

Feb. 5th - 26th, 2017

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

Our bulletin covers four weeks!

• 5th week of Ordinary Time

Feb 6 6pm • Rc *Paul Miki & Companions*

† John R. Soda r/o David & Helen Mehalick

Feb 10 6pm • Rc *Scholastica* † Nick Stamatopoulos r/o Joan Moll

Feb 11/12 • 6th Sunday of the Year

3:30pm • J † Carmen Fierro r/o Theresa Novak

5:15pm • M † Lillian E. Kelly r/o Pukavage Family

8:15am • J † Deceased of the Soda Family r/o Donna Gulash

10:15am • M † John F. Washko r/o John Washko

Feb 17 6pm • Rc † James F. Torpey r/o Betty Lou & Fr.

Feb 18/19, 2017 • 7th Sunday of the Year

3:30pm • J † Max Rizzardi

5:15pm • M † John Zakavage r/o Charlie & Luann Scodari

8:15am • J † Martha Hysock r/o Donna & Jessica Gulash

10:15am • M † Irene Cicioni r/o Lois Reichwein

Feb 20 6pm • Rc † Julia Brennan r/o Donna Gulash

Feb 24 6pm • Rc † Nick Stamatopoulos r/o Bob & Jeanette Fellin

Feb 25/26 • 8th Sunday of the Year

3:30pm • J † Deceased of the Hirko Family r/o Dave/Geri Sarno

5:15pm • M † Faris Zogby r/o Joann Zogby & Mark

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

10:15am • M † Michael J. Stanek r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 1/22: S:1278; 1/29: S:1124; Dues:160

• **J:** 1/22: S:1234; 1/29: S:1210; Dues:110 ; *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

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

*Feb 12: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5: 17-37

*Feb 19: Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

*Feb 26: Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

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

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!*

Make an offering to thank God for St. Valentine Love!

❖ **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!

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Jonathan Biros, Dorothy Mattes: 2/6; Felicia Botch, Sara Osilka, Daniel Tomtishen, Megan Tomtishen: 2/8; Randy Brown: 2/9; Leo Flaim: 2/10; Heather Davidow: 2/13; Jim Fish: 2/15; Helen Fisher: 2/16; Allyssa & Amanda Idacavage: 2/18; Justin Buchman, Mollie Connors, Marie Piaskowski, Rick Roulin, John Washko, Victor Yanuskiewicz: 2/19; Bill Fellin, Ryley Schwalm: 2/21; Cyan Botch, Deb Stivers: 2/24; John Daly, Jo Anna Shovlin, Sandy Hetherington: 2/25; Gavin Johnstone: 2/26

❖ **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

• Jarzinko • Joseph

• Vickie Hartz

• Gordy Weikel •

• Phil & Shirley

• Theresa Szott

Green • Brian

• 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

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Hear Our Prayer

• Rose Ann Aponick • Jean

Washko • Grace Snover

• Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin

Amy Katzen • Kathy Milefsky

Kennedy • Bill/Flo Steele

• Helen Mehalick • Barbara

Irlsinger • Al Mehalick • Helen

Gurka • Irene Feeko • Perry Long • Jennifer/Rose Gilliam

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Reflection: Life: What a gift! I read an article about twins in the womb trying to decide if there is really "life after the womb!" It brought to mind the cartoon with two fleas standing between the hairs of a dog, debating if there really is a DOG! Living from our own view of things, it can be challenging to talk about when life begins, if there really is a dog, sorry, God! (don't let star see!)]], the role of science/religion, the "wall of separation between Church/state" (that found only in a letter Jefferson wrote to a church community seeking his advice).

Then I came across an article about the priest who figured out how to make computers "talk" between each other, yes, a priest, Fr. Robert Busa. While studying the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (11 million recorded words), written on 10,000 index cards, he met Thomas Watson, the founder of IBM, and asked to team up on a project to make word searches on a computer work. Mr. Watson shook his head and replied: "Impossible!.... You are claiming to be more American than us!" Fr. slid him a punched card of IBM's motto: "The difficult, we do it immediately. The impossible takes a little longer." Out of that encounter, came what is called "hypertext" (do a search if you want to know), a high falutin' way of saying computers were capable of understanding the alphabet & words. Fr. Busa had created the construct long before the term was coined in 1965, the 70's produced printed volumes of Fr's work on St.

Thomas, the 80's cd-roms compacted it & in 2005, it was put on the www. After having essentially inspiring the work that became the internet, fr. was working on a translation technique to allow language to be translated quickly, when, in 2011, he died. Deeply humble throughout this, he saw his work as if God were a kindly grandfather enjoying the work of His grandchildren as they progress.

The world does its best to provide: drone deliveries, texting, online banking, 4k hdtv's, etc.. but in the end, when it comes down to it, it's about faith & life. Who better than the Lord Jesus & His Catholic Church to assist us on this journey? So while the debate rages: Is there life after the womb? Is there really a "dog"? Are faith and science incompatible? Let's put our lot in with 2,000 yrs of His Church that continues to remind us: Love life, respect life, defend life. Do something to make our "grandfather" proud. (and don't forget to thank God for priests who offer the Holy Sacrifice and the Sacraments for us and who also had a hand in creating the internet.)

