

Apr 9/10, 2016

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



Ap 11 • 6pm • **Rc** † Albert Donoris

Ap 12 • 9am • **Rc**

† Frances Shevokis r/o Dick, Barbara, Faye, & Antonio

Ap 13 • noon • **Rc** • † Joseph Gimbor

Ap 14: Adult Education: Rectory: 6:30pm

Ap 15 • 6pm • **Rc** • † Mary Karper

Ap 16/17 4th Sunday of Easter C

3:30pm • **J** † Nahas Family r/o Nahas Family

5:15pm • **M** † Helen Bukota r/o Family

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

10:15 am • [Note Time!] • **M**

† Dolores Bazzoli r/o Meg Hardy. niece



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** S: 1410; Dues: 401

• **J:** S: 1732; Dues: 445 • **Easter** [update]: M: 2970 • J: 2936
• myEoffering: M: \$10 • J: \$190

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture:** • Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21: 1-19

• Next week: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10: 27-30.

❖ 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

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• Vickie Hartz • Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin • Gordy Weikel • Kathy Milefsky
• Phil & Shirley Kennedy • Bill/Flo Steele • Theresa Szott • Helen Mehalick
• Margaret Krupilis • Barbara Green • Brian Irslinger • Al Mehalick
• Helen Gurka • Irene Feeko • Jennifer/Rose Gilliam
• Loretta Zienkiewicz • LouAnn Rader • Jim/Virginia Spudis
• Pauline Lorah • Fr. Raymond Slezak

❖ **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:** Bea Gius: 4/10; Anna Houser: 4/11; Nicole Richards: 4/13; Mary Jean Rinkenber: 4/14; John Milosh: 4/16.

❖ Welcome New Members @ **J: Dennis & Karen Beres & Gary & Jo Ann Shovlin!**

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

❖ **St. Joe's 50/50:** April tickets out!

March winner: **Jackie Zions** \$78.50 Congrats!

❖ Thank you to **Bob & Jeanette Fellin**

for the 'gift' of \$100 from their \$1k winnings to St Mary's!

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!*
Make an offering of a gift in gratitude for God's blessings!

❖ **facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc**

❖ Visit us on the web: **stmarystjoseph.net**

❖ **Congratulations:** To the family of **Josephine Pryzblick**, baptized this weekend into the Catholic Family of Faith! Remember, parents/godparents: it is your responsibility to teach your child in the ways of the faith. We trust that you'll do a good job, our prayers are with you!

❖ **Choir practice @ M** after Mass: give 30 mins of your time to keep our music ministry as beautiful as it is! 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.

❖ **Knights:** pray the rosary before Mass/meet afterward: next Sun 4/17 @ Sun Mass @ M.

❖ **Prayer for Persecuted Christians:** Join in prayer for our brothers & sisters who share in Christ's suffering, so as to share in His Resurrection!

❖ **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: 3rd S Easter C: It is sometimes said that to give is already to receive. In the act of gift giving, the giver already receives real, but intangible, benefits in return.

Gift giving creates memories of goodness, creates a habit of self-giving, assures that the giver has the best for the receiver in mind.

Jesus is the Gift Giver par excellence. He gives us the gift of Himself. He stresses this week that the care He has for His own sheep is found in their listening to His voice. What does that mean? In the midst of all the "voices" asking us to listen, to follow them, we must take the time to attune our ears & hearts to Jesus. Where will we hear this? By reading the Books called the Bible: God's Word written by humans; receiving Him in Holy Communion; experiencing His mercy in Confession.

Here's the catch. Once having heard His voice, we're called to lead others to that font of great mercy & love so that they too can attune their ears & hearts to listen to Him, the Good Shepherd. Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

Fr. Jim 🐾 & Peaches

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❖ **SCRIP:** We've \$25 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 & \$100 Weis, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$10 & \$25 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Home Depot, \$15 iTunes, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Old Navy, \$25 Sheetz, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Giant, \$10 Long John Silver's, \$25 PetSmart, \$25 Olive Garden, \$25 Kmart, \$25 Dunham's Sports, \$25 Red Robin, \$50 Sunoco, \$50 Ruth's Chris, \$10 & \$25 Regal Cinema, \$25 Kohl's, \$10 Taco Bell, \$25 Staples, \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond, \$10 Wendy's on hand. Contact the office, we'll get them to you.

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

Sun Mass at St Mary's @ 10:15am!

