Re-Opening St. Mary's:** Record number of disciples helping to get the pews back into Church, stations hung & during the week lots of folks helping in small/great ways getting the Church ready & ready we are. As always, a few glitches need to be addressed, things that we'll be addressing in the near/long term!

We hold a social after Mass enjoying our newly renovated worship space. In the coming weeks, we'll introduce you to the renovation work & some of the details. After our bills are gathered, we'll give you a financial breakdown. A hint: great work done at considerable savings.

❖ **St Paul's UCC:** We're grateful for the welcome by Pastor Craig & the parish. We're expressing thanks by gathering cards & notes & we'll be taking up an offering to offer for their expenses. Offering envelopes will be provided or mark yours: St. Paul's, we'll accept them 3/12 & 3/13.

Umbert the Unborn



Outside events: ☉ **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. ☉ **St. Paul's UCC Chili Sale:** Order by 2/27, \$6.50/qt.