



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Deceased Priests, Brothers, Deacons & Sisters who have served our parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM Mitzi Ursi
 2:30 PM Stan & Betty Kowalchick
 (Berwick Retirement Village)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM Steven Bodnar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM All Souls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

4:30 PM Harry Smith

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 AM Rudolph Chiki Sr.
 9:30 AM People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Robert Christopher requested by Marylou Daddio.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Esther Knecht.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Elizabeth Kachurka requested by Rose Chiki.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: For the intentions of all parishioners of our parish.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Clara Trezniowski given by John & Sharon Yasneski and family.

VOCATION AWARENESS

“By your endurance you will gain your souls.” Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 17, 2013**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
 with the harp and melodious song.

— Psalm 98:5

PARISH SUPPORT		
November 10, 2013 Offering		
Adults	\$4596.25	Love of Neighbor:
Youth	19.75	\$1529.00
Loose	<u>319.00</u>	
Total	\$4935.00	
The additional collection next week will be a diocesan offering for the Matthew 25 Collection`		
Thank you for your generosity.		

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR “POLISH POTTERY BINGO” A GREAT SUCCESS: IT WAS A FUN DAY FOR ALL! TOAL PROFIT: \$5,237.75

PARISH DATEBOOK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Last day to donate food for the food cupboard. Donations can be placed in the meeting room.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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 in the meeting room.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: 3:45 to 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL: 7:00 to 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

NO CCD CLASSES

BERWICK AREA MINISTERIUM Service of Thanksgiving 7:00 PM in our church.

2014 CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
 Our thanks and appreciation to the Mayo Funeral Home for their generosity in providing the calendars.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, November 24, 2013

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Pierce, Monatesti, Panzak
Lector: Belford
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Panzak & Rinehimer

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Kilcullen, Curry, Wolfe
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: R & M Crake

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, Yalch, Troiani
Lector: Troiani
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: S & L Lizardi

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Berwick Area Ministerium Service of Thanksgiving will be held here at St. Mary's Church, Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Please come and join in worship to give thanks to God for our abundance of blessings.



NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

Enjoy a day on your own! Take in a show, see the sights, or spend the day shopping! **December 14, 2013** Depart @ 7:00 AM First Keystone Community Bank parking lot (Market & 2nd St Berwick) Depart NYC @ 7:00 PM, stopping for a quick dinner on the way home. Cost is \$35 per person. Payment holds your seat(s). Any questions, call Karen Kalie (570) 855-4961. Sponsored by Keystone Cancer Kickers Relay for Life Team.

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CCW NEWS

Next weekend the Council of Catholic Women will be distributing Christmas raffle tickets after all Masses. Cost is \$1.00 per ticket. We appreciate your help with the ticket sales. the drawing will take place 12/15 after 9:30 AM Mass. Thank you.

BISHOPS PENNIES

Bishop Pennies is money donated by the parishioners every second Sunday of the month after Masses. A majority of the funds go directly to our church's Council of Catholic Women for charitable donations, special occasion events, scholarships, et. A smaller portion of the money donated also helps our Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and our Bishop. In the past, Bishop's Pennies have helped to fund: The Bridget Belford Memorial Scholarship (2), 25h/50th anniversary brunch, flowers and cards to the homebound during Christmas and Easter, as well as donations to various organizations such as Mission Mall, Brighter Christmas, Food Banks, Covenant House, Catholic Relief and Holy Family School.

Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank You!!!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Phillipine Duchesne
Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Cecilia
Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary

NOT WATCHING FOR THE SECOND COMING

As we near the end of the Church year, the scriptures become more urgent. Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke offer graphic pictures of a terrible future. But we are missing the message if we use these passages to speculate about when the world will end. The troubles predicted have already occurred, and then some. In the last century alone we have seen devastation beyond anything the ancient prophets could have imagined.

We weren't given these passages to strike fear in our hearts, but faith. The sun of justice will rise, Malachi assures us, for those who are faithful. And Jesus promises, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But it is Paul who brings the message down to earth. The Thessalonians were so sure that the end of the world was upon them, some of them had stopped working! Paul states his case clearly: "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." We are not called to worry about how things will end, but to live today faithfully.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.