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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

p.s. Fr. Karobo joins us for the weekend of Feb. 11/12.

Show him some "St. Valentine Love."

❖ **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.



❖ **Counters:** are needed for another team @ St. Mary's! Contact the parish office.

❖ **St. Valentine's Day:** Use the example of the Saint whose love for Christ left such a deep example on believer and non-believer alike! Copies of the novena are @ Church.



Altar Flowers

❖ **Flowers:** can brighten our sanctuary. 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.

❖ **Note:** the diocese has directed that the sign of peace greeting & ministry of the cup be suspended. Assist at 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:** meet 2/19. K of C Council 16072-2017 Scholarship info has been given to local schools. Seniors from either of our parishes are encouraged to apply.

❖ **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. ❖ **Women meets** 3/21 @ 6:30 65 Dakota Drive, (Eagle Rock) Join us: Nancy or Arlene @ 570-590-5810. All are welcome.

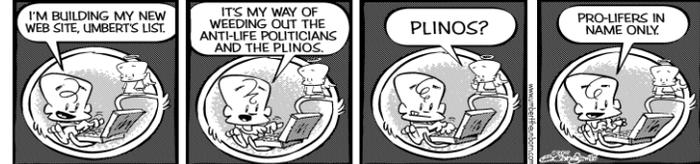
❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** visit webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, to your amazon page, the receives 5% on your purchase! We use St Mary's to filter purchases, if you'd like credit to go to St Joseph's, let us know. No cost to you!

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

❖ **Lap Garments/Baptismal Shawls/Quilts:** We've lots of yarn as well too for this project. Luann & Bev are thinking of weeknight class, anyone interested? Contact the parish office.

❖ **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** monthly tickets for parishioners are out @ entrance to Church. -> \$\$\$ supports our building project.

❖ **Yankee Candles:** @ church can be used as great **Valentine Day gifts** -> benefits St Mary's.

❖ www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

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

❖ **Ash Wed Soup/Pierogie Sale @ SJ:** disciples to make homemade soups. Donations of \$, butter, onions & to work. *Sign-up sheets are at the entrance to church.*

❖ **Shoo-Fly Pies:** St. Mary's Choir sponsors: \$8 @ order by 4/2/17. Pick up 4/7/17. *Forms @ church, choir member/office*

❖ **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!

❖ **2016 Contributions:** if for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office.

❖ **Memorials @ J: Nicholas Stamatoopoulos:** Bob & Jeanette Fellin, Gene Brady, The Caring Network at Eagle Rock, Diane French & Phillip Pellitteri: \$170 • **Carmen Fierro:** Theresa Novak: \$150 • **Kenneth Snover:** Donna Gulash, Lisa Balkiewicz: \$50

• @ M: **Dorothy Yanuskiewicz:** Ray & Arlene Sachleben: \$20



❖ **Outside Events:** Ringtown Rotary: Chicken B-B-Q 2/18 12-3pm Eat In/Take Out. Call Susie 570-889-3755 or Jen 570-205-0359 for tickets.

❖ **Dutch Doctor Has Family Hold Down Grandma to be Euthanized** 28 Jan 2017 by [Fr. Dwight Longenecker](#) So called "Assisted Suicide" has been legal for some time in the land of tulips, wooden shoes and windmills. The Netherlands legalized murder by injection seventeen years ago, and the numbers of old people, depressed, terminally ill and disabled who are injected goes up year by year. To date there have been about 5,500 deaths. The latest horror story from Holland is this unbelievable tale in which Doctor Death had to get the old woman's relatives to hold the poor old lady down while the needle was inserted. It gives a whole new slant on "assisted suicide". In this case the doctor needed assistance to hold the victim down while the lethal dose was administered. The cruel irony of it is rich beyond imagination. What next? Shall we call Auschwitz "assisted suicide" because the Nazis "assisted" their victims into the gas chambers? The ISIS killers are doing no more than "assisted suicide" because they hold the person's head still while they slit his throat? • The euphemisms abound. It's like us calling abortion a "termination of pregnancy" and the unborn baby's body "the product of conception." Even more astounding is the fact that the Dutch doctor was cleared of any wrongdoing. The panel judging the case said that she "acted in good faith." What on earth does that mean? She meant well? Not to press the Nazi analogy too far, but the Nazis meant well. They really thought they were ridding the earth of scum. They were pulling weeds and no more. Not a mistake that the gas they used was derived from a pesticide. The Jews were just pests in need of extermination. When are we going to stop and realize that human life is sacred from the womb to the tomb? A wealthy and powerful society is only civilized if it expends its wealth, energy and concern on all those who are most vulnerable. With common sense and compassion we must help the elderly, the infirm, the terminally ill, the unborn, the disabled, the refugee, the homeless and those in every kind of need.

www.patheos.com/blogs/standingonmyhead/2017/01/dutch-doctor-family-hold-grandma-euthanized.html