

Nov 19th – Dec 2nd, 2018

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

Our bulletin covers several weeks!

Nov 20 6pm • M † Joseph Tomtishen r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

Nov 21 9am • J Rc † Lori Lillis r/o Donna Gulash

[Nov 21 7:30pm • AMU Methodist Church, Ringtown: Ecumenical Service]

Nov 22nd 8:00am • J *In Thanksgiving*

9:00am • M *In Thanksgiving*



Nov 23 9am • J Rc **NO MASS**

Nov 24th/25th • Christ The King – B •

3:30pm • J † John & Steffie Michalik r/o Al, Joanne & Family

5:15pm • M † Jean Jarzinko r/o Phil & Shirley Kennedy

8:15am • J † Bobby Wolk r/o Mike & Judy Dziak

10:15am • M † ILM: Edward J. Kayes r/o Daughter, Virginia

Nov 27 6pm • M † David & Ray Milosh III r/o Family

Nov 28 9am • J Rc † Diane Sartori r/o Roy & Dolores Gius

Nov 29 9am • J Rc † Felix DeFillipis r/o Defillipis Family

Nov 30 9am • J Rc † Domicella Wojcinowicz

r/o Roy & Dolores Gius

Dec. 1st/Dec. 2nd • 1st Sunday of Advent - C •

3:30pm • J † Rose & Felix De Fillipis

r/o Mary Nahas

5:15pm • M † Marie Houser & Son, Billy Jo

r/o Family

8:15am • J † Stanley & Mary Michalik

r/o Al, Joanne & Family

10:15am • M † Robert & Anna Smith

r/o Kevin & Colleen Joyce



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 11/4:S: 975; 11/11:S: 1072; Dues: 525;

Building: 61; All Soul's: 98; All Saint's: 282; Energy: 423 •**J:**11/4:S:

1511; 11/11:S: 1065; Dues: 507; All Soul's: 200; All Saint's: 263

Energy: 712

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

❖ **Prayer List Permission Form:** Names are placed on the prayer list, unless otherwise notified, for 60 days. After that time, a permission form must be re-submitted.



❖ **Pray for:** Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need! •Sally McNamee •Victor Yanuskiewicz •Frank & Dorothy Hovanec •Joanne & Rose Aponick •Fr. Jim Torpey

‡ *Spiritual Corner*

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD THE LORD CALLS

10. All this is important. Yet with this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy" (*Lev* 11:44; cf. *1 Pet* 1:16). The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect".^[10]

11. "Each in his or her own way" the Council says. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. *1 Cor* 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness.^[11] Indeed, when the great mystic, Saint John of the Cross, wrote his *Spiritual Canticle*, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for all. He explained that his verses were composed so that everyone could benefit from them "in his or her own way".^[12] For God's life is communicated "to some in one way and to others in another".^[13]

12. Within these various forms, I would stress too that the "genius of woman" is seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God's holiness in this world. Indeed, in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigour and important reforms in the Church. We can mention Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. But I think too of all those unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness.

13. This should excite and encourage us to give our all and to embrace that unique plan that God willed for each of us from eternity: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (*Jer* 1:5).

❖ **2019 Mass Book is open!** There are forms in the back of the church to fill out or call the parish office. (*If calling the office, payment must be paid before the Mass Intention date.*)

The forms must be fully completed with payment enclosed and either put in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office: 84 N Center St., Ringtown, PA 17967. 1 intention per form. Lisa will try to accommodate your 1st or 2nd choice. If there is an issue Lisa will be in contact with you.

****Payment must be made at time of request. \$10/Mass request**

Any questions, please contact the parish office.

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Tom Murray, Robert Pukavage: 11/19; Tyler Fritz, Robert Lynady: 11/20; Virginia Staerk, Jacqueline Zions: 11/21; Gina Pfeiffer: 11/22; Joseph Bryk Sr., Johnny Milosh, Mike Reese: 11/25; William Houser, Irene Feeko: 11/27; Celia Sokolofski: 11/29; Kathleen Joyce, Denis Freyne: 12/1; Vivian Mummy: 12/2

❖ **Oplatki: \$3 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European Custom, guides are included. **Available @ parish office or @ entrances of our churches.**

❖ **K of C Happenings:** meet 11/18 @ St Mary's following the 10:15am mass.



.....to the family of
 (M) • **John Daly**
 Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.....

❖ **Memorials @ M: Edward McNamee:** John & Elizabeth Travis, Krebs Family, Haley Family, American Legion, Catherine Peberdy, K of C Assembly 923, Eileen Teter, Bill & Marjorie Lora, anonymous donation: \$445.00

❖ **Advent Calendars & Candles:** @M: Our Christmas table is set up once again at the back of church for the holiday season. Start a Christmas Tradition in your home with our Advent Calendars for the young & old. We will also have our Yankee Candles, and the price can't be beat! The Christmas table also features beautiful handmade rosaries benefiting The Sisters of the Poor.

❖ **St. Mary: Jan. 1st drawing:** Evening Pa. #4 \$2.
 We seek help from our parishioners in making this fundraiser a great success. Tickets are available at the Christmas table. Write your name and # of packets taken. (25/packet) Single tickets are also available. Please return \$ before drawing. These make great gifts for the holidays!!

