

May 20 – June 2, 2019

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

Our bulletin covers several weeks!

May 21 6pm • M † Patricia Abicunas
May 22 9am • J Rc Val Sutton (*healing*) r/o Carol Stancik
May 23 9am • J Rc † Roy Gius r/o Helen Mehalick
May 24 9am • J Rc † Joseph Costa r/o Al & Joanne Michalik

• May 25th/26th • 6th Sunday of Easter •

3:30pm • J People of the Parish
5:15pm • M People of the Parish
8:15am • J † Bernard Leonard r/o Dolores Gius
10:15am • M † Stanley & Irene Piaskowski
r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

Memorial Day

May 27 10am • J Cemetery (*Church-inclement weather*)
Veterans, Living & Deceased

May 28 6pm • M † Jerry Zuber
May 29 9am • J **NO MASS**
May 30 9am • J **NO MASS**

ASCENSION Mass Schedule:

May 29: 6pm @ J
People of the Parish
May 30: 6pm @ M
People of the Parish

May 31 9am • J Rc † Robert Kerstetter



June 1st/2nd • 7th Sunday of Easter •

3:30pm • J People of the Parish
5:15pm • M † IMO: Richard & Eleanor Kuzmitsky
r/o Kuzmitsky Family
8:15am • J † Phoebe Yeager r/o Daughter
10:15am • M People of the Parish

*** (96th Anniversary of St. Mary's Parish) ***



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 5/5:S: 981; 5/12:S: 871; Dues: 600; Easter: 60; Mother's Day: 442; Energy: 60 • **J:** 5/5:S: 1225; 5/12:S: 991; Dues: 392; Easter: 10; Mother's Day: 627

Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!

► **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

• **FYI:** The Diocese of Allentown is alerting parishioners about an apparent scam. In the last week a number of people from several different parishes have notified the Diocese that they received a text message on their cell phone from someone pretending to be a Diocesan priest asking them to purchase gift cards for him. These are **not** legitimate requests and are not from a Diocesan priest. No Diocesan priest will ever solicit funds by text message. The Diocese is not aware that anyone has fallen victim to this scam. But it does want to remind everyone if you are concerned about a text message you receive, always verify it before you take any action.

A Note from Fr. Tolentino

Bible Study 2nd Class – Thurs. May 23rd 6:30-8pm



❖ **K of C Happenings:** next meeting May 19th.

❖ **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! • Victor Yanuskiewicz • Joe Tomtishen Sr. • Phil & Shirley Kennedy • Elizabeth Kroh • MaryLu Popalis • Fr. Jim Torpey



❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Fran Palmer: 5/20; Margaret Daly, Leonard Savitsky: 5/21; Carla Molinaro, Frank Malocu: 5/22; Kathleen Hoystreich, Roger Bingaman: 5/23; Johan Coghill: 5/24; Nancy Sokolofski, Elizabeth Tolin: 5/25; Stephen Motil: 5/27; Christopher Lohr, Kristi Piaskowski, Shawn Redanauer: 5/30; Joanne Michalik: 5/31; Thomas Sokolofski, Alicia Jones: 6/1; Dianna Pfeiffer, Collin Searles, Stephen Yablonsky: 6/2; *If your birthday was missed, call the office to update your information.*

First Communion: Congratulations as Lily Norkus & Cameron Jones receive First Holy Communion @ St Joseph's



❖ **Memorial: @ M: Joanne Aponick:** Savakinas Family: \$20



❖ **Flowers: @ M:** Blessed Mother Roses: donated by Dan & Kathy Milefsky

Graduates: Submit your family member's name, school graduating from, future plans, etc. We'll place their name in the June bulletin & offer a gift for our high school graduates. Email or drop an index card (print please) in the basket.



❖ **Parish Cemeteries:** Your care for your loved ones grave is inspiring! Please, as we move into a new season, remove old decor, otherwise, they'll be disposed of as we prepare for Memorial Day.

‡ Prep News: Help Wanted

Our Parish is in **IMMEDIATE** need of a Catechism teacher, and a few substitutes. No special training is required, only a Love of our Catholic faith. A Teacher Guide is provided which outlines the chapters and provides answers. State & Diocesan Clearances are needed, which take time, so please let us know if you're interested ASAP. Either contact the Parish office, or speak with Father or any current teacher. Classes are held at St Joseph's/Sheppton after the 8:15 am Mass-typically from 9:15 am-10:15am September through mid-May. We need people to volunteer to be our new 1st grade Prep teacher and 1 or 2 substitute prep teachers so that our Catechism program for the children of our parishes may continue to successfully serve the children of our parishes who are in the Prep program.