St Mary's: \$1,000 Pa Daily 4 Evening #

Mother's Day Drawing: May 8th!

Ticket sellers needed! The box is @ Church.

❖ **St Joseph's Council:** We're preparing the sketches for us to consider/vote on for our future meeting space, hall/church. We'll be asking you to prayerfully consider supporting our proposals.

❖ **Christ is Risen: Truly He is Risen! Our theme and joyful proclamation as we begin Holy Mass & our Gospel Reflections: 3x's each with great gusto!**

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



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

Crosses are handmade & donated by † John 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: Easter** in the Year of Mercy a great time to enter into the Lord's Resurrection.

This line from the Magnificat Book: [adapted]: God doesn't condemn us. We condemn ourselves, especially when we condemn each other, not simply by the things we do (that's enough!) but by the things we hold bound on those around us!

Praying, note the weekly breakdown: Sunday: Poetry; Monday: Meditation; Tuesday: Saints; Wednesday: Catechesis; Thursday: Witness; Friday: Scripture; Saturday: Devotion.

the 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy.... an easy read by [Vinny Flynn](#) open the door to Divine Mercy as we celebrated the Feast last Sun! These, our gifts, as members of the parish for what you do to make St Mary & St Joseph a warm home of great grace! Extra copies are available offered: 1st come/1st served.

❖ **Child Abuse Prevention Month: April!** The Letter that was included in our bulletins last weekend asks you to be advocates for the protection of children. Bishop Barros asks us to be pro-active as we continue to be vigilant and teach our youth how to recognize improper conduct and having the courage to report it.

At the same time, to quote the Bishop's letter: "We support legislation that protects children, but some proposals would have detrimental consequences that would hurt our vital ministries.... Eliminating the statute of limitations retroactively....only meaningful effect would be to encourage lawsuits against private institutions."

We ask that you to consider contacting our State Representative: Jerry Knowles & Senator: David Argall about supporting appropriate means to protect children, but against the detrimental effects of this proposed legislation.

Alleluia

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

❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** We seek sponsors for our gift cards that we'd like to put as gifts for our ticket that we hope to put out soon. See the board at the entrance to 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!

❖ **50 Cans/50 Days for Life!** ..Dare we continue to serve in these Easter days! Bring your cans/food supplies to Church, boxes are provided.

Renew your devotion to Pray for the Sanctity of Life during these 50 Days! Ask God's protection on the unborn & support for those who carry their children to term.

-**Update:** @ M: 802 items, weighing 580lbs delivered to the Ringtown Food Pantry; @ J: 912 items, weighing 667lbs delivered to the Catholic Social Agency, Hazelton! Thank you for your generosity & to the Knights for delivery.

❖ **Baptism/First Communion:** Through the Easter Season, we've plenty to "celebrate". Baptisms, First Holy Communion: Easter Hope & Joy! Let's use the celebrations to renew our baptismal faith in the Catholic Family of Faith.

First Communion Candidates:

☺ **Madison Biros** ☺ **Teaghan**

Biros ☺ **Connor Kanute** ☺

Hunter Sartori

We seek prayer partners for them... take a card & pray for them! The cards are at the entrance to Church.



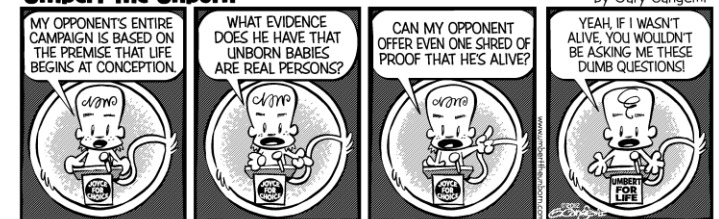
❖ **Adult Education: "What We Really Believe"**

facilitated by Mike Reese (from St. Joseph's). *The Mystery of Faith: an Introduction to Catholicism*: by Michael J. Himes.

A short, easy read book for the topics: **Week 2:** Baptism, Eucharist & Reconciliation; **Week 3:** Salvation, Heaven & Hell; Angels & Demons; **Week 4:** Scripture & Tradition, Saints; The Pope

Meet again **THIS Thursday: April 14, then the 21st & 28th @ 6:30 @ Rectory.** Join us!

Umbert the Unborn



As of April 15th, we are in need of a part time secretary. The job entails up to 19 hours per week. Flexible hours, basic knowledge of computers, printers, record keeping & the like.

Contact fr @ the parish office.