

Mar 5/6, 2016

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

Mar 7 • 6pm • Rc Perpetua & Felicity

† Anna Hussar [Adult ed]

Mar 8 • 9am • Rc John of God

† Michael Gerber, Sr.

[Stations of the Cross]

Mar 9 • noon • Rc • Frances of Rome † Thomas Henry

Mar 10: [Novena prayers to St Joseph begins!]

Mar 11 • 6pm • M • † Mary Kanute

r/o Vic & Dorothy Yanuskiewicz

[Stations]

Mar 12/13 • 5th Sunday Lent C

3:30pm • J † Vincent Fanelli r/o Cathy Andrews

5:15pm • M † Raymond & David Milosh r/o John, Mary & Fam.

8:15am • J † Alice Rinkenberg r/o John & Mary Jean

10am • M † Theresa Ney r/o Family



❖ STEWARDSHIP: M: S: 1050; BF: 291; Campaign: 30

J: S: 1156; BF: 387; Campaign: 130

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Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ Scripture: • Josh 5:9a,10-12; 2Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3;11-32

•Next week: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11.

❖ 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 Irlinger •Al Mehalick •Helen Gurka •Irene Feeko •Jennifer/Rose Gilliam •Loretta Zienkiewicz •LouAnn Rader •Judy Dziak •Jim/Virginia Spudis

❖ 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: Bob Richards, Marjorie Lorah: 3/9; James Barrett: 3/11; Kaitlyn Lorah, Margaret Popalis: 3/12.

❖ Welcome New Members: @ J: Matt, Jamie, Michael, & Annalie MacFarland!

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

❖ St. Joe's 50/50: Feb winner: Jim Fish, \$90.50 Winnings returned to the parish! Thanks! March tickets now available.

❖ 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!

❖ Choir practice @ M continues Sun's after mass. New members always welcome!



❖ 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.

❖ Stations: Celebrated this week Tues & Fri.!

❖ Novena to St Joseph: begins this week 'til the 19th

❖ Knights: next meeting 4/17 after 10am Mass @ M.

KofC Bleenie/Soup Sale: St. Mary's [Garage]:
March 11th, Noon 'til sellout.

Support our endeavor, pray for good weather!

❖ 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: The Church recommends that extraordinary ministers be used only when there is a genuine need. Unless Fr. calls for a minister, assistance at the 5:15 Mass @ St Mary's and the 8:15 Mass @ St. Joseph's is not required.

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: 4th S Lent C: The Prodigal Son: Isn't Jesus the Master story teller? He draws us in, no names, no faces, only a portrait of what it is to be young & foolish, older & wise. Ultimately we're called from living as prodigal son/daughter to being a prodigal father: extending mercy, forgiving much.

Notice what brings this parable about... just saw the picture of Pope Francis in a rehab meeting for those seeking a new way of life. You know, those members of our family: junkies, albies, boozers, gamblers, sex crazed, overeaters... the list goes on & on...

The ones who are supposed to know about God are condemning Him for hanging with sinners.... God hates sinners.... Wrong! Jesus' reminds us that God hates the sin, not the sinner!

How about us? Recently, it was presumed that I made a decision & judgements were made without waiting to find out the why or what for. When it came to speak in my defense, I offered no words: for I had been given a note that read: do not defend yourself: to your friends: no explanation is necessary; to your enemies: no explanation will suffice. You have to get sick to fight sick, so I simply let the process run its course & in the end it all worked out. Not according to my way, but to God's. That, to me, is the joy & suffering of living as a prodigal: son & father!

● 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: \$1,000 Pa Daily 4 Evening #

Next drawing: **Mother's Day, May 8th!**

Tickets now available! See a seller after mass!!

❖ **Novena to St Joseph:** Begins the 10th, this Thurs. Prayers are @ Church or online. Signup: praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena

❖ **Adult Ed:** resumes March @ Mass @ RC. We continue with our Re-Discover Jesus book. Bring your book & notes ready to discuss, read, share and enjoy!

