

Dec 4 & 11, 2016

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

Our bulletin covers two weeks!

• 2nd week of Advent A

Dec 6 noon • Rc *Nicholas* † Anna Marie Reedy



Immaculate Conception [Holyday]

Dec 7 4pm • J † Robert Smith

[Confession after Mass]

Dec 8 6:30pm • M † Nancy Blackwell

r/o Gerry Zubowicz

[Confession after Mass]

Dec 9 9am • Rc † Arthur Boudreau

Dec 10/11 - 3rd Sun. Advent A

3:30pm • J † Edward Shamany r/o Kaitlyn,
Heather & Joshua Lorah



5:15pm • M † Edward Gilliam

& Joseph Puorro r/o Gilliam & Family

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

10:15am • M † Joseph Aponick r/o Joanne, Tracey & Family

Dec 12 6pm • Rc *Our Lady of Guadalupe* † Ann Driscoll

Dec 13 9am • Rc *Lucy* † Beverly Boran

Dec 17/18 • 4th Sun. Advent A

3:30pm • J † Stanley & Mary Michalik
r/o Joanne, Al & Family



5:15pm • M † Bill Lorah Sr.

r/o Wife, Pauline

8:15am • J † George Mehalick r/o Helen Mehalick & Family

10:15am • M † Eleanor Weikel r/o Son, Gordy



♦ **STEWARDSHIP:** M: 11/20: S:1019; 11/27: S:1092; Dues:135;
Redners: 163; Christmas Flowers: 464 • J: 11/20: S:1343; 11/27:
S:1902; Dues: 50; Christmas Flowers: 505

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

♦ **Scripture** Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

• **Next week:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11;

• **Dec. 18:** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Office hours: {fall} **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 • 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 Irlinger • 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 Season of Advent!

♦ **Year of St. Matthew's Gospel** began the 1st Sun of Advent!
Every Catholic should have and be reading your Bible. It is, after all, the Gift of the Catholic Church to the world

♦ **Christmas Novena:** Get out your prayer booklet from previous years (copies are at Church): runs from Dec. 15-24th.

♦ **Birthday Blessings:** Cindy Murray, Matt Roulin: 12/7; Rose Bankes, Gary Dieckmann, Michele Pryzblick: 12/8; Ann O'Boyle: 12/9; Sara Grow, Janet Kuzma, Eleanor Pryzblick: 12/11; Rose Mary Body, Larry Pryzblick: 12/13; Anna Malocu: 12/14; Mary Beth Ambrose, Joni Aponick, Ann Opanel: 12/16; Jim Ambrose Jr., Jeanette Irwin, Dolores Oscovitch: 12/18

♦ **St. Joseph's Christmas Grocery Raffle:** Dec. 18 \$2 @.

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. Join us to enhance our Advent/Christmas worship!

♦ **St. Joseph's Choir:** Practice is held Wed @ 6pm.

New members are most welcome!

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

♦ **St. Mary's: Nov 1: Winner: Frank Pezzolla: Congrats!**

Next Drawing: Jan. 1, 2017 Eve Pa. #4 \$2 @ 10 chances to win.

♦ www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

♦ Visit us on the web: www.stmarystjoseph.net

Reflection: 75th Anniv of Pearl Harbor: In our parish cemetery at St. Joseph's, there lies the remains of a young man from our community who gave his life on Dec. 7th bringing the World War to our land.

Standing at the graveside (located inside the Tyrolean cemetery) of WT2C **Arthur Gardner** aboard the USS Helena born: April 10, 1920 died: Dec. 7, 1941 brings the reality of the attack by the Japanese home to me personally. Perhaps, as we honor our veterans, living and deceased, we might visit the cemetery this week to honor this young man who gave his life so that we can live free!

While the media & those who have little appreciation for true freedom seek to honor the brutal dictator Fidel Castro, lets show who the real hero's & servants are: those willing to lay down their lives for God and country. Eternal rest grant unto, Arthur Gardner..... ♦ 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.

♦ **St Joseph's:** our plans were reviewed by the diocesan building committee & these weeks for approval by the Council of Priests. We begin with our rectory kitchen & a spring groundbreaking for the hall.

♦ **Cleaning @ M:** We seek disciples to clean one week out of a month. Why let our church be unkempt or leave it to a few?



♦ **St Nicholas' Shoes:** are filled: Dec. 6, **St. Nicholas Feast.** Pickup: Dec. 11th weekend! Mark shoes clearly w a name tag! Visit: www.stnicholascenter.org

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

♦ **Advent Confessions:** Wed., Dec. 7 @ 4pm Mass @ J and Thurs, Dec. 8 @ 6:30pm Mass @ M.

❖ **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!



❖ **Congratulations to the family of Elona Marie Loftus**, baptized Dec. 4th @ St. Joseph's. Congratulations and welcome to the family of faith!

❖ **Year End Giving:** Did you pay taxes last year? Why not give some of that to your parish? Donations made by the end of the year, can be used as a tax exempt gift that can benefit your parish! Contact us if we can assist with stocks, bonds, life insurance or cash donations.

❖ **Burse/Veil:** for mass/funerals: covers the chalice, hold the altar corporal. Used in each parish, memorialize the handmade items by the Holy Rood Monks for \$250 @. Contact @ parish office.

