

Dec 18, 25 & Jan 1, 2017

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

Our bulletin covers three week • 4th week of Advent A

Dec 19 6pm • Rc † Irene Cicioni r/o Ann Romano

Dec 20 9am • Rc † the Kayes Family (ILMO) r/o Virginia & Jim

Dec 23 6pm • Rc *John of Kanty* † Thomas Angelotti
Wife, Rose & Ed Balkiewicz Family



Christmas Eve: Dec 24

3:30pm • J

4pm • M

7:30pm • M (candlelight)

Christmas Day: Dec. 25 • 10am • M

Dec 26 6:30pm • M *Stephen* • Christmas Blue Mass † Earl Groff

Dec 27 9am • J *John* † Joseph Mattes r/o Wife, Dorothy

Dec 30 6pm • J *Holy Family* † Edward S. Balkiewicz
r/o Wife, Mary & Ed Balkiewicz Family



New Years Eve: Dec. 31 •

Mary, Mother of God

3:30pm • J † John V. Michalik

r/o Al, Joanne & Family

6pm • M † Robert L. Zawatski Sr

r/o Friends

[8-10pm Exposition/Adoration: Rc]



New Years Day: Jan. 1, 2017 10am • J

† Carl Wolk r/o Brother, Bob & Sons

[NB: Christmas/New Years occurs on a weekend, note the Mass schedule!]

Jan 3 noon • Rc *Holy Name of Jesus* † Josephine Bodock

Jan 5 6pm • Rc *John Neumann* † Christine Antol

Jan 6 9am • Rc Memorial Fund Intentions

Jan 7/8, 2017 • Epiphany

3:30pm • J † Ida Raygo Piccioni
r/o Julia Brennan

5:15pm • M † David Howard
r/o Joanne Aponick & Family

8:15am • J † Eugene & Helen Recla
r/o Children & Families

10:15am • M † Victor Cicioni r/o Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 12/5: S:1803; 12/11: S:1107; Dues:607;
xmas flowers: 697 • **J:** 12/5: S:1902; 12/11: S:1315; Dues: 125;
xmas flowers: 650

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

❖ **Scripture** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

• Christmas: Is 9:1-6; I 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14;

• Jan.1: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

• Jan 8: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

NB: the office is open on an as-needed basis only from Dec. 23rd through Jan 2nd.

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!*
Make an offering to honor the Birth of Christ!

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



❖ **Pray for:** 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 Yadinskie • Anna May Kealy • Fr. Raymond Slezak • Betty Lou Torpey • Rose Angelotti • Tony Valanty • Virginia/Paul Staerk • Tom Ramainn

❖ **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

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Jon Casella, Rosanna Flaim: 12/19; Rose Ann Aponick, Lynnette Mohl, Bob Yurcho: 12/20; Cathy Andrews, Madison Kramer: 12/21; Mary Balkiewicz, Jim Dixon: 12/24; Bill D'Arcy, Daniel Flaim: 12/26; Ruth Brouse, Jacob Johnstone, Joshua Lex, Desiree Milosh, Joe Tomtishen Sr.: 12/27; Patrick Loftus Jr.: 12/28; Carol Stancik: 12/29; Patricia Cicioni, Dianna Fulton: 12/30; Kim Davidson, Roseann Evangelista, James Johnstone, Kelsie Kramer, Ed Opanel: 12/31; Star: 1/1; Henry Kiernan: 1/3; Matt Jones: 1/5; Margaret Dixon, Mary Beth Kosar, Irene Mehalick: 1/6; Ann Biros, Julia Grohol, Donna Gulash, Joseph Mellon, Madelyn Reese: 1/7; Matt Mac Farland, Ed Thomas: 1/8 [In an upgrade of our record system, we noted a number of birthday's listed for 1/1: if yours was missed, let us know.]

❖ **St. Joseph's Christmas Grocery Raffle:** Dec. 18 \$2 @ prizes: 1: \$300; 2: \$250; 3: \$200; 4: \$100; 5: \$100; 6: \$50
{Gift Cert. to the Grocery Store of your choice}

❖ **St. Mary: Jan. 1st \$1,000 drawing:** Evening Pa. #4 \$2 @ 10 chances. A few packets remain! Take/buy/sell a chance!
GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!

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

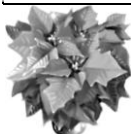
Reflection: Christmas/New Years: Christ the Savior is born for us. As we enter into this most holy season, let us resolve to carry the light of Christ. God can do incredible things through us!

