

The Third Sunday Of Lent

March 7, 2021

Mass Intentions

March	8	8:00 AM	NO MASS
March	9	8:00 AM	David Briseno requested by The Fordyce Family
March	10	8:00 AM	Jerald Snell requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
March	11	8:00 AM	Russel & Sally Montrose requested by The Harshberger Family
March	12	8:00 AM	B. Joan Mathews requested by Linda Myers
March	13	5:00 PM	Deceased Of The Cover Family requested by John & Sue Cover
March	14	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Ron Schwoegl requested by Andrea Ortiz-Boyer

Liturgical Ministries March 13-14

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.
10:30 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Not currently being utilized.	Not currently being utilized.

Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 14

The Rickard Family

March 21

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2: 4-10

John 3: 14-21

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$ 5,159.26

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,721.50

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 7th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, March 8th

No Mass

Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday, March 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, March 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, March 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, March 13th

Funeral for Crystal Groff, 10:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, March 14th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**Worldly wisdom cannot compete
with the law of God, because "the
law of the Lord is perfect."**

From the Pastor's Desk

Every family and every home has rules. "No back talk. Do your chores. Bedtime. Curfews.



Respect one another. Be kind." Rules bring order out of chaos, forge a shared identity, and set standards to which everyone is held. Not surprisingly, life in God's family has rules, too. We hear those rules today in the Ten Commandments.

They begin with these words: "I, the Lord, am your God." If we miss that line, we miss the point of the rules – of the law. God's law is about God's love. Through his laws, God taught

the Israelites a new way to live based on God's values: humility, justice, love, sacrifice, simplicity, kindness, and mercy – values they rarely saw when enslaved in Egypt. This Lent, we give thanks to God for the law of love and we pray to grow in this love, and be strengthened in virtue.

When Jesus cleansed the temple, he did so out of love: love for God the Father, and love for those being exploited by the marketers. We have an opportunity this Lent to witness to this same love of Christ by putting the needs of others first. Sure, our kids demand our time, energy, and resources. Our spouses and parents sometimes do, too. To follow Christ means to choose to sacrifice for others with love, not simply because it has to be done. Christ infused the world with love through his sacrifice. We have the opportunity to be Christ today when we make our sacrifices out of love.

Read the Ten Commandments this week and imagine God giving you all the wisdom you could ever want in those rules. Think about the chaos those rules have protected you from in your life. Imagine telling your loved ones how to find happiness by following the way God guarantees will lead to joy.

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.

On Line Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org
NEW Parish email: info@stbernardsnbpa.org

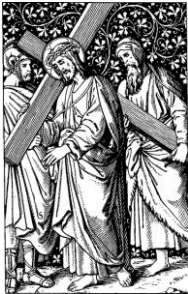
Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to Marie Dishman for prayer and spiritual support!

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 Phyllis Krieger (kriegerkrew@aol.com/717-834-9433).

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.

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 \$28,100.00.** You can make your pledge on March 6/7th in the narthex. 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.



“America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance — it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded.”— Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Rest in Peace: Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Crystal Groff and for the consolation of her family. Crystal’s funeral will be celebrated in our church on next Saturday, March 13th at 10:00AM.

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

The Hand of God: If you look at the peak above the sanctuary in our church, you will see that the symbol of the Hand of God has been installed. The Hand, particularly the open right hand, is a sign of protection that also represents blessings, power, and strength, and is seen as potent in deflecting evil. From above, God sends forth His protection and blessings as signs of His love, power, and strength.