

# Sept 4, 11 & 18, 2016

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

**This bulletin is for three weeks!**

## Sept 10/11 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday C

- 3:30pm • J † Tom & Ida Zangari r/o Theresa Novak  
5:15pm • M † Violet Baranowsky r/o Children  
8:15am • J † Rose & Mary Baruka r/o Baruka Family  
10:15am • M † Robert Aponick Jr. r/o Kathy Anderson & Family

## Sept 17/18 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday C

- 3:30pm • J Mike & Rhonda Kosciuk (25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.)  
5:15pm • M † Ben & Helen Mays r/o Joann Zogby  
8:15am • J † John V. Michalik r/o Al & Joanne & Family  
10:15am • M Ruth Ann & † Noel Brouse  
(wed anniv remembrance) r/o Family

## Sept 24/25 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday C

- 3:30pm • J For the Unborn r/o Brian Urslinger  
5:15pm • M † Ferdinand Piccolo r/o Kathy Lorah  
8:15am • J † Mary Yorke r/o John & Mary Jean  
10:15am • M † Irene Cicioni r/o Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** Holyday:8/15: 351;8/21: S:1624.71;  
8/28: S:1071.60; Cmp:649; Dues: 235; Redners:134•**J:**  
Holyday:8/15: 419; 8/21: S: 1591; 8/28: S: 1551.60; Cmp:  
635.30; Dues: 30 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Scripture:** Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10;12-17; Lk 14:25-33;  
•Next week: Ex32:7-11;13-14; 1Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:-32; Am8:4-7;  
1Tim2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13; Am 6:1a;4-7, 1Tim6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

### MAILING ADDRESS: [No PO Box!]

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Office hours: {fall hours} Mon - Thurs: 3:30-6:30pm.

❖ 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 •Brian Irslinger  
•Al Mehalick •Helen Gurka •Irene Feeke •Jennifer/Rose Gilliam  
•LouAnn Rader •Jim/Virginia Spudis •Pauline Lorah •Mary Yadinskic  
•Anna May Kealy •Fr. Raymond Slezak •Betty Lou Torpey •Rose Angelotti  
•Anthony Valanty •Virginia/Paul Staerk •Perry Long

❖ **Bishop's Annual Appeal:** You have received the info. by mail, respond by supporting the Appeal.

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

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!*  
Make an offering of a gift for the end of Summer, start of fall!

❖ **Birthday Blessings: Larry Pryzblick:** 9/5, **Carol Richards, Damian Joy:** 9/6; **Mike Kosciuk, Justin Metkus, Rich Zions:** 9/7; **Teven Murray, Bill Lorah, Kelly Loftus:** 9/8; **Jessica Gulash:** 9/10; **Jacki Kane:** 9/12; **Diane Sartori, Joe Tomtishen, Aaron Whitecavage, Bill Whitecavage:**

9/14; **Dorothy Anstock, Flo Frye, Leonard Labonski:** 9/16; **Lori Campanicki, Gianna Campanicki, Sally McNamee:** 9/18; **John Kanute, Makenna Piaskowski:** 9/19; **Judy Dziak, Lori Horvath, Joshua Metkus:** 9/20; **Gary Coghil, Kyle Mummey:** 9/23; **Joseph Devaney, Rhonda Kosciuk:** 9/24; **Ron Gober:** 9/25

❖ **Wedding:** Congrats to **Randy/Pam Brown** marking their 40<sup>th</sup> anniv. 9/4

❖ **Confirmation:** info was sent to rel ed families. Fr. will hold a session for our youth from rel ed & trinity academy: Sun, Oct. 2nd, 4-6pm @ RC. Sharing, dinner, prep & confession. Paperwork for sponsors is due.

❖ **Donation: M** received \$570.60 from **KofColumbus** profit from community yard sale bleenie sale. Thanks!

❖ **St. Joe's 50/50:** August drawing and Sept. chances out!

❖ **Joint Pastoral Council Meeting RC,** Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm Mark your calendars as we move forward! **Finance council members:** packets of the financial statement/budget are available. Contact the parish office for your packet.

❖ **St. Mary's: Nov 1: \$1K Drawing:** All Saints Drawing \$2 @ for 10 chances to win: PA 7pm #4 Sellers needed!

