

The Feast Of The Holy Family

December 31, 2017

Mass Intentions

January	1	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish
January	2	8:00 AM	Nellie Polcha requested by John & Mary Blair
January	3	8:00 AM	Patsy Grieb requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
January	4	8:00 AM	Tony Gravante requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
January	5	8:00 AM	Vicki Reid requested by The Raugh Family
January	6	5:00 PM	Richard Walton requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
January	7	8:00 AM	Ruth Blair requested by Joe & Judy Rich
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries for the Week of January 6-7

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Pat Pray	Earle Beck	Daniel & Zack Raugh
8:00 AM	Debbie Whitmoyer	Scott Sheaffer	Noah & Owen Jenkins Andy White
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Bill Davies	John David Lane Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

December 31

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

January 7

The Rickard Family

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,527.75

Christmas Collection amounted to : \$4,961.47

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,033.75

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 31st (Feast of Holy Family)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

No CCD

Holy Day Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Monday, January 1st (New Year's Day)

Mass, 9:00AM

Tuesday, January 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:45PM (DH)

Wednesday, January 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM (C)

Thursday, January 4th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Holy Hour, 7:00PM

Friday, January 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, January 6th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, January 7th (Epiphany of the Lord)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM (SC)

Knights of Columbus, 7:00PM (DH)

“Come let us adore Him”

From the Pastor's Desk

Technology has shrunk this world of ours. Tasks that took our grandparents hours take only minutes. We fly thousands of miles in mere

hours. How we love the convenience! In fact, we've grown so accustomed to this easy access we begrudge the simplest effort. Why else would we need a remote control when any TV switch is only a few steps across the room? It's a drive through, microwave

dinner, pizza delivery sort of world, and we're proud of it.

How difficult it is, then, to imagine the weary travelers in today's gospel. Questing magi trudged thousands of miles to seek a newborn Jesus and then went back again. Joseph leads a newly delivered mother and child over dark, arduous roads to Egypt, and back again. How



can we understand these willing sacrifices while we sit in our homes pining for self-loading dishwashers? If our refrigerator is too far a walk from the couch, how far would we go for God?

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, Sam Kingsborough, Lynn Dorundo, Cindy Miller, John and Martha Kapp, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Sue Jones, Marie Shreck, Mary Ellen Bielski, Joan Mathews, Gordon Stowell, Russel Montrose, Avielle Zerance, Patricia Hannon, Louise Kline, Dennis Haag, Father Larry, Sue Cover, Alberta McAllister, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

On Line Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at www.stbernardsnbpa.org.

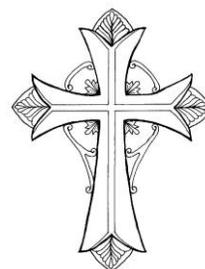
Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to Marie Dishman for prayer and spiritual support!

Winter Blood Drive: The Blood Bank will be here on January 7, 2018 and needs your continued commitment to save lives by the donation of your blood. You can sign up at the bulletin board for a time slot convenient for you to give the gift of life between the hours of 8:00AM and 11:00AM. Remember, as a result of your effort many patients will see another tomorrow.

Mark your Calendars now for the Annual March for Life: The 44th March for Life is scheduled for

Friday, January 19, 2018 in Washington, DC. This year the Knights of Columbus' Council 11805 is sponsoring a 56 seat bus to the Nation's Capital for this important event to champion the cause of the unborn. The bus will leave from Saint Bernard's

parking lot at 7:45AM. Morning Mass will be



celebrated at 7:15AM on January 19th. There are 58 seats on the bus. Please sign up now at the bulletin board, since unused seats will be offered to area parishes.

Thank you, thank you! I am most grateful for your cards, letters, gifts, cakes, cookies, pastries, and generosity this Christmas. The Lord has been so good to me and you are part of His many blessings in my life. May God bless and reward your goodness in time and eternity!

Mary Mother of the Church



As mother to our Savior, Mary figures profoundly in the history of salvation. By blessed example she mirrors within herself the central truths of our faith. So when she is remembered or honored, her story naturally draws our eyes and hearts to her Son and His sacrifice and to love for the Father. For those of us who seek after Christ, Mary provides an exalted model, walking before us as we progress in faith, hope, and charity, learning from her how to do the will of God in all things. When this blessed mother touches each individual's heart so intimately, how can the Church ignore her? It is only right that the Church looks to Mary, who brought forth Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of her Virgin obedience, so that Christ may be born and grow in the hearts of the faithful also. The Virgin Mary's example of maternal love should empower and encourage the Church and each of her members as we seek the rebirth of all humanity.

Resolution suggestions for the New Year 2017

If you have a warm handclasp, use it in friendship.

If you have a gift of speech, speak the truth with love.

If you have energy, spend it for the good of others.

If you have money, give it without expecting a return.

If you have time, share it.

If you love little children or youth, lead them.

If you can sing, by all means, glorify God with your voice.

If you are fond of the beautiful and the artistic, decorate God's altar in your heart.

If you have a heart of love, visit the sick, greet the stranger, and sympathize with the sorrowing. If you have business ability, the church and the pastor need you.

If you have faith, pray always without ceasing.

If your church means life to you and yours, then attend Mass and devotions regularly and give thanks and tell others about it or bring them with you.

Remember: When we make resolutions, we must decide, commit, and persevere, in order to succeed! A mere wish, unaccompanied with the personal efforts to achieve it, will never produce fruits in our lives. To change our life, we must change our habits!!

