

# Nov 20 & 27, 2016

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

**Our bulletin covers two weeks!** • Last week of Year C

**Nov 21 6pm • Rc** *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
† Edward Schwartz

**Nov 22 9am • Rc** *Cecilia* † Irene Cicioni r/o Toth Family  
[Nov 23 7:30pm • UCC Church, Ringtown: Ecumenical Service]



*Thanksgiving Day:* **Nov 24: 10am • J** • In Thanksgiving

## Nov 26/27 1st S Advent A

**3:30pm • J** † John & Steffie Michalik  
r/o Al, Joanne & Family



**5:15pm • M** † Robert Aponick Jr.  
r/o Mary Balkiewicz & Family

**8:15am • J** † William & Anna Fellin r/o Children & Families

**10:15am • M** † Dorothy Yanuskiewicz  
r/o Rob & Barb Baranowsky & Son

**Nov 28 6pm • Rc** † Irene Cicioni r/o Geri Shumski

**Nov 29 9am • Rc** † George Macus Jr. r/o Wife, Joyce

**Nov 30 9am • Rc** *Andrew* † Fr. Larry Hess

**Dec 2 6pm • Rc** Memorial Fund Intentions  
*First Friday • Adoration/Divine Mercy/Benediction*

## Dec 3/4 • 2nd Sunday Advent A

**3:30pm • J** † Leanne Mazur  
r/o Fuehrer Family



**5:15pm • M** † For the Unborn  
r/o Brian Irslinger

**8:15am • J** † Mike & Rose Dziak r/o Mike & Judy  
*Baptism of Elona Marie Loftus*

**10:15am •** † Billy & Marie Houser r/o Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 11/6:S:1219;11/13:S:900;All Saints:230 All Souls:278 Dues: 610 • **J:** 11/6: S:1673; 11/13: S:1322; All Saints:358;All Souls:420; Dues: 575

*Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Scripture** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43;

• **Next week:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44;

• **Dec. 4:** Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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

**Thanksgiving week: Mon-Tues 3:30-6:30 only**

❖ Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!... • John & Ann Biros • John Washko • Rose Ann Aponick • Jean Jarzinko • Joseph Washko • Grace Snover • Vickie Hartz • Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin • Gordy Weikel • Amy Katzen • Kathy Milefsky • Phil & Shirley Kennedy • Bill/Flo Steele • Theresa Szott • Helen Mehalick • Barbara Green • Brian Irslinger • Al Mehalick • Helen Gurka • Irene Feeko • Perry Long • Jennifer/Rose Gilliam • LouAnn Rader • Jim/Virginia Spudis • Pauline Lorah • Mary Yadinskis • Anna May Kealy • Fr. Raymond Slezak • Betty Lou Torpey • Rose Angelotti • Tony Valanty • Virginia/Paul Staerk • Tom Ramainn

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

❖ **Year of St. Matthew's Gospel** begins: Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent! Every Catholic should have and be reading your Bible. It is, after all, the Gift of the Catholic Church to the world! Who knew!

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Irene Feeko, Bill Houser: 11/27; Celia Sokolofski: 11/29; Denis Freyne, Kathleen Joyce: 12/1; Vivian Mummy: 12/2; Joann Dampman: 12/3; Lisa Idacavage: 12/4

❖ **St. Joseph's Christmas Grocery Raffle:** @ \$2 each. Parishioners: pick yours up @ church. We've 1,200 to sell with prizes: 1:\$300; 2:\$250; 3:\$200; 4:\$100; 5:\$100; 6:\$50  
{Gift Cert. to the Grocery Store of your choice}

❖ **St. Mary's Choir:** Practice is held after Sun mass. New members: join us, esp for Advent/Christmas!

❖ **Memorials @ M: Dorothy Yanuskiewicz:** Snyder Family; Joe & Louise Tomtishen; \$75

❖ **Women of Grace Group:** meets 12/4 @ 6:30 65 Dakota Drive (Eagle Rock) Join us: Nancy 215-801-5797 or Arlene 570-590-5810. All are welcome!

❖ **St. Mary's: Nov 1: \$1K Winning #4 PA Evening # 3546**  
**Check your tickets! No Winner has come forward!**  
Next Drawing: Jan.1, 2017 Eve Pa. #4 \$2 @ 10 chances to win!!

