

The Fourth Sunday Of Advent

December 19, 2021

Mass Intentions

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| December | 20 | 8:00 AM | Dominic Booth requested by The Ken Morrison Family |
| December | 21 | 8:00 AM | Intentions Of The Donley Family requested by The Lane Family |
| December | 22 | 8:00 AM | Crystal Groff requested by Tom & Louise Polcha |
| December | 23 | 8:00 AM | Intentions of Bridget Robinson |
| December | 24 | 4:00 PM | People Of The Parish |
| | | 6:00 PM | Deceased of The King and Sharman Families |
| December | 25 | 9:00 AM | Megan Moyer Seiber requested by The Moyer Family |
| December | 26 | 8:00 AM | Sister Kathleen Carroll requested by Mary Smith |
| | | 10:30 AM | People Of The Parish |

Liturgical Ministries December 24,25,26

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers |
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| 24th | | | |
| 4:00 PM | Joe Dailey | Mark Ticehurst | The Morrison Family & A. Aldrich |
| 6:00 PM | Bill Davies | Pat Pray | The Robinson Family & D. Failor |
| 25th | | | |
| 9:00 AM | Joe DeFrancesco | Scott Dunkelberger | The Hoffman Family & O. Jenkins |
| 26th | | | |
| 8:00 AM | Noah Jenkins | Scott Sheaffer | The Robinson Family |
| 10:30 AM | Christine Ticehurst | Nancy Stanton | The Morrison Family & A. Aldrich |

Schmidt Center Cleaning

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| December 26 | The Raugh Family |
| January 2 | Jen Meek |

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3: 12-21

Luke 2: 41-52

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,935.96

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,508.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 19th (4th Sunday of Advent)

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, December 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, December 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

No RCIA

Wednesday, December 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 6:00-7:30PM

Thursday, December 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

No Morning Mass

Christmas Eve Masses, 4:00 and 6:00PM

Saturday, December 25th (Nativity of the Lord)

Mass, 9:00 Mass

Note there is no 5:00PM Mass tonight

Sunday, December 26th (Holy Family Feast)

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

No CCD

**“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is
the fruit of your womb...”**

From the Pastor's Desk

*"You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;"*

There is a sense of joy we feel when we see good triumph over evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God's plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem – a town of no consequence – would arise the Savior of the world. He would



be the One who came to do God's will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth's unborn child – we know to be John the Baptist – recognized. He is the child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, “stand[ing] firm and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord.” This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with Jesus and with one another, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah's prophesy from today's first reading endures: “His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.” Let's do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God's saving action.

Invite visiting family members (especially those who may be estranged from the Church) to come with you to Holy Mass this Christmas. Use this last week of the Advent Season to fast and pray that Christ will find room in your heart and home this Christmas and bless your family abundantly.

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, Jeff Martzal, Jeanette Fasick, 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-

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Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

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.

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.

Christmas Decorating for Church is scheduled for Thursday, December 23rd beginning at 6:00PM. Your help is needed, welcomed, and appreciated. This is a fun time for all who come each year.



Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can help us this year.

Advent Penance: As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's spiritual preparation. Since we will not have our traditional penance service for Advent this year, Father Sharman will be available for confession on the following evenings:

Wednesday, December 22nd (6:00-7:30PM)

Christmas Week Masses

Friday, December 24th

**Christmas Eve Masses begin
4:00PM and 6:00PM**

(Seating available in church and hall)

Saturday, December 25th

**Mass on Christmas Day
9:00 AM**

(Please note: no 5PM Mass on Saturday)

Sunday, December 26th

Masses at 8:00 and 10:30AM

New Year's Eve, December 31st

5:00PM

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st

9:00AM

(Please note: no 5PM Mass on Saturday)

Sunday, January 2nd

Masses at 8:00 and 10:30AM

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the love of Christ at Christmas and the blessings of God for the New Year. You have blessed my life at Saint Bernard's with your friendship and prayerful support. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be your Pastor and journey with you to God's kingdom.

Let us rightly remember the birth of Jesus, that with the angels we may sing of His glory and share the joy of the shepherds who came to worship him. With the Wise Men, let us share with Him the special gifts and talents we possess as if treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In Christ we can close the doors of our hearts to hate and open wide the doors of our hearts to love God and our neighbor.

On Christmas morning relive the joy of your childhood and thank God our Father for sending us His most precious gift – His Son – our Savior!

Blessings in the Lord!
Father Sharman