

# The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

## Mass Intentions

February	1	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	2	8:00 AM	Kevin Penn requested by Bob & MaryJane Moyer
February	3	8:00 AM	Eleanor Barone requested by Jeannie Ishman
February	4	8:00 AM	Delma Tallerico requested by Kathy O'Donnell
February	5	8:00 AM	Richard Seibert requested by John & Mary Blair
February	6	8:00 AM	Special Intention
		5:00 PM	Eric McLeod requested by Sara Zettlemoyer
February	7	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Joseph Oltheten, Sr. requested by John & Mary Blair

## Liturgical Ministries February 6-7

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Pat Pray	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 7	The Durand Family
February 14	The Raugh Family

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,171.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,255.51

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>*

No Mass

### *Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30-8:00PM

### *Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 7:00PM

### *Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>*

IHM First Saturday Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**No matter who we are,  
God calls each of us  
to love and serve Him!**

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

When was the last time you were “astonished” and “amazed”? Parents might point to the birth of their child. Space enthusiasts might recall Neil Armstrong’s walk on the moon. Perhaps we felt



that sense of amazement the first time we saw the Grand Canyon or another natural wonder. For the people of Capernaum, Jesus had that effect. He taught with authority. He commanded an unclean spirit. In our modern society with the constant bombardment of news and social media, it can be

easy to become numb to the wonder that surrounds us. Perhaps we think we’ve seen it all. Even Jesus and the words that turned ordinary people into extraordinary disciples of the early Church can be something we take for granted or only think about for 20 minutes on Sunday. Our Gospel challenges us to quiet the noise, and Paul encourages us to seek “adherence to the Lord without distraction.” Let us pray that the Lord rekindles our faith, so that we may hear his words again as if for the first time and engage ourselves anew in living according to his teachings.

It is very hard to keep exciting news to ourselves. We have an innate desire to share important information and extraordinary events with those whom we love. It could be the call to parents to announce an engagement. Or perhaps telling a friend that you have landed a job or been accepted to college. While these milestones are significant, they pale in comparison to what Jesus has done for us. Through him, we have experienced God’s love, mercy, and redemption, not to mention the direction and means to attain a good life: on earth and with him forever in heaven. Why not share that Good News as well? We don’t have to stand on a street corner to be effective. We can simply let our faith lives enter our conversations, just as our work and other interests do. It could be as simple as, “our priest said something Sunday that really stuck with me,” or “I just finished a remarkable book about Dorothy Day.” As we begin to talk about our faith and listen to others share their insights, we not only grow closer to one another, but can grow in faith together.

Today’s psalm struck a chord: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Next Sunday, make a conscious effort to listen to the readings and music with an open heart (and ears). If something strikes you, consider sharing that with others – be it around the dinner table, on a walk with friends, or during a video call.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Mark Whitmoyer, Cathy Steiner, John Cover, Bill Selle, Nancy Stanton, Diana Prowell, Crystal Groff, Frank Penn, Dave/Shirley Jenkins,

Charlotte Smith, Marietta McQuaid, Dale Rehm, 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 (717-602-6298) or through his email: [dcnrobin@ptd.net](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**On Line Bulletin:** [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://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!

**Hospitality Apostolate:** This group would like to offer meals to parishioners just released from the hospital, new mothers, and shut-ins who need temporary care. If you can use their services or know someone who can, please contact Crystal Groff (tcgroff94@yahoo.com/717-385-1747) or Phyllis Krieger ([kriegerkrew@aol.com](mailto:kriegerkrew@aol.com)/717-834-9433).

**Parish Youth Group:** Our Parish Youth Group meets several times each month. For more information on activities, meeting dates, and location of meetings, please contact Phyllis Krieger (717-834-9433 [[driegerkrew@aol.com](mailto:driegerkrew@aol.com)]) or Matthew and Elizabeth Morrison (717-254-3468 [[emorrison0527@gmail.com](mailto:emorrison0527@gmail.com)]).

The **Fran Hannon Educational Grant** is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any senior graduating in the spring of 2021 and who will continue their education after high school. The grant is for \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me." Deadline is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available at the bulletin board in the narthex.



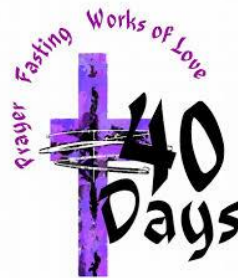
**2020 Church Contribution Statement:** If you itemize your contributions to the Church on your

tax records and need a statement of your donations for last year, please email the parish with the request and we will email your statement to you. Thank you. ([stbernardcatholicchurch@embarqmail.com](mailto:stbernardcatholicchurch@embarqmail.com))

**Annual Soup Bowl:** Each year our parish youth sponsor a soup bowl to help raise much needed funds for the Interfaith Shelter in Harrisburg. Because of the continuing effects of the Covid virus, we cannot gather for our traditional dinner of soup and salad. However, St. Bernard's Youth Group will be taking up a free-will collection at the church doors after all masses February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> for the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. If not using cash, your check can be made payable to "Saint Bernard Church." Thank you for your support.



**Preparation for the Lenten Season:** The Lenten season 2021 begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. As you prepare to enter Lent, it is a good idea now to prepare how you will live this holy season. In the days prior to Lent, try one or more of these suggestions. Ask God, every day, "*What does my soul need?*" Just



ask, and wait quietly. Because we're very good at fooling ourselves about how we're doing, it might take several days of praying this question before we're truly open and humble enough to know the answer. Do you need more prayer time, more quiet time, less time with social media, perhaps a diet from your electronic devices? Tell God, and yourself, every day, "*I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season.*" Maybe you're not open right now, or you're not as open and willing as you'd like to be or think you should be. What else is new? We can always open our lives a bit more, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do more quickly and passionately what we know helps nurture God's kingdom on earth. This is a beginning: two short and simple prayer starters to ready you for the holy season.