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**Reflection: Thanksgiving:** The last reflection from the Magnificat Year of Mercy Booklet sums up the Year of Mercy and the time of Thanksgiving. It is based on the writings of Pope Francis with these words: "The way of mercy is a way of life. A Christian must necessarily be merciful, because this is center of the Gospel. Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier, and leads us always to seek the face of the other —of the person. And it is mercy that changes one's heart and one's life- that can regenerate a person and allow that person to integrate into society in a new way.

The "year" may be coming to an end, but not the way of life of faithful, Catholics living in this blessed United States of America. Recognizing that, who can't live with a grateful heart! Isn't that what Thanksgiving is all about?

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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

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

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

❖ **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:** weekly @ St. Joseph's after Sun. 8:15am Mass.

❖ **Taste of Italy:** updated profit: \$1542.

❖ **St Joseph's:** Ready to begin work on our rectory kitchen and met with the building review committee from the diocese in preparation for a spring groundbreaking on our hall and then renovations to the Church.

❖ **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?

❖ **St Nicholas' Shoes:** Children: bring a shoe to Mass: Dec. 3-4<sup>th</sup> weekend, leave it @ the Advent Wreath. They'll be filled on the feast of **St. Nicholas, Dec. 6.** Pickup @ following weekend! Mark shoes clearly w a name tag! Visit: [www.stnicholascenter.org](http://www.stnicholascenter.org)

❖ **2017 Mass Book:** for weekend Masses, you can reserve up to 3 Masses, others are scheduled for weekday.

❖ **Adult Ed:** Fr.' planning on adult education sessions in Advent: Mon @ Mass, if all goes well with his health tests.

❖ **Burse/Veil:** for special mass/funerals: covering the chalice, hold the corporal for the altar. Used in each parish, they can be memorialized for \$250 each. They're handmade @ Holy Rood Monks, Mass. Contact @ parish office.

❖ **Confirmation Prayer Partners:** Pray for them:

Graham *Francis* Fritz • Zachary *Thomas* Piampi •

Tyler *Sebastian* Fritz • Desiree *Gemma* Milosh •

Anthony *Christopher* Markosky • Jacalyn *Theresa* Possessky •

Luke *Andrew* Messina • Matthew *Joseph* Singley



❖ **St Mary's Thanksgiving Pie Sale:**

**Pickup: Tues, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm on.**

**Rectory @ St Joe's: @ 6pm, use back doors.**

**Help:** Pumpkin pie & toppings: 11/21

starts @ 5pm; Final baking: 11/22: starts @ 6AM!

❖ **Cubs chaplain cares for 'spiritual needs' of players—Chicago**

When Fr. Burke Masters accepted God's call to become a priest, he thought he was giving up baseball forever. Never did he dream that God would take him back to the field — let alone as chaplain to the Chicago Cubs as they hoped to break a 108-year World Series drought. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would do this with the Cubs and be a priest," said Masters, vocations director for the Diocese of Joliet. • Four years ago, Catholic Athletes for Christ reached out to Masters when looking for a priest to volunteer as a chaplain for the Cubs. The goal of Catholic Athletes is to provide a network of sports-oriented clergy and laypeople to serve Catholic athletes, coaches and staff. "Through the grapevine of priests they heard that I played baseball," he said. "The two things that I love to combine in my ministry is faith and sports, so this was a great opportunity. And having played baseball, this couldn't get much better for me." Before Sunday home games this season, Masters celebrated Mass at Wrigley Field for both teams, staff & those who work at the stadium. More than 30 people typically attended Mass. Masters plans to approach Cubs owner Tom Ricketts to see if a chapel can be incorporated into the renovations at Wrigley Field. Some newer ballparks have nondenominational chapels inside so it's not a new idea. The Cubs also have nondenominational chaplains who could use the space, too. After Masters celebrates Mass — or during home games that don't occur on Sundays — he goes down to the dugout and locker room and just makes himself available.

