

Sept 25 & Oct 2, 2016

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

Our bulletin covers two weeks!

• 26th week Year C

Sept 26 6pm • Rc *Cosmas & Damian* † Michael Mustica
r/o Mom/Dad

Sept 27 9am • Rc *Vincent de Paul* † Michael Gerber Sr

Sept 28 noon • Rc *Wenceslaus* † Marie Spear r/o Dolores & Mary Ann

Sept 30 6pm • Rc *Jerome* † Frank Ruscavage
r/o M/M Lewis Applegate

Oct 1/2 - 27th Sunday C

3:30pm • J † Francis Flaim r/o Mary & Theresa

5:15pm • M † Edward Gilliam & Joseph Puorro
r/o Gilliam Family

8:15am • J † Bob Stancik r/o Wife, Carol

10:15am • M † Robert Aponick Jr. r/o Ann Kuzma
Blessing of Animals

Oct 3 9am • Rc † Domicella Wojcinowicz r/o M/M Roy Gius

Oct 4 9am • Rc *Francis of Assisi* † Albert Rogers

Oct 5 noon • Rc † Vivienne Bruno

Oct 7 6pm • Rc *Bruno* † Josephine Bodock

Oct 8/9 28th Sunday C

3:30pm • J † Damian Randis r/o Fuehrer Family

5:15pm • M John & Anna Tait (56th wedd. anniv.) r/o Family

8:15am • J † Leila Bankes r/o Son & Daughter in Law

10:15am • M † Theresa Ney r/o Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP:** M: 9/4: S:1348; 9/11: S:998; Dues: 653; 9/18: 1028 • J: 9/4: S:2542; 9/11: S:1504; Dues: 550; 9/18:

1311 • La Flood collection: M: 20; J: 100 • Mission Appeal: M: 571; J: 871 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Scripture** Am 6:1a;4-7, 1Tim6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31;

• Next week: Hab1:2-3;2:2-4; 1Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10; 2 Kngs 5:14-17; 1Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

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❖ 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 • 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 Feeko

• Jennifer/Rose Gilliam • LouAnn Rader • Jim/Virginia Spudis

• Pauline Lorah • Mary Yadinskie • Anna May Kealy • Fr. Raymond

Slezak • Betty Lou Torpey • Rose Angelotti • Anthony Valanty

• Virginia/Paul Staerk • Perry Long • Beatrice Gius



to: the families of **Joan Opanel & Dorothy Yanuskiewicz**, from St Mary's whose burials have been celebrated these

past weeks. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

❖ **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:** Jack Messina: 9/28, Fay Recla: 9/29; Savanna Krusinsky, Denise Mensinger: 9/30; Ann Berger, Colleen Joyce: 10/1; Michael MacFarland: 10/02; Kevin Joyce: 10/04; Dolores Gius, Eileen Bergman, Barbara Osilka: 10/8; Ava Fritz, Joshua Kuzmitsky: 10/9

❖ **St. Mary's Choir resumes practice: Wed., Oct 12th @ 6pm.** New members always welcome! Consider joining us for the upcoming holiday season.

❖ **Joint Pastoral Council Meeting RC, Mon Sept. 26th 7-8pm Rectory: We're uniting our finance/ spiritual /corporal /building groups together to better assist us. Open to any parish member.**

❖ **Welcome New Members:**

(J) Jason, Leila, Abigale & Zachary Pendal

❖ **Confirmation:** info was sent to rel ed families. Fr. holds 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.**

❖ **Blessing of Animals:** Sun, Oct 2: 11:30 @ M; 1pm @ J.

❖ **St. Joe's 50/50:** August winner: Betty Lou Torpey: \$89
Sept. chances out now!

❖ **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

Reflection: Saints & Sinner: St Teresa of Calcutta, proclaimed by the Church, with the authority given to Peter, as one worthy of our prayers to God! What a great time to be alive to have such great figures like John XXIII, John Paul II, now St Mother Teresa & a few more on the horizon: Bl. Fulton Sheen, Paul VI & even our newest martyrs for the faith! Don't you just love this Catholic faith. Some see them as obstacles to going to God, we see them as instruments: interceding on our behalf!

Sinners: There is plenty of brokenness in our world. One of the things I tried to stay away from while away was the headlines, the not so "good news." Though keeping abreast of major events, I was saddened to read of betrayals, distrust & sorrows near & far. It gives us much to pray about & for. We are men & women with feet of clay, not spared from the trails, tribulations & allurements of the world, ever reminded that we have a greater destiny: life on high with Christ Jesus. I don't know where I saw it, but this tidbit struck me: coming from a playwright, musician: Oscar Hammerstein who wrote: "it is a modern tragedy that despair has so many spokesmen & hope so few." There is it! Surrounded by so many voices of despair, let us resolve to be a people of Hope. ● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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

Thanks to those who covered while I was away & apologies for the no show. Congratulations to Fr. Zelonis, new pastor of St Matthew Parish, Minersville!

❖ **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:** Continues: confessions for our youth this Sunday: 9/25. Confirmation monthly gathering continues!



❖ Sun., Oct 23rd Oneida Civic Center:

3 Seatings: 12:15, 2:15 & 4pm.

\$12 per Adult; children 6-12 \$4,
children under 6 free! •

Special Family: Mother/Father/children: \$25. Takeout available.

Signup book for disciples to volunteer, bake, cook @ St Joseph's.

❖ **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.

❖ **Ringtown Community Day:** Oct. 8th : 11-5 @ St. John's. Food & craft vendors from area churches & the community will be present. **Our own Knights will be selling Bleenies!**

❖ **2017 Mass Book: Opens Oct 22/23rd weekend & then Mon, Oct. 24th** In order to accommodate the many requests for weekend Masses, you can reserve up to 3, others will be scheduled for weekday Masses.

