

The First Sunday Of Advent

November 27, 2022

Mass Intentions

November	28	8:00 AM	Joe Barbaretta requested by Nancy Stanton
November	29	8:00 AM	Special Intention
November	30	8:00 AM	NO MASS
December	1	8:00 AM	Special Intention
December	2	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Mike Landis requested by Pat & Glenn Harshberger
December	3	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Athan Robinson
		5:00 PM	Melvin Lubold requested by John & Mary Blair
December	4	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	John Rudzinski requested by Laura Fridirici

Liturgical Ministries December 3-4

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Dave Suydam	The Fordyce Family
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Bill Davies	The Hoffman Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

December 4

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

December 11

The Rough Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,995.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,073.81

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 27th (Advent Sunday I)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

No CCD

Monday, November 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Advent Parish Penance Service, 7:00PM

Tuesday, November 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, November 30th

No morning Mass

Thursday, December 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15-6:45PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, December 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, December 3rd

Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Widow/Widower Dinner, 6:00PM

Sunday, December 4th (Advent Sunday II)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Morrison Baptism, 11:30AM

☉ Come, ☉ Come, Emmanuel!

From the Pastor's Desk



As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, we try to focus ourselves on the awesome coming of Christ. How often do we feel alone and isolated – even from God? How often do we search for divine guidance, clear-cut answers, intimate relationships – only to find darkness, silence, and emptiness? How many times do we attempt to console ourselves with some material or physical ‘substitute’ for love? And Jesus tells us “beware, keep alert...Keep awake.” We do not know when

God will come, but our faith tells us that God is always there. Advent is less about waiting for birth and more about waiting for rebirth. It is less about frantic preparations for society's twist on Christmas and more about peaceful preparations for meeting Jesus face-to-face when He comes again for us. This Advent season is not given us to coddle us into warm and cuddly feelings for a baby about to be born in a stable at Bethlehem; it is to shock us into contemplating our own eternity, eyeballing the One who “comes down” for us, whether we are ‘alert and awake’ or not. *O Lord, we know that You are coming with all Your saints in heaven. Truly will that day dawn with a wonderful light!*

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy and Joe Rich, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Greg Nye, 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

Hospitality Apostolate: This group would like to offer meals on a short term basis to parishioners 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/717-834-9433).

Advent Wreath Materials: As we prepare for the Advent Season in spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ, all the materials you will need for creating a home Advent Wreath will be available in the narthex on the weekend of November 26/27th. Our parish will supply the oasis, ribbon, and candles. All you will need in addition is a water-proof container and some evergreens to complete your wreath. This is one way we can keep Christ in Christmas as we prepare to celebrate His birth.



Advent Penance Service: As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again in glory, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, November



28th beginning at 7:00 PM. Four priests will be present for confessions to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.

Youth Group Dinner for Widows and Widowers: The Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting its annual Christmas dinner for widows and widowers of Saint Bernard's Parish on December 3rd in the Parish Hall after the

You're Invited!

5:00 PM Mass. The youth of our parish extend a warm invitation to all those who can attend. Please look forward to a night of fun, conversation, service, and entertainment by our youth. We look forward to joining you that night and always in prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can attend. Please feel free to bring family as well, especially if family or friends are your means of travel. Please note the number of people attending when you sign up.

Memorial/Commemorative Bricks: Parishioners have asked to have additional bricks memorialized on the walkway that leads to the parish pavilion. As part of our 75th Anniversary year celebration, you can memorialize a brick on the walkway. The bricks are 6"x 9" with a maximum 4 lines of 15 characters each. Engraved bricks are \$50 and will be placed in the walkway in the spring. To order a brick, please complete the order form (found on the bulletin board) and return it to the parish office with your payment. Checks are payable to "St. Bernard Catholic Church."

The Mitten Tree: Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the community and provides approximately 100 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!! Your gifts should be returned by December 18th.

Advent Vespers and Covered Dish Dinner: All parish families, especially our children, are cordially invited to an Advent Vesper Service and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed immediately with a covered



dish dinner in Dattilo Hall on Sunday, December 11th at 4PM. A special visitor will arrive for the children. You are requested to bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert. The meat course will be provided by the parish. Please sign up at the bulletin board so adequate provisions can be made. For further information, please call Erin Jenkins at 834-6946.

Be Considerate of Others: In consideration of parishioners listening to the readings from Sacred Scripture or to the homily, or if people are kneeling during the consecration of the Mass, please wait until the congregation stands to seat yourself. Walking down the aisle while everyone is seated and listening is very distracting. If you are late for Mass (*which sometimes cannot be helped*) or if you need to leave Mass for some reason, please return to your seat only when the congregation stands! This will help eliminate distractions during Mass for parishioners and the celebrant.

"THE SOUL OF ONE WHO SERVES GOD ALWAYS SWIMS IN JOY, ALWAYS KEEPS HOLIDAY, AND IS ALWAYS IN THE MOOD FOR SINNING." (St. John of the Cross)

December Birthdays



Kathleen Dubois	December 1	Janise Kahl	December 16
Kathryn Dorundo	December 2	Thomas Jenkins	December 17
Theresa Patterson	December 2	Cora DeFrancesco	December 18
Heather Strazisar	December 3	Gabriel Harlan	December 18
Mary Ellen Thorpe	December 3	Mary Robinson	December 18
Francis Vilk	December 4	Tucker Smith	December 18
Elizabeth Williams	December 4	Julie Jarabeck	December 19
Magdalyn Trispagonas	December 5	Rosemary Hippman	December 21
Nicholas Morrison	December 6	Lacey Zerance	December 21
Kellie Shay	December 6	Maryellen Bielski	December 22
Aelin Krieder	December 7	Mary Jane Moyer	December 22
Kenneth Pugh	December 7	Sky Hoffman	December 23
James Sharar	December 7	Heidi Good	December 24
Weston Albert	December 9	Mia Jarabeck	December 24
Elizabeth Reilly	December 9	Madeline Rogers	December 24
Patricia Gravante	December 10	Tim Czekaj	December 26
Catherine Czekaj	December 11	Jessica Rich	December 26
Nicholas Barrett	December 12	Cole Robinson	December 26
Betty Berry	December 12	Joseph Morrison	December 28
Diane Witcoski	December 12	Gina Mazzotta	December 29
Patricia Hannon	December 13	Douglas Myers	December 29
Theresa Ryan	December 13	Glenn Harshberger	December 30
Irene Horn	December 14	Alexander Lackey	December 30
William Richelderfer	December 14	Jennifer Meek	December 30
Amy Charles	December 15		