• "Cubs manager) Joe Maddon has really opened the doors for me. He told me, 'The presence of a priest changes the environment,'" Masters said. Maddon also is a practicing Catholic. While with the players, Masters asks them if they have prayer intentions, how their families are. "It really opens up some nice conversations. Even though they may not be attending Mass, they know that somebody is trying to care for their spiritual needs." Masters says he doesn't pray that the Cubs win — even though he wants them to. "What I pray for is that they all play to their ability. Honestly, I don't think God cares who wins," he said. "If everybody plays to their ability, usually the best team wins." • Masters had dreams of becoming a major league baseball player himself. He played for Mississippi State University and won the College World Series. But he wasn't drafted after college, so he pursued a business career and for a time worked for the Kane County Cougars in Geneva, a minor league affiliate of the Florida Marlins. The call to the priesthood began to get stronger so he entered Mundelein Seminary in 1997.

He was ordained for the Diocese of Joliet in 2002 and became vocation director in 2006.

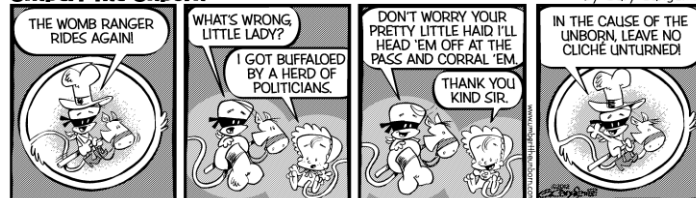
• This past March, when he went to Cubs' spring training he got to live some of that baseball dream when Maddon invited him to practice with the team. "It was while I was on the field — and I had tears in my eyes — that it really became clear that God was saying, 'This was your dream but now you're living mine.' I had this small plan. God wanted me to be a priest and stay in baseball, which has been so humbling." --- Joyce Duriga, Catholic News Service 11/2/16 **Coach M is from Hazleton and of course world Series winners!** [www.catholicregister.org/faith/item/23486-cubs-chaplain-cares-for-spiritual-needs-of-players](http://www.catholicregister.org/faith/item/23486-cubs-chaplain-cares-for-spiritual-needs-of-players)

❖ **Redners Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, drop them in Sunday Stewardship. M benefit 1%. Sign up @ 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!

❖ **SCRIP:** We have: \$25 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 Dunkin' Donuts, \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Gap/Old Navy, \$50 Giant, \$25 Giant, \$25 Home Depot, \$15 iTunes, \$25 Kmart/Sears, \$25 Kohl's, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 Lowes, \$25 Olive Garden, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Cinema, Regal – Admit One (\$10), \$25 Sheetz, \$25 Staples, \$50 Sunoco, \$25 TJ Maxx/Marshall's, \$10 Taco Bell, \$25 Walmart/Sam's, \$100 Walmart/Sam's, \$25 Weis, \$100 Weis, \$10 Wendy's. *This month we begin to take orders/sell @ St Joseph's after mass. You can also contact the parish office to order! Great for holiday gifts!*

#### Umbert the Unborn



❖ **Oplatki: \$3 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European Custom, guides are included.

❖ **Advent Calendars & Candles:** @ out at each church. Open a window into the journey of Advent each day & give/use the gift of Yankee candles. They support St Mary's.

#### Christmas Mass Schedule:

**Christmas Eve:** 3:30pm @ J; 4pm @ M;

7:30pm @ M (Candlelight);

Christmas Day: 10am M.

**New Year Eve:** 3:30pm @ J; 6pm @ M;

New Year Day: 10am @ J



❖ **St Mary's Craft Show:** Thanks to **Kathy Lorah &** her faithful crew/family esp: **Dolly Zakavage, Ruth Milosh, Connie & Judie Piccolo, Brian, Sarah & Lizabeth!** New & our faithful vendors! Great food, wonderful crafts & a nice turnout netted a profit of **\$630!**

❖ **Outside Events:** **Shepton Fire Co:** Bingo: 11/20: 1pm  
**St. Matthew Food Sale:** Homemade frozen Pierogi (\$7/doz); homemade frozen fresh Kielbasa (\$8/2 lb. link) Pick-up: 12/15 @ Parish Center – 120 Oak St. Minersville. Pre-Orders Only. Call 570-544-2211 Mon-Fri 10:00-3:30

• **Christkindlmarkt:** Sat, Dec 10, Noon-5:30 @ St. Joseph Church, Jim Thorpe. Homemade Food, baked goods, new/used Christmas crafts, basket raffle & garage sale. Live Nativity: 1, 3:30 & 5pm. Organ recital: 2pm, 2:45 tour of church's visual artwork & architecture.