❖ **St Joseph's:** Expecting to receive the go-ahead, we're ready to begin work on our rectory kitchen in preparation for a spring groundbreaking on our hall.

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

❖ **40 days for Life!**

Info will be presented Oct 1/2 @ Mass. Join our vigil: **"Every Life is Worth Living."** Sponsored by Women of Grace/Knights.

❖ **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?

❖ **Lessons Against Fascination with Evil** Msgr. Charles Pope {see weblink}: The video.... is a trailer for an upcoming movie. I can't comment on the full context of the movie (since it hasn't yet been released), but there are several important messages in the trailer. Allow it to bring forth in you a salutary fear; don't be fascinated by the cheap parlor tricks of Satan or the Hollywood depiction of them.

Let's take away four lessons from the trailer. As the trailer begins, it seems that some scam artists have drawn in gullible people with fake séances and other forms of divination. There are hidden people who speak and make noises in order to convince the "customers" that the dead are actually being contacted.

Lesson 1: Never dabble in the occult, even as a ruse or a joke. Those who do so often discover that the spirits they invoke in jest are deadly serious and quite real. Never invoke dark spirits and never seek information from the dead. Evil spirits can and often do masquerade as the souls of the departed; it's a deception. As the trailer progresses, things get very ugly. The characters go from lies and ruses (which are sinfully ugly enough) to an encounter with the Father of Lies. One of the characters, noting the abnormal behavior of a young girl asks, "Who are you talking to?" Believe me, you don't want to know! **Lesson 2: Calling out to the dark world beyond often brings a response, and a very dark one at that.** As the trailer unfolds it seems that things get bad very fast. One of the characters says, "Something is happening that we can't understand."

Lesson 3: Satanic powers are masters of deception. All the parlor tricks (levitation, slamming doors, etc.) are meant to incite fear. But the real battleground is the mind and the very subtle deceptions of the Evil One. He subtly takes up the personality of the possessed soul and makes it difficult to understand who is really talking. Indeed, something is happening that is very difficult to understand, except perhaps for a trained exorcist. Even an exorcist enters the battleground with humility and careful discernment, rooted in considering the counsel of others on the team. For this and other reasons, an exorcist should never work alone. He should have an assistant priest and a team to assist him, to observe, to advise him, and to pray. At one point in the trailer the priest says, "... you've opened up a portal."

Lesson 4: Never open a door to the occult, even in a playful way. Ask not, lest you be answered, seek not lest you be found. Don't joke or revile evil spirits (cf Jude 1:9). Our only message to them should be this: "In the name of Jesus, the Lord, be gone!" Keep your eyes on Jesus and the saints. Do not be fascinated by demons or any aspect of darkness. Movies like this one can incite a salutary fear, but they can also encourage an undue fascination with devilish things. No one who has ever assisted in an exorcism shares any of this fascination at all. Exorcisms are usually lengthy, tedious, and exhausting. There is no dramatic music, and things are never finished in a convenient 90 minutes. It's an ugly process that weighs heavily on the participants. The demons usually shift quickly from cheap parlor tricks to subtle psychological deception. If you chose to see this movie, please learn these lessons. Shed any fascination; there is nothing fascinating about evil. It is depressing, dark, and difficult to endure. Remember that the Lord is more powerful than any satanic force. If you should ever encounter such evil, even through no fault of your own, summon the Lord and repeatedly declare aloud, "Jesus is Lord." The sacraments, Holy Water, and other sacramentals are also very helpful. Do not panic, just have a salutary fear such that you keep a healthy distance from any dark powers. Use care when watching this trailer. Let it provide you with information, but don't let it fascinate you. blog.adw.org/2016/09/lessons-fascination-evil/

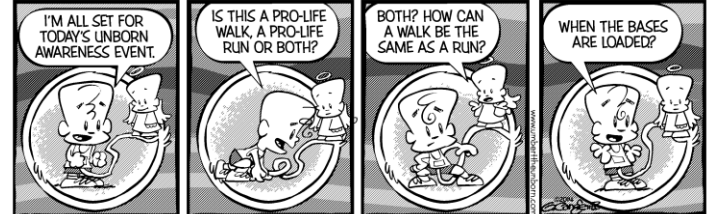
❖ **Yankee Candles, Crosses:** Prices vary! Crosses are handmade by † John Zakavage (M), Bob Bruno & Randy Brown (J).

❖ **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!

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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.

❖ **Blue Mass/Fire truck housing:** Mass: 10/08; Housing: 10/15 Sheppton Oneida.

❖ **Outside Events:** **Sheppton Fire Co:** Bingo: 10/9: 1pm • **Ringtown Library** NYC Bus trip: free day-11/12. • **FOLibrary Seafood Dinner:** Oct. 21st @ Ringtown Fire Hall. Reserve by Oct. 13 • **Marian QB Club Designer Purse Bingo:** Sun, Oct 16th MHS Caf.. Tickets: Carrie 570-449-3596 • **Basket Auction:** St. Joseph, Frackville: Sat, Nov 5, 10-2:Browse/Bid: Nov. 4, 6-8 • **Trinity A: Friendly's Night:** Tues. Oct 4th Rt 61 Pottsville • **Faith & Spirits: Hope for the Suffering:** Mon, Oct 3 6:30- 8:30pm @Vito's Restaurant, St. Clair. Fr. Zelonis explores the meaning of suffering. No cost, limited seating. Food/Drink @ available. **Sheppton Oneida Fire Co.** will be having a Fire Safety Day Wed, Oct. 12th at 5:30 all children welcome!