❖ Confirmation Prayer Partners: Cards due from prayer partners: 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:** Thanks to all who helped with sales, donations, baking, prep, delivery! We sold more than 480 pies & a profit of \$3,050.95. We're looking at changes for next year, out of necessity.

❖ **The official trailer for Martin Scorsese's "Silence" is here – and it's breathtaking** by Matthew Becklo. Few films this year have been as highly anticipated as Martin Scorsese's *Silence*. Adapting Shusaku Endo's 1966 novel, which is about the persecution endured by Catholic missionaries and converts in 17th-c Japan, has been the passion project of the Academy Award winning director of *Taxi Driver* and *The Departed* since the late 1980s. After decades of delays and setbacks, Scorsese has finally filmed the story that haunted him all those years – and the trailer is out to prove it. {see it online} · “Our Lord said to them, ‘Go ye into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every living creature.’ These are the first words we hear from the film, spoken by Portuguese priest Father Rodrigues (played by Andrew Garfield). We're then thrown into two distinct reels of footage. In the first, Rodrigues and Father Garrpe (played by Adam Driver) learn that another priest named Ferreira (Liam Neeson) has renounced God and the Catholic faith while on mission in Japan. In the second segment, Rodrigues and Garrpe land on Japan's shores to investigate – & quickly experience for themselves the direness of the situation there. · Over a heart-pounding soundtrack of strings and drums, we see images of Japanese converts receiving the Eucharist in hiding, being dragged off by the authorities, and suffering torture, crucifixion, and death *en masse*. “The price for your glory is their suffering,” an official warns the priests. We see Rodrigues and Garrpe accompany the faithful through their physical anguish, but they're visibly beset but a kind of mental anguish as well, wrestling with the guilt of what they're causing and the truth of what they believe. · *Silence* looks to be every bit the “meditative and brutal” masterpiece moviegoers have been told about. But what's really exciting about this film is how Scorsese will translate Endo's weighty themes onto the screen. A flash in the trailer shows Rodrigues bent over a pool of water, where a haunting reflection of Christ's face gazes back – a sign of the spiritual depths to which *Silence* will take us. · In an essay on the book, Scorsese describes it as a story about the “mystery” of faith as it relates to experiences of pain and unknowing. “Endo's novel confronts the mystery of Christian faith, and by extension the mystery of faith itself,” Scorsese writes. “Rodrigues learns, one painful step at a time, that God's love is more mysterious than he knows, that He leaves much more to the ways of men than we realize, and that He is always present ... even in His silence.” · *Silence* will be released in select

theaters on December 23 and nationwide in January. Order the novel to read! - See more at: www.aleteia.org/2016/11/25/the-official-trailer-for-martin-scorseses-silence-is-here-and-its-breathtaking

❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$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. *We're taking orders/sell @ St Joseph's after mass. You can 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 church. Open a window into the journey of Advent each day & give/use the gift of Yankee candles. They support St Mary's.



Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve:

3:30pm @ J + 4:00pm @ M;
7:30pm @ M (Candlelight);

Christmas Day:

10:00am @ M

New Years Eve:

3:30pm @ J + 6:00pm @ M;

New Year Day:

10:00am @ J



❖ Mark the date: **Sun, Dec. 18th after morning Mass @** each worship sites! Take pride in your parish, help to bring out boxes, hang the greens, get the Church ready for friends/family.

❖ **Cards:** for our elders & the priests who served us. Drop a card in stewardship or mail to them: St Mary's: Jean Dolan Anna Kaczmarczyk, Bill/Florence Steele, Jeff/Madelyn James • St Joseph's: Catherine/Steve Hovanec, Irene Mehalick, Catherine Lorenz, Mary Yadinskie. **..for our priests:** ***Fr. Potts:** St. Ursula, 1300 Broadway, Fountain Hill, Pa. 18015; ***Mmgr. O'Connor:** St. Patrick, 4th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa 17901; ***Mrs. Schware:** 1507 Sage St. Allentown, Pa 18103; ***Fr. Brensinger:** 15207 Kutztown Rd., Kutztown, Pa. 19530; ***Fr. Slezak:** 424 Sugarloaf Heights Rd., Drums, Pa 18222; ***Fr. Brennan:** 368 W. Main St., Girardville, Pa. 17935 ***Fr. Zelonis:** St. Clare, 250 E. Hancock St., Saint Clair, Pa 17970 ***Mmgr. Handges:** 215 W. Arch St., Pottsville, Pa 17901 ***Fr. Winne:** IC Church, 336 N 4th st., Allentown, Pa 18102 ***Fr. Karobo:** 1200 Spring St., Bethlehem, PA 18018

❖ **Outside Events:** Sheppton Fire Co: Bingo: 12/4: 1pm • St. Matthew: Homemade froz Pierogi (\$7/doz); froz Kielbasa (\$8/2 lb. link) Pick-up: 12/15 @ Parish Center – 120 Oak St. Minersville. Pre-Order: Call 570-544-2211 Mon-Fri 10:00-3:30 • **Christ-kindmarkt:** Sat, Dec 10, Noon-5:30 @ St. Joseph, Jim Thorpe. Food, baked goods, new/used crafts, basket raffle, garage sale. Live Nativity: 1, 3:30 & 5pm. Organ recital: 2pm, 2:45 tour of church's visual artwork & architecture.