

The First Sunday Of Lent

February 21, 2021

Mass Intentions

February	22	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	23	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	24	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	25	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	26	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	27	5:00 PM	Deanna McAvoy requested by The Fordyce Family
February	28	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Francesca & Antonino Mazzamuto req. by The Tripoli Family

Liturgical Ministries February 27-28

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 28

Jane Haag

March 7

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a-13, 15-18

Romans 8: 31b-34

Mark 9: 2-10

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,412.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,626.11

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 21st

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 22nd

No Mass

Tuesday, February 23rd

No Mass

RCIA, 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, February 24th

No Mass

Thursday, February 25th

No Mass

Friday, February 26th

No Mass

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, February 27th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, February 28th

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

Even amid the forced slowdown of a pandemic, distractions abound: Netflix bingeing, online shopping, even positive pursuits like home organizing and personal fitness. Most of us can confess to indulging in all of these (except perhaps for home organizing). Lent challenges us to let go of the unnecessary distractions and dare to make friends with solitude, which can be a daunting proposition because it means keeping company with our own thoughts. Jesus, our human and divine Savior, faced the desert and was tempted by Satan. But he also emerged from the desert, and announced himself and the Gospel to the people of Galilee. He goes on to accept his death on a cross for the sake of our salvation, the fulfillment of the covenant between God and his people. As we enter Lent,

as we enter our desert, we pray for the fortitude to forego temptation, opening our hearts to God's will for us, and ready to proclaim it to the world.

What are you doing for Lent this year? We often scramble for a plan, especially if we wait too long to set a spiritual program for a fruitful lent. "Umm ... candy! I'll give up candy except Snickers." "No Netflix!" Or we take the "do good" route: "I'll pray more." "I'll help with chores." "I'll volunteer or donate to charity." All good things. Whatever "the plan," however, today's Gospel challenges us to be quiet and listen. While a plan gives us accountability and can lead to growth, sometimes less truly can be more. This year, let us spend less time planning and more time listening for God's voice in the silence, which you will find personally challenging. For others, the desert may look quite different. However we decide to approach Lent, let us pray that these 40 days bring us closer to God and our lives more in line with his will for us.

"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." The verse before today's Gospel caught my attention. What can I pare away from my daily life to make room for the word of God? For those of us whose minds tend to wander when praying silently, perhaps listening to the daily readings can be a good way to start or end the day.

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.



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.

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)

2021 Diocesan Annual Campaign: Through the Diocesan Annual Campaign, your compassion and charity will be assisting families who seek shelter and guidance at the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. You will be helping mothers with children recover from dependency on drugs and alcohol at Evergreen House. Your gifts will enable the diocesan-wide counseling to offer professional counseling to those who need

such services. You will be supporting Specialized Foster Care and Adoption Services in their efforts to find homes for children, and you will bring the Word of Christ to young people through Youth and Campus Ministries. ***Our parish goal this year is \$28,000.00.*** You can make your pledge on February 27/28th or March 6/7th in the church. Pledge cards will be distributed by the ushers to you at Mass. You will then be given an opportunity to complete the pledge card and place your check in the envelope provided and return it to the basket in the narthex after Mass. As Jesus humbly served the needs of God’s people, and performed the menial work of a simple slave in washing the Apostle’s feet at the Last Supper, so we should follow His example and find ways to serve the “least ones” of the Lord. Thank you for your Lenten generosity to this appeal each year.



Create a clean heart in me,

O Lord,

Renew in me a steadfast spirit!!