

Mar 12- Mar 26, 2017

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

Our bulletin covers two weeks!

• 2nd week of Lent

The calendar is subject to change!

Mar 18/19 • 3rd Sun of Lent

3:30pm • J † Joseph & Joan Sullivan r/o Cathy Andrews

5:15pm • M † Victor & Dorothy Yanuskiewicz
r/o Sons, Victor & Michael

8:15am • J † Alice Rinckenberg r/o John & Mary Rinckenberg

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

Mar 13th & 20th - 6pm • M Stations of the Cross

Mar 17th & 24th - 9am • Rc Stations of the Cross

Mar 25/26, 2017 • 4th Sun of Lent

3:30pm • J † Nicholas Stamatopoulos r/o Milbank's

5:15pm • M † Paul Staerk r/o Loretta Zienkiewicz

8:15am • J † Arlene Saurini r/o Carol Stancik & Family

10:15am • M † Francis Hillibush r/o Dolly Zakavage



❖ **STEWARDSHIP:** M: 2/26: S:1304; 3/5: S:1311; Dues:605; Energy:197; Ash Wed:349 • J: 2/26: S:1111; 3/5: S:2000; Dues:452; Energy:160; Ash Wed:437

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

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

*Mar 19 Ex 17:3-7 • Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 • Jn 4:5-42

*Mar 26: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a • Eph 5:8-14 • Jn 9: 1-41

❖ 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.

❖ **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:** Sara Freyne, David Krajnikovich:

3/14; Jeffrey Markosky: 3/15; Janet Maczees: 3/16; Rachel

Bell, Jennifer Fritz: 3/17; Daniel Roulin: 3/18; Allison

McClafferty, Sean Kramer, Matthew Milosh, Josh

Pukavage, Paul Burke: 3/20; Matthew Stivers: 3/22; Linda

Morgovnik, Dorothy Hovanec: 3/24; Joe Morgovnik, Jr:

3/25; Joe Recla: 3/26

❖ **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 • Rose Ann Aponick • Jean Jarzinko • Joseph Washko • Grace Snover • Vickie

• Gordy Weikel • Bill

& Shirley Kennedy

• Helen Mehalick

• Irslinger • Al

• Feeko • Perry Long

• LouAnn Rader

Lorah • Mary Yadiniskie • Anna May Kealy • Fr. Raymond Slezak

• Betty Lou Torpey • Rose Angelotti • Tony Valanty • Virginia Staerk



Hear Our Prayer

Hartz • Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin

Maczees • Kathy Milefsky • Phil

• Bill/Flo Steele • Theresa Szott

• Barbara Green • Brian

Mehalick • Helen Gurka • Irene

• Jennifer/Rose Gilliam

• Jim/Virginia Spudis • Pauline

❖ **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:** meet 3/19.

KofC 2017 Scholarship info has been given to local schools.

High school 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.

❖ **Easter Egg Hunt:** Disciples are sought for each parish to coordinate our annual event! We're looking for donations of candy, \$ and large gift items to make Easter a day of great Hope & Joy!



Reflection: Lenten Symbols & the Lenten Journey: The gift of the Heart of Nails Pin and Prayer card accompany us on the journey that is Lent to help keep before us the reality of the love that God has for us by means of our salvation: the Cross.

Each year I come across someone who reminds me of how special the symbol & prayer reminders are to them. Thanks to LouAnn & Lindsay Rader, giving the gifts in memory of Ron. They speak to us, I hope, to help keep before our minds eye the need to keep it simple. Don't complicate things by thinking or worrying about this, that and the other thing.

If we spent as much time on that love, the Heart of Nails as we do on other things, we'd become what God desires for us: Saints among Saints in the halls of heaven!

Use this Lenten journey as a time to:

● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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

As you heard, I am off at least until Mar 25th. Mom's surgery was this past week, my procedures and tests must wait til we know how she has made out. For now, we're praying that all goes as best as can be expected., it's one day at a time. In the meantime, we pray that you'll join us in the desire to fall in love with the Heart that embraced the Nails: the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In these weeks, welcome our guest priests and help out, there is always something to be done!



