

The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 27, 2022

Mass Intentions

March	28	8:00 AM	NO MASS
March	29	8:00 AM	Elsie Segrist requested by Jim & Betty Magaro
March	30	8:00 AM	Gary Herman requested by The Fordyce Family
		7:00 PM	Loretta Lubold requested by John & Mary Blair
March	31	8:00 AM	Theresa Bender requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
April	1	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Kupris requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
April	2	8:00 AM	Karen Lamoreaux requested by Elsie Reilly
		5:00 PM	Megan Moyer Seiber requested by The Moyer Family
April	3	8:00 AM	Leo Selle requested by John & Mary Blair
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries April 2-3

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Yvonne DePaulis	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Owen Jenkins
10:30 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Nancy Stanton	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 3	Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt
April 10	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

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: \$4,853.45

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,106.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 27th (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, March 28th

No Mass

Tuesday, March 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30PM

Wednesday, March 30th

Masses, 8:00AM and 7:00PM

Thursday, March 31st

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 7:00PM

Friday, April 1st (First Friday)

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, April 2nd

First Saturday Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, April 3rd (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

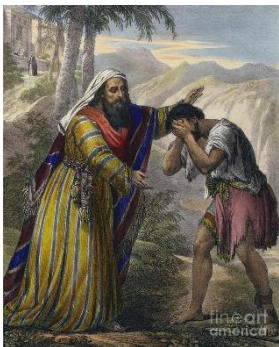
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**“Father, I have sinned
against God and You.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been



teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three

familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation

and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

In today's Gospel, the younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

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.

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.



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 8th 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!!

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 2nd at 8:30AM after the Mass. We can use your assistance and help with cleaning. 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 9th 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 16th 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.

First Friday/Saturday: Sacred Heart devotions will begin Thursday evening, March 31st with confessions at 6:15PM and a holy hour at 7:00PM. Mass in honor of the IHM will be celebrated Saturday, April 2nd at 8:00AM.

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