



# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2014

Blessed are you who fear the Lord.

— Psalm 128:1a

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Paula Robsock

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

9:00 AM Catherine Sosky

2:30 PM Joseph & Richard Kondrcek  
(Berwick Retirement Village)

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

9:00 AM Rosemary Cook

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

9:00 AM Gesua Mingora

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

9:00 AM Luciano Marrero

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

9:00 AM All Souls Intentions

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

4:30 PM Anthony Sarday

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

7:30 AM Robert Rehkop

9:30 AM People of the Parish

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of Joseph Battisto requested by Marge & Joe Kutza.

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of Paul Levitski Jr. requested by Joselle Kinney.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Margaret Rudnicki requested by Margaret Chesney.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In honor of Jean Reap on the occasion of her birthday.

**THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE** that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Betty Lurowist given by the Kutza Family.

**MARRIAGE BANNS III ARE ANNOUNCED** for Kalli Lane Grasley and Mitchell Jared Briggs both of our parish.

**OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** to the family of Margaret Rudnicki. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

**“The People that in Darkness Walked  
Have seen a glorious light”**

On the first Sunday of Advent, November 30<sup>th</sup>,

St Mary’s will have Advent Vespers  
in the church at 4:00 PM,  
followed by benediction.

Let us prayerfully join in with our fellow  
parishioners in anticipation of  
His coming.

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

### **Offering**

November 9

Adults \$4138.00

Youth 33.00

Loose 358.00

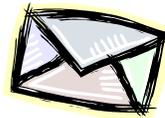
Total \$4529.00

Thanksgiving Love of Neighbor: \$1679.00

The additional offering next week will be  
The Matthew 25 collection, a diocesan collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE  
OUR “POLISH POTTERY BINGO” A GREAT  
SUCCESS: IT WAS A FUND DAY FOR ALL!  
TOTAL PROFIT: 3,711.72**



In your December - January  
envelope packet you will find two  
envelopes marked Immaculate  
Conception. Please use only the one  
marked December 8.

Thank you so much!

## PARISH DATEBOOK

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING:** 1:30 PM in the  
meeting room.

**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.

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL:** 3:45 PM

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL** in the church at  
7:00 PM.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**CCD:** Classes in session 10:40 AM to 11:55 PM  
Reconciliation grades 6, 7, and 8.

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD**  
**Next Sunday, November 23**

**Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Belford, Panzak, Eroh  
Lector: Kalie  
Altar Servers: 1  
Greeters: Kubitsky

**Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry, Wolfe, Kilcullen  
Lector: Ferentz  
Altar Servers: 2  
Greeters: R & M Crake

**Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, Monatesti, Yalch  
Lector: Stashko, Bob  
Altar Servers: 3  
Greeters: J & R Bremmer

**The new ministry schedule is available in the Sacristy and the church front lobby.**

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**2015 Calendars are now available. Our thanks and appreciation to the Mayo Funeral Home for their generosity in providing the calendars.**

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

This year once again we will be using the plastic or paper bags obtained from your local supermarket. Please fill them with non-perishable food items such as cereal, macaroni & cheese, etc. Please drop off your bags in the meeting room by November 24. We will take the collected food items to our local food bank to be distributed to the needy in our community.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne  
Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday: St. Cecilia

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If you or a loved one is sick or in need of prayer, please call Rose Yalch at 570-752-2363 or Ann Samsel at 570-752-7309. Your request will be passed on to the rest of the Bible Study Group.

**LIVING PRAYER**

Who prays as they ought will endeavor to live as they pray.  
—Anonymous

**GET READY**



The Letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent. Therefore, to devote time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor receded a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart. What should we do when we hear that the day of the Lord will come upon us “like a thief at night”? (1 Thessalonians 5:2) Does this mean we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

All Christians in both East and West embraced the care of the sick as essential to church life. In the West, the importance of the visit of the priest is stressed, while in the East, the sick person is brought to the church for a full Liturgy of the Word. Some, such as the Armenians, even call it the “Ritual of the Lamp,” since the oil is poured out of the lamp by which the Word is read. This may be why Eastern Christians sometimes anoint the sick with this oil, since the trip to church might kill them.

Our tradition in the West also unfolded in monasteries, where it was possible for infirm monks to be attended with a full and beautifully consoling liturgy. In 950 the monks of St. Alban’s Abbey in Mainz produced a ceremonial book that was instantly a pastoral hit everywhere. There were two lengthy rituals for the sick, one an extended vigil, and the other a liturgy of anointing that included Communion under both species. While this ritual was a house formula for monks, it is easy to see how monks who had the care of parishes desired to serve their parishioners in a similar way. The first form included the chanting of penitential psalms, and the second form required a confession beforehand. Both forms included a laying on of hands, which everyone understood as being an essential part of penance.