

Jan 14 – Jan 27, 2019

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph • Rc: rectory chapel
Our bulletin covers several weeks!

Jan 15 6pm • M † Elizabeth Sachleben r/o Charlie & Luann Scodari
Jan 16 9am • J Rc † Ben Leonard r/o Michael & Judy Dziak
Jan 17 9am • J Rc † Peg Gordon
Jan 18 9am • J Rc † Pauline Brennan

Jan 19/Jan 20 • 2nd S Ordinary Time C •

3:30pm • J People of the Parish
5:15pm • M People of the Parish
8:15am • J † Bob Stancik r/o wife, Carol
10:15am • M † Van Cleveland r/o daughter, Sherry Rejent & family

Jan 22 6pm • M † David Milosh r/o Rob & Barb Baranowsky
Jan 23 9am • J Rc † Deborah Rader
Jan 24 9am • J Rc † Kathryn Holden
Jan 25 9am • J Rc † Charles Laurie

Jan 26/Jan 27 • 3rd S Ordinary Time C •

3:30pm • J † Josephine Devaney r/o Rose Marie & Jackie
5:15pm • M † Ben & Helen Mays r/o Joann Zogby
8:15am • J † William & Anna Fellin r/o Children & their Families
10:15am • M † Violet Baranowsky r/o M/M Rob Baranowsky

Happy New Year • *Happy New Year* • *Happy New Year*

❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 12/30:S: 909; 1/6:S: 1820; Dues: 205; Energy: 10; Christmas: 564; Energy: 10; Solemnity of Mary: 398
J:12/30:S: 1509; 1/6:S: 1619; Dues: 115; Bldg Fund: 591; Energy: 30; Christmas: 50; Retired Religious: 110; Immac. Conc.:25; Solemnity of Mary: 635

❖ **Calendars:** for 2019 are here! Take one home. Thanks to Oravitz Home for Funeral Inc. for sponsoring our calendars!

❖ **2019 Mass Book is open!** There are forms in the back of the church to fill out or call the parish office \$10

❖ **2019 Envelopes:** will be at the office for any parishioner who did not pick up their contributions envelopes or were missed. Please call the office.

❖ **2018 Contributions:** if for tax purposes, you are in need of a report, contact the parish office.

❖ **St. Mary: Jan. 1st drawing:** Evening Pa. #4 Please call the office if you are the lucky winner! **Winning # 6487**

✠ Spiritual Corner

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD MORE ALIVE, MORE HUMAN

32. Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity. We see this in Saint Josephine Bakhita: “Abducted and sold into slavery at the tender age of seven, she suffered much at the hands of cruel masters. But she came to understand the profound truth that God, and not man, is the true Master of every human being, of every human life. This experience became a source of great wisdom for this humble daughter of Africa”.[\[30\]](#)

33. To the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world. The bishops of West Africa have observed that “we are being called in the spirit of the New Evangelization to be evangelized and to evangelize through the empowering of all you, the baptized, to take up your roles as salt of the earth and light of the world wherever you find yourselves”.[\[31\]](#)

34. Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy, when all is said and done, “the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint”.[\[32\]](#)

❖ **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.



Hear Our Prayer

❖ **Pray for:** Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need! •Victor Yanuskiewicz

•Frank & Dorothy Hovanec •Joanne & Rose Aponick • Joe Tomtishen Sr. • Phil & Shirley Kennedy •John & Angie Ounfuer •Stan Piaskowski •Fr. Jim Torpey



.....to the families of

(M) • **RoseAnn Aponick**

(J) • **Bernard Leonard**

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.....

❖ **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.

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Landon Pecika: 1/9; Ron Kosar, Elise Popalis: 1/14; Mike Dziak, Helen Mehalick, Kim Shatalsky: 1/16; Edward Silliman: 1/17; Ralph Bankes, Gloria Guydish, Anthony Kelmais: 1/18; Rosemarie Fellin, Anna Kealy: 1/19; Logan Fritz, Loretta Zienkiewicz,: 1/20; Stephanie Casella: 1/23; Jason Pental, Charlie Scodari: 1/24; Ryan Coghill: 1/27
[We noted a number of birthdays listed for 1/1: if yours was missed, let us know.]

