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Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2013

In one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body.
— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:30 AM Rudolph Chiki & Son, Rudolph Jr.
9:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 20

9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions
2:30 PM James Ciampi (Berwick Retirement Village)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

9:00 AM Grace Kern

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:00 AM Nancy Petty

THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions

FRIDAY, MAY 24

9:00 AM Rev. Francis J. Tamburro (special intention)

SATURDAY, MAY 25

4:30 PM Michael Janosov

SUNDAY, MAY 26

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Marge Coffee

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Edmund Chesney requested by his wife, Margaret.

PEACE CANDLE: Special intention for Betty Walck requested by Rose Mattive.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Albert Petty requested by his sister Nicolette.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Paula Robsock requested by her son Ron.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Benedicta Schmidt Warren given by Bill & Sally Johnson.



COME TO US, SPIRIT OF HOLINESS

Holy Spirit,
you banish fear from our hearts;
you bear witness in us that we are

children of God;

we pray to you:

Remove from our hearts the spirit of slaves;
place in us the spirit of adopted children
to make us cry out, "Abba, Father!"

PARISH SUPPORT

May 12 offering	
Adults	\$4774.00
Youth	16.00
Loose	<u>527.00</u>
Total	\$5317.00

Cemetery Care: \$1164.00
Ascension: \$1026.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, MAY 20

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 in the meeting room.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER TAMBURRO!!!!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, May 26

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Monatesti, Panzak, Pierce
Lector: Wark
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Torsella

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Troiani, Kilcullen, Curry
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: Becker & Evans

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Yalch, Dante, Dudasko
Lector: Morrison
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: Carter & Dent

ST MARY'S CCW NEWS

District meeting Saturday, June 1st, 10:00 AM
St. Joseph Parish in Berwick.



Graduation Mass/Brunch

Sunday, June 2nd

9:30 AM Mass followed by brunch.

Any graduating senior from our parish is welcome.

Please wear your cap and gown.

Call Diane DeLuca at 759-3643 if you plan to attend.

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MEATBALL & SAUCE SALE

St. Mary's will be selling
meatballs and sauce after the
weekend Masses on

**June 1st and 2nd. The price is
\$6.00 a quart for meatballs
and \$4.00 for sauce.**

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VOCATION AWARENESS

"The Spirit gave them ability." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email vocations@hbgiocese.org.

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CONGRATULATIONS to our Eighth Grade Confirmandi on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation Friday, May 10. We wish to thank their parents, sponsors and all who contributed to their receiving of the Sacrament. Confirmation is a new beginning. The newly confirmed are sealed with the Holy Spirit and are called to continue the practice of their faith. At Pentecost, the apostles received the Holy Spirit. They began their mission of baptizing in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit while preaching the Good News to Jews and Gentiles alike. Jesus calls our newly confirmed parishioners to demonstrate their faith, to believe in the Resurrection, to serve others and to live their faith as Jesus taught.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
- Monday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
- Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia
- Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi;
Blessed Virgin Mary

THE DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John's Gospel tells us that when Jesus "breathed" on the disciples, the Holy Spirit came into them, empowering them to forgive sins and to gather all people into union with one another.

The book of Genesis had explained the divisions among nations with the story of the Tower of Babel. In rebellious pride, human beings had struggled to become equal to God. The result was chaos, strife, the inability even to speak the same language among themselves. Today's reading from Acts tells how the Spirit has just the opposite effect. Strangers from many nations hear and understand one another, each in his or her own tongue.

This message of unity in the Spirit is repeated in the reading from Corinthians. There are many gifts, many ways to serve. One way is not "higher," nor one person "better" than another. There is but one Spirit, who accomplishes all the different works we do, acting through us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

