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Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2013

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
— *Psalm 103:6*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 AM Nancy Petty
9:30 AM Dorothy Valunas

MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM Gary Tressler

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 AM Frank Ciampi

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 AM William "Bill" Decker

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 AM Nichole Prosseda

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:30 PM M/M John Johnson

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 AM Vivian Kashmer
9:30 AM Joseph Rauch Jr.
12:30 PM Mary Wanzie (Hispanic Mass)

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Donna Silvers requested by Sab & Ellen Monatesti.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of John "Jack" Walsh Sr. requested by Rose Chiki.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of John "Jack" Walsh Sr. requested by Donna Kotansky.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of William "Bill" Decker requested by his wife.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of George Metz given by friends.

MERCY

God is mercy. That seems to be the main message of the reading from Exodus. God has seen the suffering of the Israelites and promises mercy and rescue. From then on, God is to be known as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Paul calls his readers to continue to grow in the faith. The God who rescued Israel also rescues them. As beneficiaries of God's mercy, Christians must keep on working, doing their part to become ever more trusting and loving people of God.

The Gospel's second section is a homey story about God's mercy. Against the advice of the land owner, the vinedresser pleads for mercy—and shows mercy—to allow the poor fig tree yet another year to become productive.

PARISH SUPPORT

February 24 offering	
Adults	\$4771.25
Youth	27.75
Loose	361.00
Total	\$5160.00

Thank you for your generosity!

We will have the opportunity next Sunday to give to The Catholic Relief services collection. This Collection supports six Catholic Agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. Will you help Jesus in disguise? Please be generous to this collection.

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

NO YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

C.C.W. MEETING: 6:00 PM (meeting room)

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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

FISH FRY 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, March 10

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Belford, Marston, Eroh
Lector: Wark
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Torsella

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Edwards, Pierce
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: Becker & Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Dudasko, Monatesti
Lector: Ferentz
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: J & R Bremmer

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES 2013

Northern Deanery: 7:00 PM

- Christ the King, Benton-Wednesday, March 13
- St. Mary, Berwick-Thursday, March 14
- St. Joseph, Danville-Monday, March 18
- St. Columba, Bloomsburg-Tuesday, March 19
- St. Monica, Sunbury – Tuesday, March 19
- St. Pius X, Selinsgrove-Wednesday, March 20
- Saint Joseph, Milton-Thursday, March 21
- Sacred Heart (& St. George) Lewisburg-Friday, March 22

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**2013 LENTEN FISH FRY
FRIDAYS
MARCH 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 12:30PM.**

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RICE BOWL supports communities working with Catholic Relief Service to provide educational opportunities for children. Please continue your support. Rice Bowls can be found on the table in the church lobby.

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MARIA ASSUNTA SOCIETY will be having their Father-Son communion breakfast Sunday, March 17, 2013. Mass will be at St. Joseph Church at 7:45 AM followed by a 9:00 AM breakfast at the Maria Assunta Hall. Guest speaker will be Joe Scopelliti, PPL Spokesman. For tickets call Paul Troiani. (570)759-0181. \$7.00 each before 3/10/13, \$10.00 after.

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HURDLING

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

—Anonymous



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**REMEMBER TO CHANGE
YOUR CLOCKS
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 10, 2013**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
- Monday: St. Casimir
- Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Frances of Rome



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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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 \$17,870.00 toward our parish goal of \$41,300.00. During this season of Lent, we give to those who suffer by offering our prayers and financial generosity.

Thank you.

Father Tamburro