

Feb. 26- Mar 12, 2017

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

Our bulletin covers two weeks!

• 8th week of Ordinary Time

The calendar is subject to change!



Mar 1 - Ash Wednesday

3:30pm • J † Nick Stamatopoulos
r/o Donna Gulash

6:45pm • M † Ray Milosh r/o Mary Balkiewicz

Mar 2 9am • Rc Roy & Dolores Gius (60th Wedding Anniv.)

Mar 3 9am • Rc *Katherine Drexel* Memorial Fund Intentions
First Friday • Stations

Mar 4/5 • 1st Sun of Lent

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

5:15pm • M † John Zakavage r/o Wife Dolly

8:15am • J † Beatrice Gius r/o Mike & Judy Dziak

10:15am • M † Dorothy Yanuskiewicz r/o Ray & Arlene Sachleben

Mar 6 6pm • M † Nancy Blackwell r/o Ney & Possessky Families
Stations

Mar 7 9am • Rc *Perpetua & Felicity* † David Jenkins
r/o Helen Mehalick

Mar 9 6pm • Rc *Frances of Rome* † Kenneth Snover
r/o Mike & Judy Dziak

Mar 10 9am • Rc Angeline (Antonelli) Ovechka
r/o Carol (niece) & Nelson Ladue
Stations

Mar 11/12, 2017 • 2nd Sun of Lent

3:30pm • J † Vincent Fanelli r/o Cathy Andrews

5:15pm • M † Patricia Piccolo r/o Kathy Lorah

8:15am • J † Michael Funanage r/o Wife Cecilia

10:15am • M † Theresa Ney r/o Possessky & Ney Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP:** M: 2/5: S:1096; 2/12: S:782; 2/19: S: 1571
Dues:827; Energy: 633; BF :50 • J:2/5: S:1389; 2/12: S:1014;
2/19: S: 2108 Dues:620; Energy: 1992; BF: 845

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

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

*Mar 1: Ash Wed: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 • 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10 • Mt 6:1-6, 16-21

*Mar 5: Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7 • Rom 5:12-19 • Mt 4:1-11

*Mar 12: Gen 12:1-4a • Rom 4:1-5, 13-17 • Mt 17:1-9

❖ 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 Spring!

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



to the families of **Tom Ramainn & Mary Lingosky (J), Paul Staerk & Florence Frye (M)**

who, in the past weeks, were buried.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..

❖ **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:** Eileen Dieckmann: 2/27; Barb Osilka: 2/28; William Bradley, Annalie MacFarland: 3/1; Will Balkiewicz: 3/3; Damian Fritz, John Satori: 3/4; Bill Maczees, Jacob Crawford: 3/5; Jessica Pukavage: 3/8; Marjorie Lorah, Bob Richards: 3/9; James Barrett: 3/11; Kaitlyn Lorah, Margaret Popalis: 3/12

❖ **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 Lewis • Bob Fellin • Kathy Milefsky • Bill/Flo Steele • Mehalick • Barbara Mehalick • Helen Long • Jennifer/Rose Gilliam • LouAnn Rader • Jim/Virginia Spudis • Pauline Lorah • Mary Yadiniskie • Anna May Kealy • Fr. Raymond Slezak • Betty Lou Torpey • Rose Angelotti • Tony Valanty • Virginia Staerk



Hear Our Prayer

Reflection: Lent: What a nice break between the Christmas and Lenten Season. It gives us a chance to “rest” a bit, get away from all the business of Church life and fall in love with the Lord through St. Matthew's Gospel.

Now that we're about to enter Springtime, the word Lent literally means: “Lengthen” as in the lengthening of the days & the promise of Spring. It is a season to fast **from** and **for!**

We fast from things that we enjoy in order to tame our wild nature to things of excess and to fast for the opportunity to be of service (e.g.: fast from snacks & use the \$ saved for a gift to the poor). Entering into the fullness of the Season, keep in mind the promise that awaits us as we walk this Lenten journey: from death of New Life: Easter Hope and Joy!

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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

As I continue to doctor, be advised that the schedule is subject to change! Thank you for your understanding.

❖ **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.



❖ **Knights of Columbus:** next meet 3/19/17
Kof C Council 16072 - 2017

Scholarship info has been given to local schools. Seniors from

either of our parishes are encouraged to apply.

❖ **Bleenie Sale:** 3/31 @ St. Mary's: starts @ 11am

❖ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!** Our commitment to the poor challenges us to serve Christ by donating a can for each day.



❖ **Welcome new parishioner:** (M) Zachary Motil; Michael, Nicole & Jack Zubowicz; Ashley Motil & daughters Rhlea & Olivia Reinhardt.



❖ **Flowers @ M** this weekend: 2/26 in memory of **Josephine Loftus** by son, Pat

❖ **Memorials:**

- @ J: **Nicholas Stamatopoulos:** Mike & Margaret Vrettos, Westwood Vol. Ambulance Corps, M/M Michael J. McCool: \$70
- @ M: **Florence Frye:** Stephanie Staerk, Greater Shen. Area Senior Citizens, Helen White, Rose Ann Luksavage: \$110
- ❖ **Women of Grace** meet 3/21 @ 6:30 65 Dakota Drive, (Eagle Rock). Join us: Nancy @ 215-801-5797 or Arlene @ 570-590-5810. All are welcome. Feb 28 ends our drive in support of Brandon's Forever Home: Thank you for your generosity!

