

Jan 22 & 29, 2017

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

Our bulletin covers two weeks!

• 3rd week of Ordinary Time

Jan 23 6pm • Rc *Day of Prayer for Unborn Children*
† George Laudeman Sr. r/o Crawford Family

Jan 24 9am • Rc *Frances de Sales*
† Mrs. Angeline (Antonelli) Ovechka
r/o Carol (niece) & Nelson Ladue

Jan 27 6pm • Rc *Angela Merici*
† Dave Jenkins r/o Donna Gulash

Jan 28/29 • 4th Sun of the Year

3:30pm • J † End to Abortion r/o Kosciuk Family

5:15pm • M † Bron & Josephine Regent
r/o Son Gene, Sherry & Family

8:15am • J † Michael Molovinski r/o Gerald Pavlishin

10:15am • M † Irene Cicioni r/o Geri Shumski

Jan 30 5pm • Rc *Anthony* † Beatrice Gius
r/o Kuzmitsky Family

Feb 3 6pm • Rc *Blaise* Memorial Fund Intentions
First Friday: Exposition/Divine Mercy/Benediction

Feb 4/5, 2017 • 5th Sun of the Year

3:30pm • J † Robert Brown r/o Son, Randy

5:15pm • M † Billy & Marie Houser r/o Family

8:15am • J † Florence Reese r/o Mike & Jane Reese

10:15am • M † Dorothy Yanuskiewicz r/o Tait Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP:** M: 1/8: S:1439; 1/15: S:843; Dues:671;
Christmas update: 4060; NY: update:415; Bld F:1,376: Redners: 233
•J:1/8:S:1805;1/15:S:1417;1/2: Dues: 696; Christmas update: 3556;
NY update: 761; Bld F:25 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Scripture** Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23

*Jan.29: Zeph 2:3;3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5: 1-12a

*Feb 5: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!*
Make an offering to ask God's blessings in this 2017!

 to our parish bookkeeper, Susan Crawford on the death of her father **Kenneth Snover**.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

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

❖ **Year of St. Matthew's Gospel** continues throughout the year. Every Catholic should have and be reading your Bible. It is, after all, the Gift of the Catholic Church to the world

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

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

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



❖ **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. benefit 1%. Sign up @ service desk.

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** **Stephanie Casella, Catherine Keen:** 1/23; **Jason Pental, Charlie Scodari:** 1/24; **William Maczees:** 1/26; **Ryan Coghill:** 1/27; **Rob Baranowsky:** 1/29; **Ed Krusinsky, Brian Schwalm:** 1/31; **Sean Shatalsky:** 2/1; **Kathleen Richards, Judy Vasey, Cherise Yablonsky:** 2/2; **Tracey Aponick, Olivia Epp:** 2/5

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



Reflection: Times: I recall Bishop Welsh and Fr. Benedict Groeschel speaking about an ancient Irish curse that one would wish upon an opponent: "May you live in 'interesting times!'" Can't help but think of that in these days where when things have not gone their way, folks turn into 'snowflakes', unable to deal with reality & seeking to live in an alternate world. Of course, we, as Catholics are not spared that in the crisis of "relativism" that seeks to enter into the teachings of the Church with regards to clear moral teaching.

Add to that our own personal difficulties we face on a day to day basis and it can appear daunting. Then comes the announcement of Good News: the Sacraments, the Gospel, the example we set for our own. Thus hope is again restored.

Let us use these days to increase our prayer, enter into the message of Matthew's Gospel & Matthew Kelly's Book: Resisting Happiness. Let us be mindful of the example of Our Lord & Savior, the faithfulness of Mother Mary, the example & witness of the Saints & the martyrs, including those of our own day, [google: Fr Stanley Rother] who pray for us & urge us on to victory. Let us live as a people of Hope, even if it is in "interesting times." ● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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

❖ **Flowers:** in these weeks before Lent, that begins Mar 1st

can brighten our empty sanctuary after the Christmas decorations are put away. To order flowers before the altar or the BVM, St. Joseph or the Sacred Heart, contact us, we order them, your donation

to the parish as your "gift" and we'll note the offering. The Christmas Flower listing was made available Jan 15th weekend.

❖ **Note:** At the direction of the diocese, due to the reported widespread flu outbreak, the greeting at the sign of peace and the ministry of the cup is suspended. Which leaves us to ask: why not assist at Holy Mass by serving/lecturing, ushering.



❖ **Adopt a Christian from Mosul:** Consider giving a portion of your blessings in support of our endeavor. See our link posted on social media.



❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Potluck Dinner: **Jan. 28** [snow date: Feb 4th] @ 5:15 mass @ Legion. **We thank the Knights for their year end offering of \$125 to each parish.**

❖ **Brandon's Forever Home, Hazleton: Our Women of Grace sponsors** a clothing and food drive through Feb 26th. The home offers support to foster & orphaned children. Flyers are posted, visit: brandonsforeverhome.com @ Nancy @ 215-801-5797 or women of grace members.

❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** visit webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, to your amazon page, the 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!

