

The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

Mass Intentions

February	21	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	22	8:00 AM	Intentions of Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
February	23	8:00 AM	Robert Kerstetter requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
February	24	8:00 AM	Roland Kelley requested by Joe Oltheten
February	25	8:00 AM	Intentions of Athan Robinson
February	26	5:00 PM	Loretta Lubold requested by Joe Oltheten
February	27	8:00 AM	Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries February 26-27

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Lillian Otstott	Scott Sheaffer	Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Rosanne Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 27

The Raugh Family

March 6

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Sirach 27: 4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,324.26

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,412.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 20th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 21st

No Mass

Tuesday, February 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30PM

Wednesday, February 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, February 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Pro-Life Group, 6:30PM

Friday, February 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, February 26th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, February 27th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Baptism, 11:30AM

**“I give you a new
commandment:
Love one another.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Have you heard about the *Civilize It!* initiative?



The U.S. bishops launched a campaign to encourage civil dialogue during the contentious 2020 election. Unfortunately, the divisiveness in our nation, and even within the Church, has shown no signs of subsiding, leading the bishops to reboot the campaign last fall. The

bishops encourage every Catholic to pledge to be a force for charity, clarity, and creativity in our divided world. Today's Gospel shows us how to do that, starting with the Golden Rule. What

should strike us – and challenge us – are the specific examples that remain relevant 2,000 years later: Love your enemies and do good for them; stop judging; stop condemning; give. Building on last Sunday's account of the beatitudes, Saint Luke provides us a prescription for how to live a moral and happy life, one that reflects those who “bear the image of the heavenly one.”

I am thankful to have people in my life who bring out the best in others, and certainly bring out the best in me. I would guess we can each point to others who have guided and encouraged us: A teacher, a dear friend, a favorite aunt, a neighbor, or coach. Today's readings encourage us to be that person for others, even when it's hard. Nobody said being a witness to Christ would be a cake walk! Fortunately, we can turn to prayer and the Scriptures for encouragement. For me, it may begin with small steps, such as listening to those with whom I disagree, not getting drawn into social media debates, and being more generous with my time. As we reflect on today's readings, perhaps we can each choose one change we would like to make or challenge as we move into the week and ask God to help us put it into practice.

Praise God each day this coming week. And then challenge yourself to offer a compliment to one person every day as well. Praising God and others puts us in right relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.

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 Martzall, Jeanette Fasick, Jan Oakley, Ellen White, Bobbie Zelenky 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

The Fran Hannon Educational Grant is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any senior graduating in the spring of 2022 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 27th. Applications are available at the bulletin board in the narthex.

2021 Financial Statements: If you want a financial statement of your contributions to our parish for tax purposes, please call the parish office or email your request and your statement will be mailed to you. (email address: info@stbernardsnbpa.org)

First Penance Celebration: Parents are reminded that the celebration of First Penance will take place on Saturday, March 5th at 10:00AM in Church. As a parish, let us keep these children in our prayers as they spiritually prepare to meet the forgiveness and love of the Good Shepherd in the beauty of this sacrament.

Time to think about Lent: Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, begins the holy season of Lent. It is time to think about your spiritual life and the goals you hope to achieve this Lenten season. Lent is about change of heart and change of life. What in your life stops you from growing spiritually in your relationship with God? What habit or vice clings to you and weighs you down? What is it that you can give up or take up that will help you change your life by changing your habits? Make a firm resolution now to reflect on how this lent can and will make a difference in your Catholic life and spirituality!

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Hospitality Apostolate: There are times in life when we can all use a little help. A group of parishioners would like to offer meals to fellow parishioners who might be 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).

Parish Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 7:00PM in Church. Three additional priests will be present to assist us experience God’s forgiving mercy and prepare us for the celebration of the Resurrection. Mark your calendars now to make a good confession.

“Women of Grace® promotes the dignity of woman, the gift of true womanhood, woman’s fundamental call and mission in the world, and presents the Blessed Virgin Mary as the exemplar of all women...” The next Women of Grace Conference is scheduled for April 2, 2022, with the theme: **“Faith, Fortitude, and Femininity: A Formula for Such a Time as This.** Johnnette Benkovic Williams is the featured speaker for our day of prayer and insight. Johnnette is an international speaker as well as the founder of the Women of Grace Ministry. In her personal life, her faith, and her travels, she is aware of the problems facing women and the challenges to generations for the times we live in today. We are inviting and welcoming women of other parishes to a day of learning and fellowship. To register please go online at www.womenofgrace.com

Family Connections will be hosting a planning meeting on Sunday, March 6th at 11:30AM in the Parish Hall. Existing and new parish families with school-aged children (as well as anyone else in our parish that would like to be involved) are invited to attend. Games and activities will be provided for the kids during the meeting. For those that cannot make the meeting, but want to be involved, can contact Tom Trispagonas at trispagonas@yahoo.com.

Parish Pro-Life Group: The next St. Bernard’s Prolife meeting will be held on Thursday February 24 at 6:30 PM. All parish members are invited. We will view a short video and an update on prolife activities, current legislation, and area abortion facilities. Light refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please call Mary Blair at 582-7662.

Pray the Rosary for Priestly vocations!