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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 15, 2012

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 15

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Bob Matalsavage

MONDAY, JULY 16

9:00 AM William Decker, Jr.
2:30 PM Nicholas Kerlish (Berwick Retirement Village)

TUESDAY, JULY 17

9:00 AM Gary Tressler

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

9:00 AM Elizabeth Pirnick

THURSDAY, JULY 19

9:00 AM Fathers Day Intentions

FRIDAY, JULY 20

9:00 AM Thomas Mattive

SATURDAY, JULY 21

4:30 PM Barbara Ann Tedesco

SUNDAY, JULY 22

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Joseph Wharton

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Mary Wanzie requested by Margaret Chesney.

**PEACE CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Toby Melchiorre requested by Rose Chiki.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Elizabeth Pirnick requested by her family.

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Gina Melito given by Joe and Marge Kutza.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are in memory of Kimber Weaver given by wife and sons.

**CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES** to Nazaria Arreola & Llyod Stegenga who were married here last Saturday.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** I are announced for Jonathan Barnett of our parish and Elizabeth Wise.

**WE WELCOME** Quinn Rhys Parker- Thompson, Daliyah & Esperanza Bargas, Jacob Michael Gum & Zander Franklin Dlip-Shultz who were recently baptized here at St. Mary's. God's Blessing on these little ones.

### PARISH SUPPORT

|                    |            |
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| June 24, offering: |            |
| Adults             | \$4,390.00 |
| Youth              | 18.00      |
| Loose              | 296.00     |
| Total              | \$4,704.00 |
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| July 1, offering:  |            |
| Adults             | \$5,552.00 |
| Youth              | 18.00      |
| Loose              | 327.00     |
| Total              | \$5,897.00 |
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| July 8, offering:  |            |
| Adults             | \$4,819.25 |
| Youth              | 15.75      |
| Loose              | 343.00     |
| Total              | \$5,178.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

### PARISH DATEBOOK

#### MONDAY, JULY 16

**THE MONTHLY MASS** at the Berwick Retirement Village will be celebrated at 2:30 PM. Visitors are asked to report at 2:00 PM to assist the guests to BRV II for Mass.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 20

**BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR** will be prayed at 8:00 AM.

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD

#### Next Sunday, July 22

##### **Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Belford, Pierce, Panzak  
Lector: Confer  
Altar Servers: 2  
Greeters: N & D Whitko

##### **Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Dante, Kilcullen  
Lector: Morrison  
Altar Servers: 3  
Greeters: Becker, Evans

##### **Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Dudasko, Eroh, Wharton  
Lector: Kalie  
Altar Servers: 1  
Greeters: P & J Kachurka

**Knights of Columbus  
Annual Unity Picnic**  
All members of Council 3301 Berwick  
and their families and relatives are invited to attend  
Sunday, July 29th. ---12:00 PM to 6:00 PM (food will  
be served starting at 1:00 PM)  
St. Mary's Grove. Cost is \$10.00 per person,  
children under 12 years no charge.  
Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans,  
Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Cold Drinks and Ice  
Cream for dessert  
RSVP Dick Marston @ 752-5052.  
Deadline Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Wednesday: St. Camillus de Lellis  
Friday: St. Apollinaris;  
Saturday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi;  
Blessed Virgin Mary

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Does the scene of the disciples being sent out two by two bring to mind any other scripture? After the flood, Noah opens the door of the ark and sends his passengers out to renew the face of the earth. Certainly, Jesus has the same purpose. The purpose is fulfilled in your communion in the Body of Christ today, and in your being sent from the Eucharist into the world. The sending is so important that our word "Mass" derives from it. In Latin, the last words of worship are *Ite, missa est*, which means "Go, you are sent." From that, people began to call Catholic worship the *missa*, or in English, the "Mass." Our English words dismissal, missal, emissary, and mission are all related. We are not sent into the workaday world alone, but in relationship to one another.

Some people have acquired the unhappy habit of leaving worship as soon as they receive Communion and therefore miss the prayer, the dismissal, and the solemn blessing that are essential parts of the Mass. The dismissal is a seal on our Communion and reveals its purpose. Thanks be to God!

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**NOVENA TO ST ANN**

The Passionist Community of St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton, invite you to join them for the Annual Solemn Novena to St. Ann July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>. Call St. Ann's @ 570-347-5691 for more information.

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HE SENT THEM OUT  
TWO BY TWO



**GOD CHOSE US**

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a

hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

**VOCATION AWARENESS:**

"Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ." Are you discerning that the vocation which God has chosen for you in Christ may be to serve the Church in the consecrated life or priesthood? Call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email:

[frrlavoie@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frrlavoie@hbgdiocese.org).



**COME JOIN US**

**"Trekking with Jesus through the Serengeti"**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to**

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**St. Mary's Parish Center**

**6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

**Donation \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 per family.**

**Registration forms are available at the church office.**

**For more information Call 570-759-9225**