❖ **Women of Grace Happening:**

▶ **HOPE Ministry:** If you or someone you know could use some temporary help with meals, errands, rides to church or appointments, please contact the parish office at 570-889-3850

▶ **GIVING TREE: Important:** Please place a gift tag on the wrapped gift(s) with the child's first name & last initial: leave the "From" blank or write "Santa" return gifts to church **NO LATER THAN 11/25.** Call or text Nancy @ 215-801-5797 or

Arlene @ 570-590-5810 with questions.

▶ **Birthright-Mom's & Babies:** 12/1 – 12/16 select a tag(s) from the giving tree. Further details will be provided at the end of November. Thank you, "Christmas Angels" for your loving support and may God Bless You!

❖ **St. Joseph's 125th Anniversary (2019):** Fr. is looking for 6-8 volunteers to form a committee to plan and organize the event. If interested see Fr.

❖ **Energy Raffle:** St Joseph will be holding their annual Energy Raffle on Sunday, Dec. 2 after the 8:15 Mass. Five prizes will again be awarded. Tickets are \$5 each. *Tickets are still available* and are located on the table by the confessionals.

*Please note that 50/50 tickets will not be issued in November & December due to the Energy Raffle and other events. The 50/50 will resume in January.

❖ www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

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

❖ **Cards:** Various Birthday, Get Well, Anniversary, etc. are available at the entrance to church for \$2.00 each. Place your offering in the marked envelop @ each display.

▶ **Come & See Weekend:** The Office for Vocations Promotion is sponsoring a Come & See Weekend at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, on Nov 30-Dec 2nd. Registration deadline is Friday, Nov 23rd. All paperwork must be received on this date for the registration to become official. **Registrations received after Nov. 23rd will not be accepted.** Young men, ages 14 yrs. of age and older, of the Allentown Diocese is invited to visit. Call the parish office if you would like a registration form.

▶ **The Master Craftsman:** You are invited to a special event "The Master Craftsman: God's Amazing Plan for Teens (and their Parents)" co-sponsored by the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry and St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church. Join us for a faith-filled evening with nationally-recognized speaker Scott Anthony, as he helps us see the Truth of God's guiding hand in our lives. We encourage teens in grades 9-12 and their parents to attend! After this evening, you and your youth will look toward the future with a newfound sense of hope.

The event will take place on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at St. Thomas More Church Family Center (1040 Flexer Ave, Allentown, PA 18103).

This event is free of charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

To register for this event, please visit

www.allentowndiocese.org/craftsman. For questions call (610) 289-8900, ext. 2021 or email Francesca Frias at Ffrias@allentowndiocese.org.

▶ The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women is sponsoring a Christmas Novena for Bishop Schlert and his intentions. The novena begins on December 8th and concludes on December 16th, 2018. Anyone can participate. A card will be presented to the Bishop, including the names of all those who enroll. To sign up to receive the daily prayer in your email in-box, go to <http://http://allentowndiocese.org/BishopNovena>. For questions, contact 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail cfw@allentowndiocese.org

▶ **Want to give yourself the perfect Christmas gift?** Join the women of the diocese at a Day of Reflection to be held at the Jesuit Center, Wernersville on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 9:30am to 2:15pm. The Commission for Women is hosting the event, with the theme "Advent: New Church Year, New Me." Deacon James Russo will be discussing a Catholic perspective on the Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol." Cost for the day is \$20, which includes a light breakfast, Mass, Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours as well as lunch and time for fellowship. If you would like to register, please go to www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality. For questions, please contact Joanie Norelli at 917-406-4879 or Susan Teaford at 610-207-5763 or e-mail cfw@allentowndiocese.org. Hope to see you there!

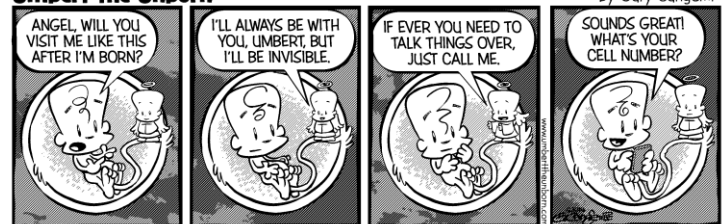
❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$25 & \$100 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$25 Dunham's, \$25 & \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Gap/Old Navy, \$25 & \$50 Giant Foods, \$25 Home Depot, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 & \$100 Lowes, \$25 Macy's, \$25 Olive Garden, \$10 & \$25 Panera Bread \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Cinema, \$10 Regal Cinema (Admit one), \$25 Sheetz, \$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!

❖ **Redner's Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%. **For your receipts to count toward the church you must sign up at Redners service desk!**

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



❖ **Outside Events:** •Shepton Fire Co.: Bingo: 12/2 @ 1:00pm; •Marian Catholic High School: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED;** Paint N Sip Monday, 11/26 6- 9pm @ School Cafeteria - Light Refreshments Served. Register online - www.mariancatholic.org •Trinity News: Gift Cards - Chances for the Gift Card Spectacular will be on sale for \$5 throughout November and December. One ticket will be drawn for each day in the month of January. The holder of the winning ticket will win a gift card valued at \$25 or more. The tickets make great stocking stuffers and are available through any student or at the office, 570-462-3927. *** **St. Paul's UCC:** Annual "Hanging of the Greens" Sunday, Dec. 9th @ 7:00pm • AMU Methodist Church, Ringtown: Ecumenical Service, Nov 21 @ 7:30pm. **You are asked to bring a non-perishable canned good for the food pantry.**