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

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

❖ **Pascal Candles: 2017 (M & J)** sponsors are sought: The candle burns throughout the Easter Season & the year, at baptisms, funerals & other celebrations. To memorialize it in memory or in honor of (*several can go together*) contact us.

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

❖ **St Joseph's 50/50** monthly tickets for parishioners are out @ entrance to Church. \$\$\$ supports our building project. Jan.winner: Dave Mehalick \$105 Congrats!

❖ **Yankee Candles:** @ church benefit St Mary's.

❖ www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

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

❖ **Homemade Soup/Pierogie @ SJ:**
Sheppton Fire Hall: starts @ 11:30am
Soups: Pasta Fagioli, Vegetable, Cream of Broccoli, Tomato, Potato, Mushroom & Rice, Potato, Crab Bisque & Meatless Chili: \$6/qt.
Pierogies: .50/ea, 6/\$2.50, 12/\$5

Local Delivery to Sheppton/Onedia Area: call Donna @ 570-401-8917

❖ **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!

❖ **Counters:** are needed for another team @ St. Mary's! Contact the parish office. We count Sun @ Mass or Monday morning.

❖ **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 begin Lent

Stations of the Cross are prayed after Holy Mass at each parish during the weeks of Lent. ** See the Mass schedule.

❖ **Lenten Symbol:** is distributed the 1st Sunday of Lent. The beautiful image allows us to keep the reminder before us on the Lenten journey. The symbols are given in memory of **Ron Rader** by LouAnn/Lindsay.

❖ **2016 Contributions:** if you are in need of a report, contact us.

❖ St. Mary's Choir sponsors: \$8 @ order by 4/2. Pick up 4/7. Forms @ church, see a choir member/office.

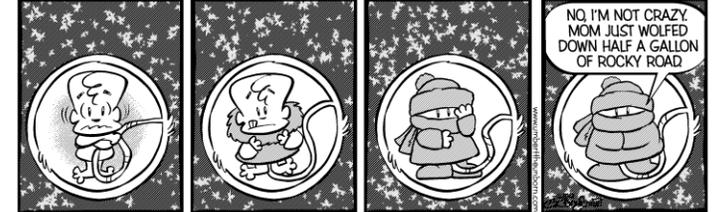
❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** Help us get our ticket out early! As in the past, there are various ways to support: sponsor gift cards or donate a gift (\$25 min value). We've cards & the parish gets a % , the winner gets the full amount of the card!



❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$25 & \$100 Amazon, \$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 & \$50 Giant Foods, \$25 Home Depot, \$15 iTunes, \$25 Kmart/Sears, \$25 Kohl's, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 Lowes, \$100 Lowes, \$25 Olive Garden, \$25 PetSmart, \$10 & \$25 Regal Cinema, \$25 Sheetz, \$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

by Gary Cangemi



❖ **Men/Young Men Retreat: Mar 31-Apr 2:** \$125pp. Camp Haycock, Kintnersville, Pa. Paintball, Zip Line, Skeet, Bow & Arrow: Visit: Haycock.org. Dorm type heated rooms. Focus: Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Checks: Sons of the Father, LLC. Visit: youtube.com/watch?v=RGd4gvpGzIA



❖ **Outside Events:** Ringtown Fire Co: Pizza Sale: Fri's of Lent. • Bingo: Sheppton Fire Co: Mar 12, 1pm

❖ The Charlotte Lozier Institute released a new adult stem cell video. It tells the story of Dr. Joseph McGuirk, an adult stem cell expert at the Univ of Kansas Hospital, and his patient Chance Runnion, who recovered from leukemia thanks to an adult stem cell transplant. Joseph McGuirk has been treating cancer patients for 27 years. He has always been excited and optimistic about the future of his patients, but never like he is now. "Every day is an exciting day," McGuirk says. "We are in the midst of a revolution in cancer medicine right now." Watch Chance and Dr. McGuirk share their experiences with adult stem cells in CLI's new video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hr5k3FcGN60

Chance Runnion returned from a cruise and in short order a red dot on the inside of his right knee grew to the size of a softball. After getting it checked out, the diagnosis came back the same day: leukemia. Dr. McGuirk knows that not long ago, almost every patient like Chance who came to his clinic would have died in a relatively short period of time. Today, he says, more than half of them will live, thanks to adult stem cell transplants. Chance underwent an adult stem cell transplant, and he says he knows that the transplant is saving his life. Dr. McGuirk notes, "One of the reasons I'm so excited about adult stem cell therapy [is] because this young man is going to get his life back on track and get back to college and have a family and do things he wants to do in life and deserves to be able to do in life. He can make his contribution to make things better for others." Many others like Chance are currently being treated using ethically-derived, non-controversial adult stem cell transplants, which do not require the destruction of young human life. In fact, Dr. McGuirk says, "I am not aware that embryonic stem cells... have been used as a life-saving therapy for anyone with any disorder." Meanwhile, well over one million patients worldwide have been treated using adult stem cell transplants. Stem Cell Research Facts is a project of the Charlotte Lozier Institute since January 2015. CLI plans to continue producing inspiring videos like Dr. McGuirk and Chance Runnion's to raise awareness about the life-saving, research-based, and ethical treatment option of adult stem cell transplants.