We've accomplished much this past year, especially the renovations at St. Mary's & the kitchen at St. Joseph's. There is much more to be done in 2017! It is my prayer that our parish will grow stronger in faith, hope & love.

To all who, in any way, assist as disciples, I thank you. Let us support one another as we journey to adore the Prince of Peace.

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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



❖ **Flowers:** at the altar at Christmas are offered in honor & in memory of those you have designated in our Christmas Flower Offering.

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

❖ **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.

❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Assisting with decoration setup and take down day at each parish.

Next meeting: January 15th. Holiday Dinner/Potluck, Jan. 28th – [snow date: February 4th]– details to follow.

❖ **Religious Ed:** weekly @ St. Joseph’s after Sun. am Mass.

❖ **Open House/St Joseph’s:** rectory kitchen should be completed by Christmas. We’re planning an “open house” for **Jan 8th from 3-5pm.** Our hall, once approvals finalized, should allow us a spring ground breaking.

❖ **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?

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

❖ **Christmas Novena** continues through the 24th! Pray the Lord bless us all & our world with lasting peace!

❖ **Christmas Greeters:** Visitors/Family & Friends will be coming to Mass, we’re in need of greeters to hand out copies (1 per family) of the book by **Matthew Kelly: Resisting Happiness.** Sure, it’ll take a few minutes, but with enough help you can drive away after the crowd has left & enjoy a peaceful drive home! We’ve ordered enough copies so that names are not on the book, there are plenty to go around.

Be sure to say: **Merry Christmas!** Let’s continue to make our parishes a place of welcome, grace & peace for those searching for a home to worship God who has gifted us with the presence of His Beloved Son!

❖ **Post Christmas Deals:** Why not look at one or more of those “deals” and pick one up for the parish block party or picnic! Drop em off, we’ll hold ‘em!



❖ **Mon, Dec. 26 @ 6:30pm @ St. Mary’s.**

We offer a quiet Mass in the Christmas Season for those experiencing the “blues” during these days. Join us if you are feeling out of the spirit....

❖ **Epiphany Blessing Packets:** It’s time to reserve yours for your home blessing for 2017! We provide the outline, the chalk, the incense, bring a jar for holy water: for blessing your home! Epiphany weekend we bless our parish homes.



❖ **Giving Tree:** If you’re an “after Christmas Sale Hunter”, purchase items! We accept them during the Christmas Season! No matter: bring gifts unwrapped, we’ll get them to Birthright Frackville & the Catholic Social Agency, Hazleton.

❖ **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!



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

❖ **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.

❖ **Adopt a Christian from Mosul”** As was referenced in our Gospel reflection, we’re adopting, a family to support from Mosul. Consider giving a portion of your Christmas & New Years blessings in support of our endeavor. See our link posted on our webpage, facebook, find the video on Youtube.

❖ **Confirmation Prayer Partners:** Cards 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.

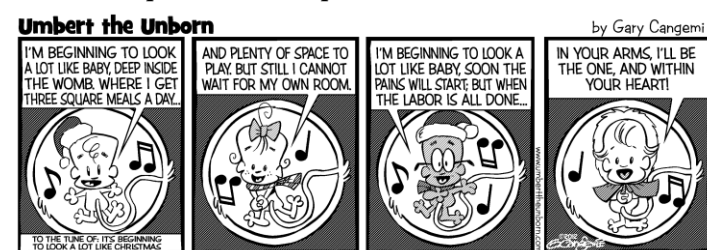
Drop them off, we’ll get them to them & thank you!

❖ **New Year Eve Adoration:** 8-10pm @ Rectory chapel to pray the Lord blessings for the past & into the New Year.

❖ **St Mary’s Thanksgiving Pie Sale: Update:** \$3,402. Out of necessity, we must make changes next year.

❖ **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. Contact the parish office to place an order!



❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** Sponsors are sought so that we can get our ticket out early! As in the past, there are various ways to indicate your support sponsoring one (or more) gift cards or a gift to donate. We’ve the cards, you get the credit, the parish gets a % of the purchase, the winner gets the full amount of the card!

❖ **Candles:** @ out at church. Last minute/New Year gifts: great Yankee candles, support St Mary’s.



❖ **Sun, Jan. 8th after Mass @** each worship site! Help with the gift of time to put our decorations away!

❖ **Outside Events:**

Shepppton Fire Co: Bingo: 1/15: 1pm

•Trinity Academy Feb Gift Card Spectacular: Tickets \$5 @ daily prize (minimum \$25.00 winning) Buy from Trinity students or school office.

•Thanks: Heather Lorah & Rebecca May offer thanks for the supported on their N S R project assisting the Helping Hands Society.

