

# The Third Sunday Of Lent

March 20, 2022

## Mass Intentions

March	21	8:00 AM	NO MASS
March	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
March	23	8:00 AM	John Lane requested by The Fordyce Family
		7:00 PM	Crit Charlton requested by The Raugh Family
March	24	8:00 AM	Goodwin Kupris requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
March	25	8:00 AM	Intentions of Cole Robinson
March	26	5:00 PM	Elsie Segrist requested by Jim & Betty Magaro
March	27	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Crit Charlton requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst

## Liturgical Ministries March 26-27

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Pat Pray	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Rosanne Wheatley	Andrew Aldrich

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 27

The Hoffman Family

April 3

Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,120.87

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,916.00

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

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> (Third Sunday of Lent)**

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

No Mass

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

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30PM

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

Masses, 8:00AM and 7:00PM

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

Mass, 8:00AM

Pro-Life Group, 6:30PM

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

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

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

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

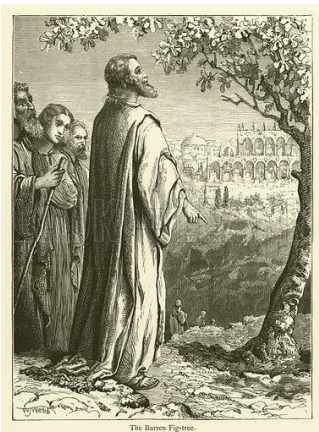
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**“Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord!”**

### From the Pastor's Desk

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear



Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority

and actions.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds

report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, but he also chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

**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, 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).

**Online Bulletin:** [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Lenten Wednesday Evening Mass:** There will be an additional Mass each Wednesday evening during the Lenten Season at 7:00PM. Confessions will be heard at 6:15PM.

**Lenten Confessions** will be heard daily, Tuesday through Friday, from 7:15 – 7:50AM, and on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 – 6:45PM. Confessions on the Saturday begin at 4:00PM until 4:45PM.

**Gourmet Pizza Buffet** (*courtesy of Artisan Pizza and the K of C*) to benefit Parish Vocations is scheduled for Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. The price of the buffet includes the pizza, beverage, salad, and dessert. Cost is \$15 from 13 years/adults and \$7 for children 6-12 years. Children under 5 are free. Come for dinner and stay for Stations of the Cross!!

**Pro-Life Group** will meet on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. We will discuss some current legislation and local initiatives to halt abortion. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, please call Mary Blair.

**Transportation for Father Francline:** Father Francline, who plans to be with us during vacations from his university studies, has just passed his Maryland driver's test and obtained his license. He is looking for a good used car to use while he is studying in America for the next two years to obtain his theology degree. If you have a used car, or know of someone who does, and want to sell it for a reasonable price, please call Father Sharman (717-571-7619 or at the church office)

**Church Cleaning for Easter:** We will clean the church for Easter on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30AM after the Mass. We can use your assistance and help that morning. If you can spare an hour of your time, please sign up at the bulletin board.

**Family Connections Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Saturday, April 9<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.



**Church Decorating for Easter:** On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM, we will decorate the church for our Easter celebrations. We could use your gracious assistance for about an hour that morning. If you can assist us, please sign up at the bulletin board.

May the Holy Virgin Mary  
intercede with God  
to protect, defend, and encourage  
the People of the Ukraine!!