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MASSES FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Paula Robsock

MONDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM Dr. Nicholas Spock

2:30 PM James Ciampi (Berwick Retirement Village)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 AM Warren Maher

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 AM Jack Dent

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 AM William "Bill" Decker

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM Ernie Prosseda

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:30 PM Bennie Naunczek

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Daniel S. Kerbacher

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Nancy Petty requested by Roberta Blass.

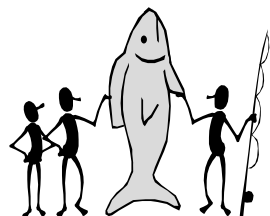
PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Patti Criqui Smith requested by Rose Chiki.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Anna Yablonski requested by Mary Lou Daddio.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Mary Ringes requested by Marge Kutza.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Clara McAfee and Anna & Edward Trump requested by their family.

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Final Fish Fry for this Lenten Season will be held Friday, March 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2013

I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*

PARISH SUPPORT

March 10 offering	
Adults	\$4428.75
Youth	38.25
Loose	<u>232.00</u>
Total	\$4699.00

Catholic Relief Services \$837.00

Next week we will have a parish offering for Easter Flowers. Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, MARCH 18

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.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

YEAR OF FAITH: LESSON FOUR @ 6:30PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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

FISH FRY 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

NO CCD CLASSES

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, March 24

Saturday, 4:30 PM

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

Sunday, 7:30 AM

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

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: B & D Deluca, Monatesti
Lector: Morrison, Pierce
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Reimiller & Thomas

A NOTE OF INTEREST

On February 20th we received from the Diocese of Harrisburg our new subsidy for Holy Family School for the 2013-2014 school year. Our new subsidy is \$80,354.00.

Year of Faith Program will be held in the church on March 21st. It will be lesson four; Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast – Mary, the Mother of God. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the lesson.

Ladies Council will be having their **Annual Easter Bake Sale** March 23rd & March 24th. Bakers are needed! Please drop off all baked goods by noon on Saturday, March 23rd. Thank you!



Were you married in 1963? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, June 2, 2013, at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop McFadden will be the celebrant.

To receive an invitation, please contact your parish office.

2013 EASTER SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, March 23..... 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Friday, March 29..... 10:00 to 11:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Vigil Mass (Sat)..... 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses..... 7:30 & 9:30 AM

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Preparation of the Cross..7:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper.....7:00 PM

Adoration..... until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Liturgy of the Lord's

Passion and Death..... ..1:00 PM

Private Meditation (Chapel)..... 2:30 to 3:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Blessing of Easter Food.....12:00 Noon

Easter Vigil Mass.....7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Masses..... 7:30 & 9:30 AM

FORGIVEN

Today's liturgy continues the message of forgiveness and reconciliation that we heard last week. The Church seems to be doing its utmost to deliver one simple message: "Your sins are forgiven!" What good news this is!

Isaiah declares that God's saving action on our behalf is not something trapped in the past, but here and now. Paul urges us to recognize that true life is not "won" by following laws, however strictly, but is a free gift of God. Thus, our focus must be on the future, not on past misdeeds. Our eyes must be on the prize of life forever with God.

In the Gospel, Jesus is challenged to demonstrate that he is a law-keeper, but he knows that this is a trap. If he counsels mercy, he will be declared an opponent of the law. If he follows the law and condones its punishment, he will be denounced as an inciter to murder. Jesus decides to do neither. Instead, he turns the tables and invites the crowd to forgo "legality" for the sake of forgiveness and reconciliation.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?



BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. To date we have raised \$36,215.00 toward our parish goal of \$41,300.00.

**Thank you.
Father Tamburro**

**PLEASE NOTE:
THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MARCH 18TH**