Block Party

@ M: Fri/Sat: June 7/8. The Parish Block Party Committee is asking for donations of paper towels, napkins, "Brand Name" soda, regular, diet & water.

We are also seeking your help once again for our basket auction for St Mary's block party. We had a great response last year thanks to your generosity and great ideas! Our baskets will again be valued from \$25-\$50, \$50-\$100 over \$100 will be in the grand prize group. Please be sure to let us know what the value of your basket is so we do not estimate it incorrectly. We appreciate your generosity. If you would like to donate and do not want to put a basket together, put the donation in an envelope and mark "BASKET AUCTION", and put it in the collection basket. We will be glad to put one together for you. We will be putting the baskets together the week before the block party and we are asking for you to have all the baskets in by June 5 (Popular basket ideas include lottery tickets, food items such as Italian dinner basket, Household items, toy baskets for boys and girls, gift cards, kitchen tools, Christmas items, country decorations, bath towels, baby needs, garden tools, Art and craft supplies for the kids) If you have any questions, please call Arlene Sachleben at 570-590-5810, Marie Piskowski 570-889-3825



@ J: Our grand Raffle ticket has 44 prizes with multiple chances to win and a top prize of \$1000.00! The drawing will be held June 23rd at the conclusion of our picnic.

Parishioners can pick up their tickets at the entrance to church. There are extras available. Our goal is to sell all of them! Sellers of extra tickets are needed. Please help out if you can.

This is our major fundraiser of the year!



Church Picnic

@ J: Sat/Sun: June 22/23 We seek donations of large and small styrofoam take-out containers, heavy-duty large & small paper plates, paper towels, salt & pepper shakers, Dawn dish detergent, aluminum foil pans, (9x13 and 20x13 inch), lg. and sm paper or styrofoam bowls. Let us know what you will be donating... drop a note in the basket, tell a picnic member, give us a call so that we know what we still need. As always, thank you for your generosity!

► A meeting to plan St. Joseph's annual picnic will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 at the Oneida Civic Center.

All are welcome to attend and new ideas are welcome.

► Bishops Annual Appeal:

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!

❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$25 & \$100 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Apple itunes\$, 10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$25 CVS, \$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 Michael'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 Target, \$25 TJ Maxx/Marshall's, \$25 Walmart/Sam's, \$100 Walmart/Sam's, \$25 Weis, \$100 Weis. Thank you to all who support this fund-raising program by purchasing scrip cards for gifts as well as for their everyday purchases! *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!**

❖ **Immaculate Waters: Hand/Body Lotion:** Lavender, Rose & Unscented. Favors, graces continue to be reported. A favor granted? Let us know. Our Lady's intercession reveals Christ's healing. The offering is \$10.00/ea.

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



❖ **Outside Events:** • **Trinity Academy:** Registrations to attend Trinity are now being accepted for 2019-2020. Call 570-462-3927 or request a tour or registration packet. • **St. Paul's UCC:** 5/19 Ice Cream Social 5-7pm • **St. John's Ringtown/Brandonville:** Election Day Luncheon & Bake Sale, Tues. 5/21 (pre-ordered pints & quarts of soup available). St. **John's/Ringtown:** Mr. Sticky Bun Sale: Deadline to order/prepay Sun, May 26. Pick up date 6/5, 3-5:30pm. Cost: \$4/single, \$20/half dozen • **Mt Zion:** Chicken BBQ Sunday, 6/9, 11:30-2pm \$9 eat in or take out; Strawberry Festival: Saturday, 6/15 4pm-? Music by Snap-e's Totally Kool Karaoke & DJ • **Ringtown Library:** 6/1, 4th Annual Wine & Food Gala; 7/20, 29th Annual Yard Sale; Book Sale @ Ringtown Citizens Bldg., 7-19,20,21 • **Divine Redeemer/Mt Carmel:** Summer Festival: 6/14 4-10pm, 6/15 3-10pm. Rain or Shine. Cake Wheel, Homemade Ethnic food & Traditional, Baked Goods, Live Bands, Raffles, Kid Zone & Theme Baskets and much more. Pre-sale of baskets 6/13 6-8pm in the gym. All are welcome.