❖ **Welcome new parishioner:** (M) Denise Kanigoski

❖ **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: March 17th. We've a few packets remaining as well as some individual tickets!



❖ **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 secured. The candle burns throughout the Easter Season & the year, at baptisms, funerals & other celebrations.

❖ **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.

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

❖ www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

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

❖ **Homemade Soup/Pierogie @ J:** Thanks to the workers, cooks & the Sheppton Fire Co!

We had a record 14 soup makers for some great soups. Soups will continue to be offered the weekends of Lent. Take a frozen container home for a Lenten Supper. A variety of options are available @ \$6/qt.

For the sale day itself, we show a profit of **\$831**

❖ **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!

❖ **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. 1st Penance will be celebrated when we hold our Lenten Penance Service, Communion will be celebrated anytime from Holy Thursday through the Easter Season.



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

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

❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** The forms were handed out these past weekends asking you to sponsor a gift. The sooner we get them back, the quicker we can list our prizes and get our ticket out. It would be great to sell all of our tickets this year. Hopefully for Easter, Mothers and Fathers Day we can get a number sold.

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!



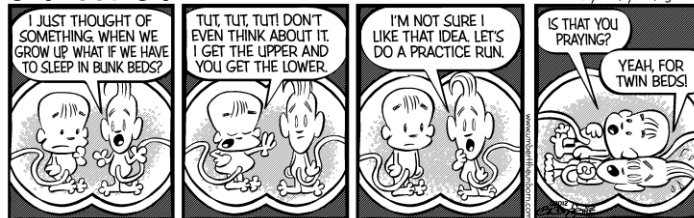
❖ St. Mary's Choir sponsors: \$8 @ order by 4/2. Pick up 4/7. Forms @ church, see a choir member/office.
We seek donations of flour.

❖ **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!**

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

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 Real Presence:** Ever been asked or wondered: Do Catholics worship a piece of bread? Is the Eucharist just a symbol? Does belief in the Real Presence mean that Catholics are cannibals? **Fr. Brian Miller** hosts this free event, Thurs, Mar 16, 7-9pm @ Annunciation BVM Hall – 9 S. Brd Mtn Ave., Frackville.. Info.. adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 ext. 21

❖ **A few articles to consider for your reading list:**
* **I'm Sorry, But Caitlyn Jenner Is a Man Wearing a Dress** by Michael Brown. 2/27/17: www.christianpost.com/news/caitlyn-jenner-man-wearing-dress-176062/#HV8wBuiuqGBdI5Zx.99

* **'Religious Freedom': We Keep Using Those Words:** Internally Displaced Person by Roberto Rivera: www.breakpoint.org/2017/02/religious-freedom-keep-using-words

* **Boycott Disney's Gay Beauty and the Beast:** www.lifepetitions.com/petition/disney-includes-exclusively-gay-moment-in-beauty-and-the-beast-sign-the-boycott

* **Georgetown, Slavery & the Riots in Sweden** by William Kilpatrick: <http://www.crisismagazine.com/2017/georgetown-slavery-riots-sweden>

* **Want To Find Good New Catholic Music? Listen To This Podcast!** www.xt3.com/library/view.php?id=21657

* **Beautiful Gregorian Chant for Lent & Easter:** <http://www.chanted.com/news/2017-lent-easter-gregorian-chant.htm>

* **Shaming the Wise and the Strong** <http://m.ncregister.com/blog/tom-nash/shaming-the-wise-and-the-strong#.WMH0ajczXDc>

* **Reverence Matters:** With Illustrations: Proper Postures During Mass <http://www.courageouspriest.com/yes-reverence-matters>

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Mission Trip: Support is sought for.
Students from Marian HS will be going on a Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic and we are proud to say Sara Osilka a parishioner from St. Mary's will be one of the attendees. They plan to work at an elementary school and a special needs center spreading the Word of God through crafts and other activities. They will be attending the trip with Sister Lisa and asking for your support through prayers and donations. Sara will be speaking at masses to explain how we can help.

