

The First Sunday Of Advent

November 28, 2021

Mass Intentions

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| November | 29 | 8:00 AM | Intentions Of Michael & Kim Lane |
| November | 30 | 8:00 AM | Intentions Of Henry Robinson |
| December | 1 | 8:00 AM | Naomi Molnar requested by The Morrison Family |
| December | 2 | 8:00 AM | Intentions of Father Donald Raila, O.S.B. req. by Teresa Warlow |
| December | 3 | 8:00 AM | Salvatore Di Carlo requested by The Rosselli Family |
| December | 4 | 8:00 AM | Crystal Groff requested by The Morrison Family |
| | | 5:00 PM | People Of The Parish |
| December | 5 | 8:00 AM | Sophie & Joseph Kernoschak req. by James & Debra Kernoschak |
| | | 10:30 AM | Daniela Tripoli requested by The Tripoli Family |

Liturgical Ministries December 4-5

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers |
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| 5:00 PM | Joe DeFrancesco | Mary Zimmerman | The Hoffman Family |
| 8:00 AM | Joe Dailey | Scott Sheaffer | Helena Krieger |
| 10:30 AM | Christine Ticehurst | Bill Davies | Andrew Aldrich |

Schmidt Center Cleaning

December 5

Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt

December 12

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Baruch 5: 1-9

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,847.04

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$8,596.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 28th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Advent Wreath Get-together, 1:00PM

Monday, November 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Advent Penance Service, 7:00PM

Tuesday, November 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, December 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, December 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 7:00PM

Friday, December 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Exposition until 12 Noon

Saturday, December 4th

First Saturday Mass IHM, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Widow/Widowers Dinner, 6:00PM

Sunday, December 5th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15 AM

“Be vigilant at all times and pray...”

From the Pastor's Desk

As the days grow shorter and darker, we enter a season of prayerful and eager preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We ready our Advent wreaths and nativity sets, sparkling lights and singing angels. More than ever, we eagerly anticipate the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. But today's readings for the first



Sunday of Advent point us to the end of time, when Jesus returns in glory. Wait a minute, what? I don't want to think about the dismay and fright that Jesus foretells in the Gospel, I want to think about shepherds and holy nights. We really can't

do one without the other, however, and the underlying message of the readings is one of hope and reassurance: Our God keeps his promises. He is faithful to the covenants he makes. He loves us so much; he offers us new beginnings. Our God became one of us, died to save us, and will give us the strength to be ready to greet him when he comes again. “Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand,” Jesus says. Pray that our preparation for Christ's birth will make us all the more ready for his return.

We are a society and culture that focuses a lot on the outward signs of preparation, and there is a lot of pressure to make it all perfect. Pinterest boards, social media groups, magazine photos, clothing catalogs: all show perfectly dressed people with perfectly adorable dogs standing in front of exquisitely perfect Christmas trees, on perfectly unblemished snow. But perfection in the exterior is not the Christian goal. Our interior preparation – how we make ourselves ready for Christ now, and at the end of time – is the focus of Advent. It is an opportunity for repentance, and a joyful new beginning in our relationship with God. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the covenant he made with us, and the psalm and the second reading offer assistance in doing so. Make time each day to dive in and explore what Scripture reveals about “conducting yourselves to please God.” Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

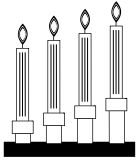
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich, 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.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

Advent Wreath Get-Together: will be held Sunday, November 28th at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All you need to bring is scissors, greens, and a round waterproof container. Oasis, ribbon, and candles will be provided along with refreshments.



For more information, please contact the DeFrancesco Family at 582-9149. **Mark your calendars now!**

Advent Penance Service: As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again in glory, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, November 29th beginning at 7:00 PM. Three additional priests



will be present for confessions to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.

March for Life January 2022: The St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring and subsidizing a bus down to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday, January 21st. As in prior years, we will have Mass at 7:15 AM and then board the bus to depart St. Bernard by 8 AM. Please feel free to invite all pro-life people you know to join us on the large 59 passenger bus. Let's fill the bus! Those not attending Mass should plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. The cost this year is again \$20 per adult, and \$10 per youth 16 and under. Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Youth Group Dinner for Widows and Widowers: The Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting its annual Christmas dinner for widows and widowers

of Saint Bernard's Parish on December 4th in the parish hall after the 5 PM Mass. The youth of our parish extend a warm invitation to all those who can attend. Please look forward to a night of fun, conversation, service, and entertainment given by our youth. We look forward to joining you that night and always in prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can attend. Please feel free to bring family as well, especially if family or friends are your means of travel. Please note the number of people attending when you sign up.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards: Our Knights are offering Christmas cards for sale. They were designed by the children in our CCD program. Cost is \$5 for a pack of 10 cards and can be purchased after Mass at the kitchenette.

The Mitten Tree: Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the community and provides approximately 125 gifts for those less fortunate. Again, this year, everyone is invited to select an ornament from our Mitten Tree and fulfill a Christmas wish for the needy. For many people, these are the only gifts they will receive. The Mitten Tree is located at the main doors of the Church. Only one gift per tag, please!! Your gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 19th.



Church Cleaning for Christmas: We will gather to clean the church for the coming Christmas Season on Saturday, December 11th at 8:00AM. If you can assist, please sign up at the bulletin board in the narthex.

First Friday Devotions: Devotions to the Sacred Heart will begin Thursday evening, December 2nd with confessions at 6:00PM and a holy hour at 7:00PM. Remember, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after Mass on Friday until 12 noon. Come and spend time with the Lord!

The spirit of Advent is prayer, penance, patience, and preparation!!