

# The First Sunday Of Lent

March 6, 2022

## Mass Intentions

March	7	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Deacon Robinson requested by The Fordyce Family
March	8	8:00 AM	Kathleen Dutkiewicz requested by The Luckie Family
March	9	8:00 AM	Elsie Segrist requested by Jim & Betty Magaro
		7:00 PM	Sue Risner requested by Pat & Glenn Harshberger
March	10	8:00 AM	Ronald Nicholas requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
March	11	8:00 AM	Wayne Faber requested by The Morrison Family
March	12	5:00 PM	Deceased Of The Kaylor Family requested by John & Sue Cover
March	13	8:00 AM	George Ginnovan requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries March 12-13

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Karen Kupris	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Scott Dunkelberger	Owen Jenkins
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 13 Robin Chiccini & Bill Seymore

March 20 Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Luke 13:1-9

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,921.83

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,159.26

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday of Lent)*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Family Connections, 11:30AM

### *Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Parish Lenten Penance Service, 7:00PM

### *Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30PM

### *Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 7:00PM

### *Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

### *Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (Second Sunday of Lent)*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“If today you hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts!”**

## From the Pastor's Desk

With five days into the Lenten season, if you haven't decided on a penance ... “Stop procrastinating!”



Today's readings can help us enter more deeply into this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They are reminders that Lent isn't primarily about us, as if it were a self-improvement project, but about taking the opportunity to deepen

our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ways of reducing distractions in

our life and focusing on God's mercy, His sacrifice for us, and His generosity and love. We think we control things and make plans, so the readings challenge us to look beyond ourselves, beginning with prayer, and ask the Lord to help us grow in faith. Saint Paul writes, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Jesus exemplifies this dependence on God, allowing himself to be led to the desert by the Spirit. Each time the devil tempts Him, He responds and in turn shows us how to respond: by turning to God and God's words, the source of our strength. As we choose how to observe the next 35 days, we are reminded to ask God to help us find those things that help draw us closer to him.

What comes to mind when you picture a desert? I imagine sand, heat, thirst. It's more challenging to examine the landscape of our personal desert – barren places of prayer or too much focus on the details of everyday life. Lent, however, presents a rich opportunity to pause and reprioritize our lives based on Jesus' words in today's Gospel: “You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.” Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can help us do that, reminding us of our dependence on God and helping us shift our focus from ourselves to God and others. How we observe and experience Lent will differ for each of us. Whatever our personal desert looks like, we can rest assured that God will help us find our way back to him.

This Lent can be different and easier, if we find an accountability partner who can help us stay the course these next 40 days. Perhaps you can pray together each day, or simply send a text sharing how God is working in and through you in this penitential season.

**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.

**Parish Lenten Penance Service** is scheduled for Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in Church. Three 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.

**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.



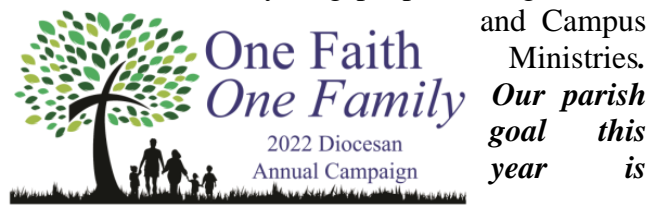
**Lenten Wednesday Evening Mass:** There will be an additional Mass each Wednesday evening during the Lenten Season at 7:00PM. Confessions will be heard at 6:15PM.

**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.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any commendations or recommendations to share with our parish, please call Bill Davies or

place them in the suggestion box on the windowsill in the narthex. Thank you.

**2021 Diocesan Annual Campaign:** Through the Diocesan Annual Campaign, your compassion and charity will be assisting families who seek shelter and guidance at the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. You will be helping mothers with children recover from dependency on drugs and alcohol at Evergreen House. Your gifts will enable the diocesan-wide counseling to offer professional counseling to those who need such services. You will be supporting Specialized Foster Care and Adoption Services in their efforts to find homes for children, and you will bring the Word of Christ to young people through Youth



and Campus Ministries. **Our parish goal this year is**

**\$28,600.00.** You can make your in-pew pledge on March 5/6<sup>th</sup> or March 12/13<sup>th</sup> in the church. Pledge cards will be distributed by the ushers at Mass. You will then be given an opportunity to complete the pledge card and place your check in the envelope provided and return it to the basket in the narthex after Mass. As Jesus humbly served the needs of God’s people and performed the menial work of a simple slave in washing the Apostle’s feet at the Last Supper, so we should follow His example and find ways to serve the “least ones” of the Lord. Thank you for your Lenten generosity to this appeal each year.

**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!!

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