

The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

Mass Intentions

February	8	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	9	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	10	8:00 AM	Richard Seibert requested by Marie Dishman
February	11	8:00 AM	Donn White requested by Kathy Heller
February	12	8:00 AM	Robert Kerstetter requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
February	13	5:00 PM	Judith Martin requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
February	14	8:00 AM	Kevin Penn requested by The Penn Family
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries February 13-14, 17

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
10:30 AM Ash Wed., 17th	Nancy Stanton	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
7:00 PM	Bill Davies	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 14

The Raugh Family

February 21

Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11:1

Mark 1: 40-45

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$ 3,195.15

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,228.10

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 7th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 8th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 9th

No Mass

RCIA, 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, February 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, February 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, February 13th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, February 14th

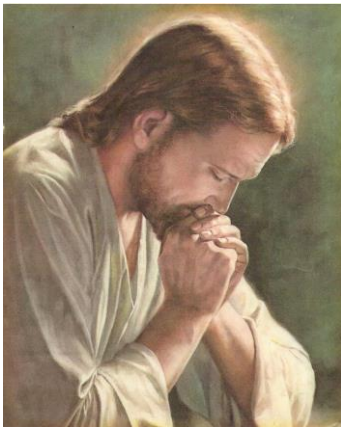
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**Rising very early before dawn,
He [Jesus] left and went off to
a deserted place, where He
prayed!**

From the Pastor's Desk

Saint Paul told the Corinthians in his first letter that he preached the Gospel because he had to –



excuse the double negative, but he could not “not” share the Good News with everyone he met! Once he encountered Jesus, he willingly devoted his life to sharing the story of love and salvation to all those who he encountered – the weak and the powerful, rich and poor, saints and sinners. Let us pray that God helps us recapture the wonder the crowds must have felt in Jesus’

presence – wonder that compels us to share the Good News, too.

Wherever you happen to live, imagine “the whole town gathered at the door.” Even in the smallest of villages, that would be a big deal! So it was with Jesus, where crowds seemed to follow him wherever he went, and wanted to catch a glimpse of this carpenter’s son who cured the sick and drove out demons. When the disciples found him off by himself, praying, and told him “everyone is looking for you,” Jesus tells them they need to move on to nearby villages. I sense an urgency in Mark’s account of Jesus’ movements, showing Jesus as compelled to reach as many people as possible during his public ministry. As I hear this, I think how easy it is for us Catholics to remain in our comfort zones – whether a favorite pew, the same core group of “parish friends,” or even sticking with one ministry or one Mass time. But, as Jesus shows us, preaching the Good News – witnessing to the power of God in our lives – means we cannot stand idly by. We must share this news.

What if we tried to emulate Jesus, albeit in a small way, by reaching beyond our “circles” to greet someone new at our parish, volunteer for the first time or in a different way, or – yes – sit in a different spot! In doing so, we can challenge ourselves to “stretch” a bit and welcome others into our world.

In today’s Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus’ daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

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 28th. 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)

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 6th & 7th 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.



Membership Sunday for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: This weekend we will have an opportunity to join the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* through our membership appeal. Your charity will assist countless missionaries to spread the Gospel and continue their mission of bringing God's good news throughout this year. You can enroll yourself, your family, or a deceased loved one in all the spiritual benefits of the Society, especially a remembrance in 15,000 Masses celebrated each year for members.



Time to think about Lent: Ash Wednesday, February 17th, begins the holy season of Lent. It is time to think about your spiritual life and the goals you hope to achieve this Lenten season. Lent is about change of heart and change of life. What in your life stops you from growing spiritually in your relationship with God? What habit or vice clings to you and weighs you down? What is it that you can give up or take up that will help you change your life by changing your habits? Make a firm resolution now to reflect on how this lent can and will make a difference in your Catholic life and spirituality!

The
Season
of
Lent

