

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Rev. Matthew R. Larlick , Pastor

The Rectory

721 Monroe Street

Berwick, Pennsylvania 18603

January 19, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rossello Parish Office

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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9am– 4pm

Closed Every Friday

HERE I AM,
Lord

PSALM 40



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On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.'... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God? ©LPi

Parish Staff and Extensions:

Rev. Matthew R. Larlick, Pastor	104
Debbie Mowery, Adm. Assistant	101
Diane Kowalski, CRE	102

Parish Weekend Collection January 11/12

Offertory	\$ 4761.00
Vigils	128.00
World Mission	521.00
Add'l Christmas	195.00
Debt Reduction	165.00

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570-752-7000 when a family member is hospitalized or confined to a nursing home or residence. Prayers, visits, and the Sacraments are our part in the care and healing. Thank you

Additional Poinsettia's

Mary & Frank Cerullo; Catherine Pasak, 2 plants ; Uncle Larry Melchiorre; Angela & Gordon Harmon, 1 plant ; John Haycock & Jim Ross; Family, 2 plants; Honor of Gordon Harmon; Wife Angela, 1 plant; Joani DiPippa; Stephen DiPippa, 1 plant; Louis & Rose DiPippa, Merry Gotto ; Kathie DiPippa, 2 plants

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Saint Joseph Church, 721 Monroe St.

Berwick PA. Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament Pro-Life Rosary Benediction. All

are invited to come and pray for an end to

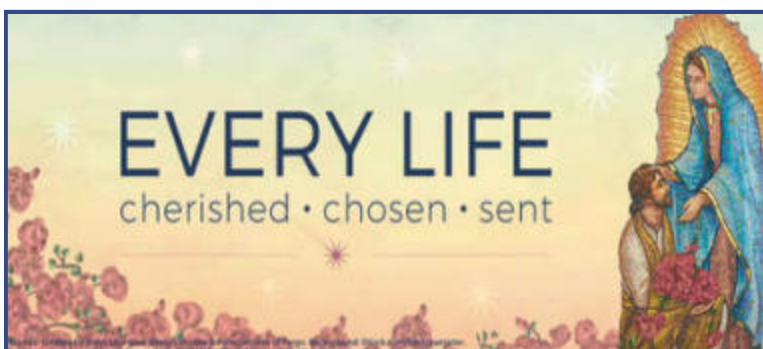
abortion and all offenses to the sanctity and

dignity of human life.

Thank you for supporting PRO- LIFE!

BE A VOICE THAT CANNOT

SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.



Mass Schedule

Mon. Jan.20 Weekday

8:30 AM + Gary M. Dietz / Tom & Carol Ashworth

Tues. Jan. 21 Saint Agnes Virgin and Martyr

8:30 AM Honor - Angel Lee Kromer/ Debbie Kromer

Wed. Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn

8:30 AM + Joseph Youschock / Jim DiGiandomenico

**6:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Pro- Life Rosary Benediction**

Thurs. Jan.23 Weekday

8:30 AM + Sandra & Jack Sotack/ Bernie & Teresa Kimsal

Fri. Jan.24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop

10:00 AM + Lori Lewis Esposito/ Northern CCW

Sat. Jan 25 Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM + Guerino Silvers / Dina Acri & Robbie Felix

Sun. Jan.26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Angelo Spezialetti/ Delores Orlando & Family

10:30 AM People of the Parish

Please join us in praying the Rosary half hour before each mass.

Parish Prayer List

Stewart Anderson

Wendy Bokrosh

Phquita Balderson

Helen Biacchi

June "Villa" Cook

Elaine DeFinis

Helen Dalberto

Dorothy Dalessandro

Jane DeFebo

Cheryl DeMarco

Nancy DeMarco

Gloria Dendler

Eli Eisenhower

Sophia Esposito

Marnie DeVires

Barbara DuBois

Steve Felix

Peter Ferro

Connie Fetterman

Cindy Gensel

Barbann Gibbons

Verna Grifasi

MaryLouise Gombos

Matthew Harter

Lena Hnylanski

Diane Howell

Beverly Hufford

Mary Jane Hunter

Dorothy Koscielsk

Tyler Labus

Michael Labus

Stephen M. lazar

Kelby Linsey

Tim Legg

Kathy Lowe

Mary Fedullo Knorr

Ryan Kowalski

Edith Marsicano

Fr.Dominick Mammarella

Nicole Mccloskey

Rose Miller

Debbie Modlesky

Marie Montecalvo

Lori Moran

Ryan Musser (child)

Betty Penles

Carol Phillips

John Petruzella

Nancy Procida

Jerry Prushinksi

Jacob Rosati

Gary Shields

Jeannete Tomassacci

Alice Thomas

Julie Troiani

Christopher Turner

Christopher Urban

Nester Urban

Lucy Volpicelli

Mariann Waselus

Elijah Wolf (Child)

Sharon Yesneski

Matteo Young (child)

Frances Zinich

Vigil Lights

Sanctuary Light

+ **R.J. Norce** / Gino & Sophie Biacchi

Sacred Heart

+ **Robert Felix Sr.**/ Sherry Ruggerio

Infant of Prague

+ **Emily Spezialetti** / Gordon & Angela Harmon

Saint Anthony

+ **Orval Mattucci**/Tony & Carla Scala

Our Lady of Fatima

Saint Therese

Council Catholic Women News:

***Rosaries are being sold after all the Sunday Masses. The cost is \$10. Each set comes with a prayer card and pouch and contains an image of our Patron Saint Joseph. They are appropriate for either men or women. You can also stop by the office to purchase them.

~ ATTENTION ~

**Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers!
Schedules are in the Sacristy**



In the charity of your prayers,

kindly remember the happy repose
of : Jolene Deets

May she rest in peace.

SAVE THE DATE !

**Holy Family Consolidated School Pizza Sale
from January 6th to January 21st**

**Holy Family School Catholic School Week
Jan. 26th to Feb 1, 2020**

**Parish Council Jan. 27th at 6:30 pm
Holy Family School Library**

**Super Sunday Food Sale Feb 1st 3 pm to 6 pm
& Sunday Feb 2nd, 9am to noon, take out only. Order due
by Wednesday Jan.29 . See flyer in bulletin.
Saint Joseph Church Hall**

**First Friday February 7th Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

**The Irish Cabaret March 14, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
call Janet Trapane for details 570-759-8389**

**Spring Craft, Vendor , Food Fair
March 28, Sat. 9 am to 2 pm Saint Joseph Church Hall**

**Queen Esther May 6, 2020, Millennium Theatre
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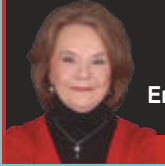
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