

Feb. 20/21, 2016

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

Feb 22 • 6pm • Rc Chair of St. Peter

† Robert Brehony r/o Michael Kramer

[Adult ed]



Feb 23 • 9am • Rc Polycarp

† Anna Pewor r/o Lisa & Bryan Arvo

[Stations of the Cross]

Feb 24 • Noon • Rc † Thomas Coyle

Feb 26 • 6pm • M • † Irene Truck r/o Jarzinko/Balkiewicz Families

[Stations of the Cross]

Feb 27/28 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent C

3:30pm • J † Frances Shevokis r/o James & Nancy Weaber

5:15pm • M † Faris Zogby r/o Joann & Mark

8:15am • J † Albert Gius r/o Tony & Alice Valanty

10am • M † Eleanor Johnson r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1242; Energy: 551; Campaign: 50

J: S: 1762; Energy: 1090

•myEoffering: M: \$35 • J: \$85

*Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ Scripture: • Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36;

•Next week: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9



❖ 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 Irlinger •Al Mehalick •Helen Gurka •Irene Feeko •Jennifer/Rose Gilliam •Loretta Zienkiewicz •LouAnn Rader

❖ 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: Ryley Schwalm, Bill Fellin: 2/21; Debbie Stivers: 2/24; Sandy Hetherington, John Daly: 2/25; Gavin Johnstone: 2/26; Tom Campanicki: 2/27.

❖ 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: meet this Sun: 2/21@ 10am Mass @M.

❖ Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc](http://www.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 use St Mary's to filter purchases, if you'd like credit to go to St Joseph's, let us know. No cost to you!

Reflection: 2<sup>nd</sup> S Lent C: Just a few weeks ago, we heard Mother Mary at the wedding feast tell the waiters to "do whatever He tells you." They did, thank God. Imagine if they had said: "who are you?" and "who is he?"

This weekend we hear another voice, this time of God the Father telling the disciples to "listen to Him." Imagine if they had said: "who are you?" and "who is he?"

Thanks be to God that the waiters & the disciples did what Jesus told them & that the disciples listened to Him. If we'd compare the responses, we can see that one is immediate, the other takes time. Thus leading us to take heart that we can be like either/both groups, the preference, of course, is the former: an immediate response. Today, it is as challenging as any other age, to "listen to Him." It takes practice. Reading God's Word, contemplative prayer, Confession, Holy Mass, etc.

Three small words, but of what importance: "Listen to Him." What is Jesus saying to us as a people, a parish, individuals? Use these days of Lent for honing the skills of serving (like the waiters), of walking with (like the disciples) and of "listening to Him."

Where do we get the inspiration to do this? No one less than God, the Father & Mother Mary. What better source to listen to. ● 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.

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

❖ St Mary's: Valentine's Day, \$1,000 # 0792

Won by Bob Fellin, Shepton.

Congratulations! Thanks to sellers/supporters!

Next drawing: Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>!



❖ Adult Ed: meets Mon @ Mass @ RC. With the weather last week, we'll go with our 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.



❖ **Lenten Symbols/Books:** Books arrive later in Lent, they're backordered 'til mid-March, just in time for Holy Week.

The symbol, given out last weekend, extras at Church, invites us into the journey of Lent. The symbols are given in memory of **Ron Rader** by

**Lou Ann/Lindsay.**

Our banners are up this week inviting us into the journey in the year of Mercy.

We're listening to/introducing our song: **Come Hold My Son** by the Thirsting. See the video link on facebook/web page. Great job by Michael Piaskowski singing at St Mary's this weekend!

Thanks to **LouAnn/Charlie Scodari** for sponsoring the daily Lenten reflection booklets as well!

❖ **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 Zakavage (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.



❖ **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 Sheppton & Ringtown. Thoughts?**



❖ **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/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!

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

❖ **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 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.

❖ **Re-Opening St. Mary's:** A great turnout, despite the cold, for our Masses. The coverage by the Republican Herald put a spotlight on the sacrifices and work of the people of the parish: Congratulations! As we gather our numbers, we'll give you a report on expenses, savings realized & the work completed.

Thanks to all who helped with our socials after Mass, setup, cleanup & especially providing so many great goodies!

❖ **St Paul's UCC:** Grateful for the welcome by Pastor Craig & the people of the parish. Drop your card of thanks in Sunday Stewardship. We're taking 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.

**First Penance/Communion:** Meeting for parents/guardians (*no children*) is held **NEXT Mon, Feb. 29th @ 6:45pm @ Parish Rectory. Join us for Mass @ 6pm!**

**Paschal Candles for 2016 (M & J)** a sponsor is sought for St. Mary's Year of Mercy Candle. A sponsor has come forward @ St Joseph's. They are lit at the Easter Vigil & burns throughout the year, especially the Easter Season, at baptisms, funerals & other celebrations. Call/email the office.

**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi



**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. ☉ **Pre-K Registration & Enrollment:** Trinity Academy; call 570-462-3927. ☉ **Padre Pio Healing Mass:** Divine Mercy, Shenandoah; 4/1 @ 7pm. ☉ **John Anczarski Memorial Scholarship:** Applications at NSHS & St. John's Office, Ringtown. NS Sr's can apply. Deadline to submit: 4/30 @ NS Guidance Office. ☉ **Community Blood Drive:** Ringtown Fire Hall; 2/23, 2pm-7pm.