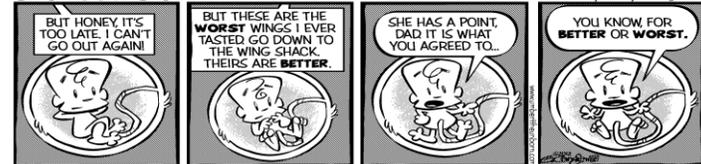
❖ **St. Mary: \$1,000 drawing: \$2 @ for 10 chances to win!**
Evening Pa. 4 # drawing: St. Patrick's Day: March 17th

❖ **Chalice Veil: has been memorialized** IMO Charles Wezner by wife, Mary Ann from St Joseph's. They match the beautiful handmade funeral pall (for caskets) and chasuble that are used for special celebrations.

❖ **Lap Garments/Baptismal Shawls/Quilts:** We're looking for a few who knit, crochet, quilt to provide our ongoing need for these as they are provided for the moments of joy & sorrow, blessing & pain in life: baptism, marriage, death. If you make them or know someone who does, get them to us, we'll make use of them! The beautiful ones that are made for baptism are from Luann Scodari: thanks!

❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 Dunham's, \$25 Dunkin' Donuts, \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Gap/Old Navy, \$25 Home Depot, \$15 iTunes, \$25 Kmart/Sears, \$25 Kohl's, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 Lowes, \$100 Lowes, \$25 Olive Garden, \$25 PetSmart, \$25 Staples, \$50 Sunoco, \$25 TJ Maxx/Marshall's, \$25 Walmart/Sam's, \$100 Walmart/Sam's, \$25 Weis, \$100 Weis. *We're taking orders/sell @ St Joseph's after mass. Contact the parish office to place an order!*

Umbert the Unborn



❖ **St Joseph's 50/50** resumes: tickets are @ entrance to church! \$\$\$ supports our building project.

❖ **Yankee Candles:** @ out at church can be used as gifts or to bring a nice scent into the home. school or workplace. Proceeds are applied towards St. Mary's ordinary income.

Speaking of which: the diocesan bill for insurance, health coverage, etc. @ month comes to about \$4,800 btw our parishes, in addition, we assist Trinity Academy on a monthly basis of more than \$1,000. You are most generous in your stewardship offerings; it doesn't take much to see that the 1st weekends @ mo pay these bills. The parish lives off the remaining weeks & if there is a 5th weekend, you know what it is like to stretch income/expenses. At Fr's direction, we don't always pay our diocesan assessment immediately, but we try not to get too far behind.

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

❖ **Picnic/Block Party Deals:** Pick a gift basket/theme or scrip card(s) for our June events! Drop em off, we'll hold 'em!

❖ **Communion Prayer Partners:** We begin praying for our 1st Penance & Holy Communion youth. We've about a dozen young people preparing for these sacraments. We'll be offering prayer cards as we get closer to Lent. (Mar.1)

❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** Help us get our ticket out early! As in the past, there are various ways to support: sponsor gift cards or donate a gift (\$25 min value). We've cards & the parish gets a % , the winner gets the full amount of the card!



❖ **Outside Events:** Sheppton Fire Co: Bingo: 2/5: 1pm •Trinity Academy Feb Gift Card Spectacular: Tickets \$5 @ daily prize (min. \$25) Purchase @ Trinity students or school office. •Ringtown Rotary: Kauffman's Chicken B-B-Q 2/18 12-3pm Eat In/Take Out. Benefits Rotary Youth Exchange Student Call for tickets: Susie 570-889-3755 or Jen 570-205-0359

❖ **March for Life Rally:** Wash DC Baltimore Ravens tight end Benjamin Watson, father of five children and a former Super Bowl champion with the New England Patriots. Watson has been making waves this past year for his outspoken pro-life views and his continued criticism of Planned Parenthood. When asked in an interview with *Turning Point Pregnancy Resource Center* what it meant to be "pro-life," Watson responded, "For me, pro-life is more encompassing than simply the abortion issue. It's really more of a complete worldview. Pro-life is: being for people who are in sex-trafficking, or people who are in danger from persecution, or being for people who are stricken with poverty or illnesses, or whatever it may be. Just having a respect for life in general to me is pro-life. Obviously, when we talk about the political arena, it has to do with abortion, but I think if you are someone who cares about life period, then you have to care about it from conception all the way up to death." During the interview Watson also criticized Planned Parenthood and their history of targeting the African-American community..... "I do know that blacks kind of represent a large portion of the abortions, and I do know that honestly the whole idea with Planned Parenthood and Sanger in the past was to exterminate blacks, and it's kind of ironic that it's working. We (as minorities) support candidates, and overwhelmingly support the idea of having Planned Parenthood and the like, and yet, that is why she created it."

Having been sidelined with a torn achilles during the 2016 NFL season, Watson decided to use his time recuperating by writing a book for new fathers called *The New Dad's Playbook: Gearing Up for the Biggest Game of Your Life*. According to the *Christian Post* the book was written as "a practical and encouraging guide for rookie and veteran dads alike that will empower and equip them to be the supportive and informed partners that their spouses need while preparing them for the greatest game of their life, Fatherhood." Watson explained, "After five very different pregnancies and births, I hope my failures, victories and teachable moments provide an additional resource for men who want to be great lovers, comforters, protectors and providers during this special time but sometimes don't quite know how."

[To read the full story visit: www.aletia.org/2017/01/18/nfl-star-ben-watson-to-speak-at-march-for-life]