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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

7:30 AM Fred & Jerry Valentino

9:30 AM People of the Parish

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

2:30 PM Bennie Naunczek (Berwick Ret. Vlg.)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

9:00 AM Joani DiPippa

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

9:00 AM William "Bill" Decker

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

9:00 AM Marge Coffee

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

9:00 AM Steve Mihaly

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

4:30 PM Barbara Javick

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Joseph Montenumo

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Joseph Manganaro requested by Rita & Joselle.

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Donald Slotterback requested by Sab & Ellen Monatesti.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Merry Gotto requested by Joselle.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** Intentions of Father Tamburro requested by Holy Family Faculty & Staff.

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of William "Bill" Decker given by His children.

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**BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL**

**Our assessment this year is \$41,300.00. In the mail you will receive a letter from me along with your response envelope. Please indicate the amount of your**

**pledge/contribution and return by mail or to the parish office or in the special Lenten Appeal collection February 23-24 and March 2-3.**

**Thank you.**

**Father Tamburro**

**First Sunday of Lent  
February 17, 2013**

*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.  
— Romans 10:8*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

February 10 offering	
Adults	\$4243.75
Youth	17.25
Loose	366.00
Total	\$4627.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**NOTE OF INTEREST:**

It is really not necessary to scotch tape your contribution envelopes. **THANK YOU.**

**PARISH DATEBOOK**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**THE MONTHLY MASS** at the Berwick Ret. Vlg. is celebrated at 2:30 PM. Visitors are asked to report at 2:00 PM to assist the guests to BRV II for Mass.

**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING** 7:00 PM (meeting room)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**NO YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00 PM.**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**YEAR OF FAITH PROGRAM @ 6:30** in the church. Lesson three – The Ineffable Mystery of God, i.e., our great, infinite God, He truly exists

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**FISH FRY 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**CCW DISTRICT MEETING** 10:00 AM in the parish center.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**CCD CLASSES IN SESSION: 10:40 – 11:50.**

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD**

**Next Sunday, February 24**

**Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Eroh, Monatesti, Marston  
Lector: Kalie  
Altar Servers: 1  
Greeters: N & D Whitko

**Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Troiani, Edwards  
Lector: Stephens  
Altar Servers: 2  
Greeters: M & W Andrzejewski

**Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Belford, Dudasko  
Lector: Pierce

Altar Servers:  
Greeters:

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# LENTEN FISH FRY

**FRIDAYS  
FEBRUARY 22  
MARCH 1,8,15, 22  
HELP IS NEEDED**

**Please see JoAnn in the parish center  
or call 759-9227. Drivers are also needed for  
deliveries from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.**

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**RICE BOWL**

In the small West African nation of Burkina Faso, 80% of the population are farmers. Frequent droughts make it difficult to produce enough food for the entire year. Often farmers can only grow enough to feed their families for seven months. The rest of the year is called "the hungry season" Please pray for these families this week and continue to support the Rice Bowl Project. (Rice Bowls can be found on the table in the church lobby.)

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**VOCATION AWARENESS:**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart." Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Call Father Raymond LaVoie (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email [vocations@hbgiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgiocese.org).

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If you or a loved one is sick or in need of prayer, please call Rose Yalch @ 752-2363 or Ann Samsel @ 752-7309. Your request will be passed on to the rest of the Bible Study Group.



**RETREAT**

"Out of Darkness into the Light" is the theme for the Lenten day of Retreat at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of SS.Cyril & Methodius. It will be offered to anyone interested on Sunday, March 17, 2013. For more information, please call Sister M. Michaellette, SS.C.M. 570-275-3581, Ext. 110 or e-mail [smlssc@hotmail.com](mailto:smlssc@hotmail.com)

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;

Rite of Calling the Candidates  
to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending  
Monday: Presidents' Day  
Thursday: St. Peter Damian  
Friday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;  
Abstinence; Washington's Birthday  
Saturday: St. Polycarp;  
Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

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**PASSING THE TEST**

"Test" is a four-letter word. Spelling tests, driving tests, SATs, all bring a knot to the stomach. Tests are something we would rather forgo, but also something we must undergo. Lent, too, is a four-letter word and is also a kind of test, for the only way to Easter is to *pass* through Lent.

Today's reading from Deuteronomy commends Israel for its faith in the God who saves. No matter the tribulation, Israel's faith enables it to persevere. This faith/test theme also appears in the reading from Romans. Paul boldly asserts that faith in Christ will see the believer through any trial.

The Gospel passage makes it clear that even Jesus was tested. It describes a test, a struggle between good and evil, that dramatically demonstrates Jesus' faith in the power of God's life in him. This power enables him to overcome temptation. This power is with all of us who celebrate the test of Lent, a power enabling us to pass with flying colors.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**



Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.