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❖ Visit us on the web: [www.stmarystjoseph.net](http://www.stmarystjoseph.net)

**Reflection: Sept:** A month of new beginnings. Starting a new year in school, moving on to college & the start of a new journey. It is both an emotional and challenging time: to provide for our young people both roots & wings. It's a challenging time for parents/family & siblings as well too. Letting go, encouraging, praying and watching new parts of life in our children & families.

Welcome to life as a disciple. It was for the Lord a time to prepare the disciples by giving them roots and wings. Roots that will allow them to face the challenges of life, wings for them to fly into the arms of mercy.

The similarities can inspire both our young people and families. Our task: not simply to let things "happen", but to encourage the work of discipleship in relying on God's grace to guide, then relying on that grace to move forward in trust. It is part of the journey, part of the passage into childhood, adulthood.

Let us pray for those we know who are moving forward, that God's grace will guide & direct, be they the first steps of kindergarten or those on a new direction in life.

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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

I'm away in Sept, welcome our missionary priest, Fr. Zelonis, Msgr. Handges & Fr. Seifert! Help out if you see a need!

❖ **Knights:** State Coal Sweepstakes Chances: \$1 each for 16 prizes ranging from trips to 66" HDTV & iPad Air2. **Drawing:** Dec. 8, 8pm, Newton Square, Pa.



❖ **Orange Ribbons:** Wear one as a sign of support that we wear the "color" the "people of the Cross" wear when they're martyred.

❖ **Religious Ed:** Signup sheets are at the entrance to church. Please sign your child up. First session: 9/11 after mass.

Confirmation monthly gathering starts: 2<sup>nd</sup> yr group: Sept 18th; 1<sup>st</sup> yr group: Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

❖ **Hosts:** With many challenges to our faith, the Blessed Sacrament is being stolen/received inappropriately at Mass at Churches across the land. To assure that this doesn't occur here, we've asked our Eucharistic ministers to make sure that the Blessed Sacrament is received as you take a step to the side, BEFORE you return to your place. If you are in need of taking

the Blessed Sacrament to an ill/shut in family member, contact us & we'll gladly give you the pyx and the format.

❖ **St Joseph's:** We heard from Msgr. James @ diocese as to our project. We have first phase permission for our project(s), after our summary & plans, we'll make a request to build.

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** Lavender, Rose & Unscented. Our Lady's intercession reveals Christ's healing. The offering is \$10@.

❖ **Cleaning @ M:** We seek disciples to take a month at a time to clean the Church. Renovations have been completed, why would we let our church be unkempt?

❖ **Exorcism is a powerful sacramental not a sideshow**

Helpless victims fall to the sidewalk, contorting and screaming while two men dressed as Catholic priests hold out crucifixes and invoke the name of Jesus Christ. These scenes occurred around the building where Comic-Con was being held in San Diego, California. The outbursts initially surprise and disturb crowds who quickly recover with many pulling out cell phones to record the horrific drama. The reoccurring scenes, it turns out, are "flash exorcisms" performed by actors to promote FOX TV's new series *The Exorcist*.

Having interviewed several exorcists over the years to write on the topic of spiritual warfare, I found the flash exorcisms unsettling. For FOX, it's an advertising ploy to attract attention to a TV series, which they hope "will send chills down your spine." The producers say they have based the series off actual historical cases of possession, and claim true possession and exorcisms are horrifying and real. Yet, the skits seem to belittle that reality. I asked a couple of real exorcists what they thought about the skits. They have personally witnessed what it means for someone to have their body taken over by an evil spirit for real rather than as part of an acting gig.

**Two Exorcists Weigh In** Fr. Patrick (not his real name) is a parish priest who has been a designated diocesan exorcist for 6 yrs & apprenticed for 6 years with an experienced exorcist. When told about the "flash exorcisms" he said it was turning the sacred rite of exorcism into a sideshow, or a circus show. "This is a very serious spiritual battle - the power & authority of God over evil, an evil that wants to deceive & destroy human beings." Fr. Patrick was actually inspired to become an exorcist after seeing the original 1973 movie 'the Exorcist' while he was in the seminary. "At the time, it confirmed what I sensed already," he said. "However, I did not say that I enjoyed the movie, nor did I say that I thought that it was entertaining, nor did I say that I thought it was a good form of entertainment." Fr. Gary Thomas of the Diocese of San Jose, CA is a parish priest & was trained as an exorcist at the Vatican in 2005.

