

The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

Mass Intentions

February	15	8:00 AM	NO Mass
February	16	8:00 AM	Martha Kapp
February	17	8:00 AM	Vincent Smith requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
February	18	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Shull requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
February	19	8:00 AM	Sara Baer requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
February	20	5:00 PM	Tony Gravante requested by Patti Gravante
February	21	8:00 AM	Charlie Dunkelberger requested by Marie Dishman
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries February 20-21

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
8:00 AM	Lillian Otstott	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 21	Jen Meek
February 28	Jane Haag

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 9: 8-15

1 Peter 3: 1-22

Mark 1: 12-15

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,746.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,934.09

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 14th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 15th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, February 17th (Ash Wednesday)

Masses, 8:00AM and 7:00PM

Thursday, February 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, February 20th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, February 21st

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**Remember, Man,
that you are dust,
And until dust
you shall return!**

From the Pastor's Desk

While leprosy as found in Biblical times is now rare and very treatable, it is not hard to imagine the tragic consequences it had on those who were affected. They suffered physically, but also socially and emotionally: Levitical priests declared lepers unclean, banishing them from the religious community. Jesus, as he did so often, would upend these conventions in his encounter with the leper in today's Gospel. "Moved with pity," Jesus healed him, telling him to return to the local priest for readmittance to



the community. Jesus' model of compassion for the man is meant for us to embody. Modern culture continues to stigmatize people perceived as different – those suffering from depression and other mental illnesses, the homeless, perhaps those who struggle with cognitive disabilities – shunning them in different ways from full participation in community. To imitate Christ, as Paul alludes, is to have compassion for the needs of others – to “be moved with pity.” Let us pray for the grace to put on the mind and heart of Christ, and dignify the presence of all our brothers and sisters in our community.

Not only were lepers banished from the religious community, but they had to announce themselves by crying out “Unclean, unclean!” Jesus changed all that. He healed the leper, encouraging him to return to the priest for readmittance. I am struck by how the leper approached Jesus. He did not demand a cure, but asked, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Although it is unlikely that any of us in the developed world will experience leprosy, we ourselves or people we know may carry inner struggles that have led to separation from the Church or a sense of isolation. In our humanity, we do not have the power to heal these maladies on our own. Instead, let us come to Jesus as the leper does, asking him, if he wills it, to heal us and our wounded world. Let us pray with confidence, knowing that Jesus in his compassion can and will make us clean and whole.

Who are lepers today? What are the inner struggles or wounds that may keep us from fully participating in our parish community or have left us estranged from members of our own family? Bring these before Jesus in your own words. Call a family member you have fallen out of touch with. Invite a person who has left the Church to lunch and listen with compassion.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, 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.

On Line Bulletin: 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/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]) or Matthew and Elizabeth Morrison (717-254-3468 [emorrison0527@gmail.com]).

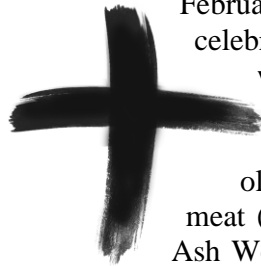
The **Fran Hannon Educational Grant** is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any senior graduating in the spring of 2021 and who will continue their education after high school. The grant is for \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me." Deadline is March 7th. 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)

Ash Wednesday begins the holy season of Lent on February 17th. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 7:00PM with the distribution of ashes after the sermon. Every Catholic 14 years of age or older is asked to abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Rite Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. This year, because of Covid, ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your head without physical contact.



Lenten Stations of the Cross: Come and walk the way of the Cross with Jesus during Lent. Stations begin at 7:00 PM in the church and are followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. These beautiful Lenten devotions can help us spiritually prepare to celebrate the Easter Mysteries by meditating on the passion and death of Christ and the Paschal Mystery of His life, death, and resurrection. You can also pray the stations through our Facebook access.



Lenten Confessions will be heard daily, Tuesday through Friday, from 7:15 – 7:50AM. Confessions on Saturday begin at 4:00PM until 4:45PM. Sunday morning confessions are available from 7:00AM to 7:40AM and from 9:45 to 10:10AM.

Create a clean heart in me,

© Lord,

Renew in me a steadfast spirit!!