❖ **K of C Happenings:** next meeting January 20th.

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** has resumed. Extra tickets available.

❖ **Woman of Grace Happenings:**

▶ **HOPE Ministry:** If you or someone you know in our community could use some temporary help with meals, errands, rides to church or appointments HOPE Ministry can help. HOPE Ministry is also seeking volunteers to help serve those in need. Call Nancy 215-801-5797 or Arlene 570-590-5810

Thank you from Birthright of Frackville, Inc.

The volunteers at Birthright of Frackville would like to thank you for your support with the annual "Giving Tree Project". The kindness and generosity of the people in our area helps to make it possible. To all who donated, those who have set up the tree in Church, and to those who have delivered the donations to our office, we are truly thankful.

❖ **PREP/CONFIRMATION NEWS:** For students currently in St Joseph's 7th grade PREP class: A Confirming Faithful Families Mandatory Confirmation rally, Saturday 2/2/19 at St Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven. Registration is 12:30 pm. Event is from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. At least one parent or guardian for each student is required to attend. Please fill out/sign/return the Diocese of Allentown Youth Ministry Activity form that your child brought home before Christmas and submit the \$10 Registration fee to Mike Kosciuk or Lynn Kuzmitsky as soon as possible.

➡ **Alpha for Teens: New Teen Ministry for Schuylkill County Schuylkill Catholic Young Church** is the new Schuylkill County regional youth ministry of the Diocese of Allentown. Teens are invited to participate in the upcoming "Alpha" series, which includes free dinner. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning. Know a teen with questions about life? Invite them to Alpha. Please RSVP: annie@allentowndiocese.org. Alpha will be held on Sundays from 6-8pm at the Frackville Youth Center (7 S. Broad Mountain Ave, Frackville) from January 27 through March 24. The series is free of charge. Dinner is included. If you would like to attend a parent meeting to learn more about "Alpha," to offer input on the new youth ministry in the county and to learn about the plans for the coming year(s), please email Annie Sarlo, the Director of Youth Ministry for Schuylkill County: annie@allentowndiocese.org. She will then contact those interested to set up a meeting.

⇒ **Marian Catholic Polar Plunge:** The 6th Annual "Be Cool for Our School" Polar Plunge to benefit Marian Catholic High School takes place on Saturday, January 26 at Mauch Chunk Lake in Jim Thorpe. Registration is \$35 and is open from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The first plungers hit the water at 12 noon. Registration is not limited to Plungers. Participants may register as a Chicken to show their support but stay dry. A commemorative t-shirt is included with a Plunger or Chicken registration. With the exception of Marian students, all Plungers must be 18 or older. The event is family-friendly and will feature a DJ. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. There is no fee for spectators. To pre-register or obtain information, email mchspolarplunge@gmail.com or call Kathy Goff, 610-704-8037. Find us on Facebook: "MCHS POLAR PLUNGE".

▶ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Jan 21 – VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING! DO YOU HAVE A "HEART" FOR ROMANCE? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend provides a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with!

For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Jan. 28th – VALENTINE QUIZ: VALENTINE'S DAY IS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY. Do you remember what you gave each other last year? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend would be the perfect gift for married couples in love. The effects will last longer than anything you can buy. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

▶ **Catholic Scout Activity Weekend**

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers April 26-28th, 2019 - so mark your calendars! We'd love to have you join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass! You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us – all Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit us at www.adccos.org/bsr.htm for more info.

▶ **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion

March 22-24, 2019 In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For

*registration information contact:

Sr. Meg Cole: 1-866-3 RACHEL

(Toll Free) 610-332-0442 Ext. 2019

projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org * **Deadline for Registration is March 14th** - For information about the retreat experience visit the national website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

❖ **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:** • **St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church Shenandoah, PA February 2019 Lottery Calendars:** Match the Daily Lottery "Pick 3" straight. Win the corresponding monetary prize for that day (7PM Drawing ONLY). Donation: \$5.00 for **two** chances to win daily (ie. 154-654). *Calendars are available after weekly Sunday mass. Call (570) 462-0809 to purchase.* Returns must be received prior to January 30, 2019 to be valid. All prizes will be mailed.