He is the priest that inspired the movie *The Rite*. According to him, staging an exorcism as a promotion for the TV series is misguided. "People think that exorcisms are just make-believe," he said. "I can assure you that that is the farthest thing from the truth. Satan is very real & would like us to believe that he is just the boogey man. Making fun of a religious truth in this case is just ignorant." Fr.

noted that the entertainers are not necessarily blasphemous because they really do not know what they are doing. "I had heard that Fox was putting this series together," he said. "I doubt that it will be very successful in the long run because the producers could not possibly understand what this ministry is all about & the authentic suffering that takes place in the people who are afflicted by Satan & his agents." **The Real Practice of Exorcisms** The New Testament recorded that Jesus exorcised demons. Catholic priests have done likewise throughout the history of the Church. Yet, the Rite of Exorcism went into a sort of dormancy for a time—widely ignored & treated with superstition by many both in & outside the Church.

These days, however, more people are taking exorcisms seriously. A turnaround of sorts began in 2004 when St. John Paul II instructed every Catholic diocese to appoint an exorcist. He frequently warned Catholics that Satan is very real & dangerous. In 2012, the Pope Leo

XIII Institute began to serve bishops, priests, exorcists, deacons & laity who support them, in the spiritual formation to bring the light of Christ to dispel evil & to heal the afflicted. In Nov 2015, 55 exorcists, priests & deacons graduated from the 4 10-day sessions that were held over the course of 2 years. A 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort of exorcists are enrolled in the '16-'17 program. It's important to note that the Catholic Church never advertises the exorcism ministry. Medical experts are called in to rule out other causes besides evil & the identity of the diocesan exorcists is often kept hidden so as to avoid undue attention. The power of Jesus Christ is what is ultimately stressed as important. It is He who possesses absolute power over evil & the Church & priests are his conduits. In light of this, the flash exorcisms are not only irreverent skits of a serious rite, but there is the troubling lack of reverence for Jesus Christ. Using a crucifix & calling his name should be used to promote salvation & not a TV show. [www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/exorcism-is-a-powerful-sacramental-not-a-sideshow](http://www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/exorcism-is-a-powerful-sacramental-not-a-sideshow)

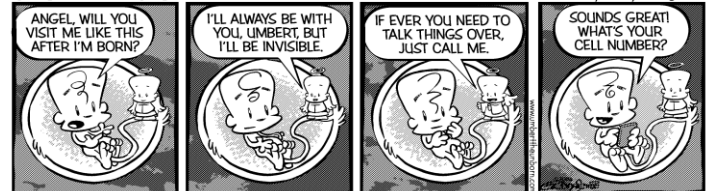
❖ **Yankee Candles, Crosses:** Prices vary! Crosses are handmade by † John Zakavage (M), Bob Bruno & Randy Brown (J).

❖ **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 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, \$25 & \$100 Walmart on hand. Contact the office, we'll get them to you.

❖ **Redners Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. M benefit 1%. Sign up at Redners service desk!

❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** visit webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, 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!

#### Umbert the Unborn



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

❖ **Cards:** Birthday, Get well, Anniversary, etc. are available for \$2 each. Place your offering in the envelope marked.

❖ **Senior Project:** Heather Lorah (M) (*NS Sr. project*) to benefit The Helping Hands Society. The non-profit org. serves special needs children with educational & therapeutic assistance. Donations are accepted thru Sept. Suggested items: Puzzles, Playdough, Finger Paint, Craft sticks, Construction Paper....see the flyer @ box.

❖ **La Flood Victim Collection:** Sept 17/18 weekend: Envelopes @ Church entrance or place yours in an envelope marked: Flood Victims.

❖ **Pastoral Council Meeting:** Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm Rc: We're uniting our finance/spiritual/corporal/building groups together to better assist us. Open to any parish member.

❖ **Blue Mass/Fire truck housing:** (J) 10/8 3:30 Mass;10/15 housing: Shepton Oneida

❖ **Outside Events:** Shepton Fire Co: Bingo 9/11 1pm • Ringtown Library NYC Bus trip: free day-11/12.