

## The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

March 21, 2021

### Mass Intentions

March	22	8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
March	23	8:00 AM	<b>B. Joan Mathews requested by Mark &amp; Ginny Ticehurst</b>
March	24	8:00 AM	<b>Intentions Of Father Donald Raila, O.S.B. req. by Teresa Warlow</b>
March	25	8:00 AM	<b>Intentions Of Cole Robinson</b>
March	26	8:00 AM	<b>Nicholas Hallam requested by Mark &amp; Ginny Ticehurst</b>
March	27	5:00 PM	<b>Gary Herman requested by The O'Donnell Family</b>
March	28	8:00 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>Megan Moyer Seiber requested by Her Family</b>

### Liturgical Ministries March 27-28

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Servers</b>
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Yvonne DePaulis	Not currently being utilized.
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Scott Dunkelberger	Not currently being utilized.
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Mark Ticehurst	Not currently being utilized.

### Schmidt Center Cleaning

<b>March 28</b>	Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt
<b>April 4</b>	Kim & Kiki Lane, Marian McCoy

### Next Sunday's Readings

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

Mark 11: 1-10

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mark 14: 1 – 15:14

### Christian Stewardship

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

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: No Offering to report due to COVID 19

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

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30-8:00PM

**Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Parish Finance Committee, 7:00PM

**Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

K of C Car Wash, 10AM – 3PM

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

**Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> (Palm/Passion Sunday)**

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

Recent news warned of a shortage of seeds this spring, as home gardeners carry on a hobby borne of the coronavirus pandemic. Even those

Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

of us not exactly known for our green thumbs jumped in, seeing home gardens as a way not only to stock our pantries, but to sow hope during a time of isolation and, for too many, mourning. In today’s readings, we are reminded of an even larger hope – one that

transcends optimism and feeling, and is centered in the theological virtue of Hope. God holds us

close even on the most challenging of days. We see this in Jeremiah’s prophecy of a new covenant, where all shall know God and our sins will be washed away. And today’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus, like the grain of wheat, dies so that we may have new life. As we plant our seeds this spring, we will undoubtedly remember the people and things we have lost. Yet, as shoots break through with the warmth of spring, we can be reminded of Jesus, the source of all hope, and his promise that “I will draw everyone to myself.”

As we approach Holy Week, the Gospel prepares us by reminding us that Jesus, like a grain of wheat, must die so that we may have new life: “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” I don’t think that John is telling us to wallow in sadness or live joyless lives. Instead, perhaps he is encouraging us to “lose” those things that are not life-giving and instead focus on what draws us closer to Jesus – such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can identify the obstacles that get between us and Jesus, or that divide our families and communities. By letting those go, we free ourselves to be more like Christ, and to share the Good News of God’s great love for us with others.

**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.

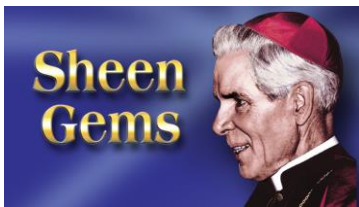
**Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information:** You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: [dcnrobin@ptd.net](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**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 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.

**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.



“Curiously enough, it is a fear of how grace will change and improve them that keeps many souls away from God. They want God to take them as they are and let them stay that way. They want Him to take away their love of riches, but not their riches—to purge them of the disgust of sin, but not of the pleasure of sin. Some of them equate goodness with indifference to evil and think that God is good if He is broad-minded or tolerant about evil. Like the onlookers at the Cross, they want God on their terms, not His, and they shout, “Come down, and we will believe.” But the things they ask are the marks of a false religion: it promises salvation without a cross, abandonment without sacrifice, Christ without his nails. God is a consuming fire; our desire for God must include a willingness to have the chaff burned from our intellect and the weeds of our sinfulness will be purged. The very fear souls have of surrendering themselves to the Lord with a cross is an evidence of their instinctive belief in His Holiness. Because God is fire, we cannot escape Him, whether we draw near for conversion or flee from aversion: in either case, He affects us. If we accept His love, its fires will illumine and warm us; if we reject Him, they will

still burn on in us in frustration and remorse.” — Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**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.

**Family Connections Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the pavilion. If you would like to donate candy to fill the plastic eggs the children will find, you can leave the candy in the marked box in the narthex. The egg, a symbol of life and rebirth for thousands of years, came to represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ — in fact, Easter eggs were traditionally dyed red to symbolize his blood. Please note that children are required to wear facial masks to participate in the hunt.



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

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE	
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28	
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule	
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY (MARCH 29, 30, 31)	
Morning Mass at 8:00AM	
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1	
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00PM	
Adoration until 9:00PM	
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2	
Stations of the Cross, Noon	
Confessions, 12:30-1:30PM	
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00PM	
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3	
Solemn Easter Vigil, 8:00PM	