❖ **St Joseph's Council:** Met Thurs. We discussed our future with regards our meeting space, hall/church. Next step is to go back to the diocesan review committee for approval. We'll probably run an additional campaign to see if the interest is genuine.

❖ **Lenten Symbols/Books:** Books arrive @ Mar. 10. The symbol, extras @ Church, given in memory of **Ron Rader by Lou Ann/Lindsay.**

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

We're learning our song: **Come Hold My Son** by the Thirsting. See the video link on facebook/web page.

❖ **Integrity Restored.com** Children age 7 porn finds them! Break free from porn, heal relationships, help parents prevent & respond as it devastates lives/families. Visit: enter the code Patrick for a 30 day trial @ covenanteyes.com. Put this on our computers, laptops & mobile devices. The price? Saving our lives, family, marriages, faith: priceless!

❖ **Yankee Candles, Crosses:** Prices vary! Candles 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.

❖ **Men's watch** found on sidewalk @ St M, unique identifier, #'d. Contact the parish office.

Mass at St Mary's: We're thinking Sunday Mass at **10:15am** after our Masses while renovations were going on. It will allow fr. greater ease getting from/to Sheppton & Ringtown. We've heard from a few so far, time to get yours in! No rotating, major changes! Simple 10-15 mins.

❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** Val Sutton spoke @ Mass @ St Joseph's last weekend to give us an idea about Scrip & the Raffle gifts completed!

Picnic Sponsors are sought to 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!

❖ **St M Block Party:** Seek: brand named soda (& diet), water, ketchup/mustard, start collecting items or sponsor a basket for our **raffle**.

❖ **St. Mary's Choir** homemade **Shoo-Fly Pies** @ \$8. Asking donations of flour. Forms @ church, choir member/office.

Orders due: NEXT Sun, 3/13. Pick up: 3/18, 10-Noon @ Parish Office; after 6pm @ Rectory.

❖ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!** Bring your cans/food supplies to Mass, leave them @ the altar of St. Joseph/St Mary. Boxes are provided.

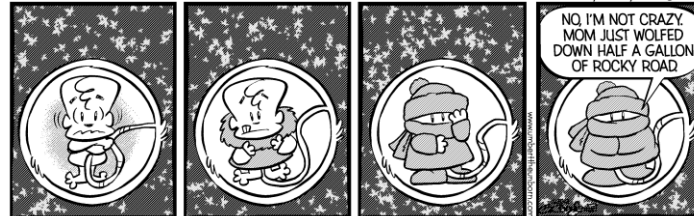
For Mar 19th, the feast of St. Joseph, we bring 2 loaves of bread: one for our home (to be blessed by Fr.) one for the poor. Bring your loaves with you, at offertory, the servers will gather & bring them to the altar. The other Fr. will bless at the end of Mass.

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.

❖ **St Paul's UCC: Drop your card of thanks in Sunday Stewardship. Offering envelopes are out or mark yours: St. Paul's, we'll accept them next weekend: 3/12-13.**

❖ **We Are Remembered:** 25th Anniv [families remember their children lost to death] on Wed, Mar 30 @ 7pm @ St John Church, Allentown. Touched by 2 young people's death, fr. brought the ministry from Pittsburgh to our diocese. If you've a child who has died, enroll them. Forms @ Church or contact us. Bishop Barres join us to preach/preside.

Umbert the Unborn



Outside events: ◎ 50/50 Spectacular tickets \$1@: benefits Trinity Academy @ 570-462-3927 ◎ Extraordinary Ministers needed: Schuylkill Med Center: Fr. Zelonis @ 570-429-0701. ◎ Marian HS enrolls for '16/'17: 570-668-2225 ext. 2217. ◎ Pre-K Register/Enroll: Trinity Academy; @ 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. Deadline: 4/30 @ NS Guidance Office. ◎ Bingo: Sheppton Fire Co: 3/13, 1pm. ◎ Living Stations: Divine Mercy, Shenandoah; 3/18 @ 1:15 3/20 @ 6:30pm.