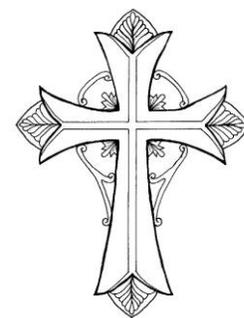
New Year's Masses: January 1st is the feast of Mary, Mother of God, and a holy day of obligation. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on December 31st at 5:00PM and Mass on New Year's Day will begin at 9:00AM. Let us begin the New Year with prayerful recourse to



Jesus through Mary!!

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, January 9th at 7:00PM in Dattilo Hall. Chairpersons are reminded to contact their Council Mission Reps and forward any information to the Council that you think is important.

Pro-Life: A new year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning – with the human embryo? “Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at the other development stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others.”



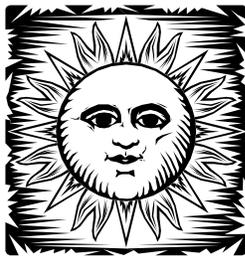
Cookie Sales and Bake Sale: Our Cookies for the Poor netted over \$2,000 and our CCD students bake sale allowed us to send \$465 to care for children in mission lands. God bless your support and generosity!

Saint Bernard

January 2018

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Mass, 8:00+10:30AM Vigil Mass, 5:00PM	1 New Year's day Feast of Mary, Mother of God Mass, 9:00AM	2 Prayer Shawl Group, 8:30AM (SC) RCIA, 6:45PM (DH)	3 Prayer Group, 8:30AM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00PM	4 Confessions, 6:00PM Holy Hour, 7:00PM	5	6 Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM Mass, 5:00PM
7 Mass, 8:00+10:30AM CCD, 9:15-10:15AM Blood Bank, 8-11AM K of C, 7:00PM (DH)	8 Baptism of the Lord Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM	9 RCIA, 6:45PM (DH)	10 Prayer Group, 8:30AM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00PM	11	12	13 Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM Mass, 5:00PM
14 Mass, 8:00+10:30AM CCD, 9:15-10:15AM *Blood Pressures Coffee Corner, 9-10AM	15	16 Prayer Shawl Group, 8:30AM (SC) RCIA, 6:45PM (DH)	17 Prayer Group, 8:30AM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00PM	18 Faith Connections, 11:00AM (DH)	19 Mass 7:15 AM ** March For Life Buses depart 7:45 AM	20 Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM Mass, 5:00PM
21 Mass, 8:00+10:30AM CCD, 9:15-10:15AM K of C, 7:00PM (DH)	22	23 RCIA, 6:45PM (DH)	24 Prayer Group, 8:30AM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00PM	25	26	27 Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM Mass, 5:00PM
28 Mass, 8:00+10:30AM CCD, 9:15-10:15AM Coffee Corner, 9-10AM	29	30 RCIA, 6:45PM (DH)	31 Prayer Group, 8:30AM Choir Rehearsal, 7:00PM			



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Katharine	January 1	Bruno Mazzotta	January 15
Amelia M	January 1	Emily Jenkins	January 16
Kris Haag	January 2	Benjamin Moyer	January 16
David Horn	January 2	Randi Oaster	January 16
Haley Reichenbach	January 3	Patricia Witmer	January 16
Christopher Goode	January 5	Danica Zurenko	January 16
Blake Hoffman	January 5	Suzanne Dell	January 18
Alan Dixon	January 6	Abbey Korber	January 18
Abigail Risner	January 6	Emmery Meek	January 18
Gary Kanaskie	January 6	Judith Wilson	January 18
Abigail Risner	January 6	Joseph Dailey	January 20
Mary Swope	January 6	Liam Black	January 21
Russel Montrose	January 7	Elizabeth Goulet	January 22
Leona Rieder	January 7	Mary Schoedel	January 22
Carol Minns	January 8	Randy Sylvester	January 23
Bennett Vilk	January 8	Marcus Jones	January 24
William Campenni	January 9	Jacqueline Dixon	January 25
Kim Kennedy	January 9	Nicole Wood	January 25
Marian McCoy	January 9	Paul Krieger	January 26
Alexandra Mondell	January 9	Foster Meek	January 26
Anthony Pio	January 9	Carsyn Meek	January 26
Christopher White	January 9	Gerard Barrett	January 27
Callie Haag	January 10	Robert Limric	January 27
John David Lane	January 10	Teresa Trispogonas	January 27
Richard Rasmussen	January 10	Katherine Utzig	January 27
Blake Shutt	January 10	Roberta Zelenky	January 27
Anna Ticehurst	January 10	Scott Dunkelberger	January 28
Janet Meehan	January 11	Thomas Jenkins	January 28
Constance Frownfelter	January 12	Karen Michaliga	January 28
Martha Kapp	January 12	Damon Murphy	January 28
Nicole Risner	January 12	Thomas Polcha	January 28
Marjorie Sterner	January 12	Michael Reeder	January 28
Joan Dunkelberger	January 13	John Dell	January 29
Victoria Hostler	January 13	Jane Haag	January 29
Rosemary Anderson	January 14	Leo Luciano	January 29
George Dorundo	January 14	Judith Faircloth	January 30
Helena Krieger	January 14	John Wheatley	January 30
Vicki Jenkins	January 15	Patricia Suydam	January 31
Donna Kanaskie	January 15		