

# The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 14, 2021

## Mass Intentions

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| March | 15 | 8:00 AM  | <b>NO MASS</b>   |
| March | 16 | 8:00 AM  | <b>Lena Golden requested by Teresa Warlow</b>                          |
| March | 17 | 8:00 AM  | <b>Warren Payne requested by The Fordyce Family</b>                    |
| March | 18 | 8:00 AM  | <b>Ron Hurley requested by John &amp; Mary Blair</b>                   |
| March | 19 | 8:00 AM  | <b>B. Joan Mathews requested by Marie Dishman</b>                      |
| March | 20 | 5:00 PM  | <b>Deceased Of The Kaylor Family requested by John &amp; Sue Cover</b> |
| March | 21 | 8:00 AM  | <b>Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family</b>                         |
|       |    | 10:30 AM | <b>People Of The Parish</b>  |

## Liturgical Ministries March 20-21

|          | <b>Lectors</b>  | <b>Extraordinary Ministers</b> | <b>Servers</b>                |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 | Nancy Stanton   | Not currently being utilized.  | Not currently being utilized. |

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

**March 21**

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

**March 28**

Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

**Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

**Hebrews 5: 7-9**

**John 12: 20-33**

## Christian Stewardship

**Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$ 5,011.00**

**The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$2,939.26**

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

### *Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30-8:00PM

### *Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

### *Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>*

First Penance, 10:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“**Ⓞ Lord,**

**turn away Your face from my sins.**

**Blot out all my guilt.”**

## From the Pastor's Desk



The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet

Isaiah. Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s

Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Dave/Shirley Jenkins, Charlotte Smith, Marietta McQuaid, 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!

**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.



“A nation always gets the kind of politicians it deserves. If a time ever comes when the religious Jews,

Protestants, and Catholics ever have to suffer under a totalitarian state, which would deny to them the right to worship God according to the light of their conscience, it will be because for years they thought it made no difference what kind of people represented them in Congress, and because they abandoned the spiritual in the realm of the temporal.” — Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**The Celebration of First Penance:** Our second grade CCD students will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in our parish church.

**A Lenten Thought:** During this holy season of grace and transformation, we are asked to use the

spiritual tools of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So, think about it:

**Pray**

is love for God

**Fast**

is love for self

**Give**

is love for others.

Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps, by a life more marked by routine than by reflection.

**Resignation of Parish Organist:** On March 4, 2021, I received in an email Kathy O'Donnell's letter of resignation as parish organist. Kathy cited greater family responsibilities and elder care as her reasons for resigning. I accepted the resignation and thanked Kathy for her service to the parish. Please pray for Kathy and her family. We will now search for a pastoral musician who can continue to develop our Parish's excellent musical and singing tradition.

**K of C Car Wash:** Help support the Knights of Columbus and have your dirty vehicle cleaned! The Knights will be holding a car wash on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 3PM (suggested donation \$8.00). Hot Dogs and drinks will also be available.

**Youth Group:** Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,065 to the Interfaith Homeless Shelter, which was collected by our youth. The Shelter is most appreciative.

**Deanery Confessions Available:** The following parishes are offering the Sacrament of Penance in the Cumberland/Perry Deanery for the Lenten Season:

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, March 14 (2:00-3:00PM)*  
*Good Shepherd, March 21 (2:00-3:00PM)*  
*St. Theresa, March 28 (3:00-4:00PM)*

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SLOW TO ANGER, RICH IN MERCY,  
AND RELENTING IN PUNISHMENT.”  
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