

# The Third Sunday Of Advent

December 11, 2022

## Mass Intentions

December	12	8:00 AM	<b>NO Mass</b>
December	13	8:00 AM	<b>Michael Edwards requested by Mark &amp; Ginny Ticehurst</b>
December	14	8:00 AM	<b>Special Intention</b>
December	15	8:00 AM	<b>Deceased of The Montrose Family req. by The Harshberger Family</b>
December	16	8:00 AM	<b>Special Intention</b>
December	17	5:00 PM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>
December	18	8:00 AM	<b>Deceased of The Harsberger Family req. by The Harshberger Family</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>Emily Risner requested by Ken &amp; Beth Risner</b>

## Liturgical Ministries December 17-18

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Servers</b>
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Gwen Pray	The Fordyce Family
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Scott Dunkelberger	Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Rosanne Wheatley	The Morrison Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

**December 18**

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

**December 25**

Robin & Mike Chiccini

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

**Isaiah 7:10-14**

**Romans 1:1-7**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

## Christian Stewardship

**Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,245.00**

**The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,935.96**

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

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (Advent Sunday III)**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Advent Vespers/Covered Dish, 4:00PM

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> (Advent Sunday IV)**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Make your hearts firm,  
because the coming of the Lord  
is at hand... Take as your example  
the hardship and patience  
the prophets who spoke  
in the name of the Lord.

### From the Pastor's Desk



Today we light the rose Advent candle as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice," and today's readings hint at the joy of Christ's coming. Who among us can't relate to the concrete examples from the prophet

Isaiah that give us many reasons for hope and joy as we anticipate Christ's birth. Those of us who have experienced fear or doubt find reassurance: "Be strong, fear not!" During the holidays when many will grieve those who have died this past year, we hear that "sorrow and mourning will flee." In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points

us to the source of our joy in the person of Jesus Christ. As we continue to prepare for his coming, we can take comfort knowing that God is with us now and for eternity. As we hear in today's Psalm, "The Lord God keeps faith forever." We are not patient people. Waiting in the slow grocery line raises our heart rate, and we have to use cruise control in 35 mph zones. Despite our impatience, there are still things in life that we do that take time, like plant vegetable gardens in the spring. As St. James reminds us, we can learn from the farmer who patiently waits for the rains. "You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." Whether we have patient personalities or not, we can rest assured that the Lord is with us for the long haul. Just as the rains help our tomatoes to come in our faithfulness, prayer, and good works can nurture our hearts and our souls. They also remind us of the true joy of the season: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has taken on our humanity for our salvation. "Lord, come and save us." Need something to brighten your living area during the deep of winter? You can find amaryllis "bulbs in a box" online. They bloom inside and can be moved outside when spring comes, serving as a visible reminder that patience pays off. This can also be a nice gift for a friend or perhaps an elderly relative who does not have access to a garden.

**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, Terry Woods, 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)

**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 \(kriegerkrew@aol.com/717-834-9433\)](mailto:Phyllis.Krieger@kriegerkrew@aol.com).

**Memorial/Commemorative Bricks:** Parishioners have asked to have additional bricks memorialized on the walkway that leads to the parish pavilion. As part of our 75<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>.



**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards:** Our Knights are offering Christmas cards for sale. They were designed by the children in our CCD program. Cost is \$15 for a pack of 15 cards and can be purchased after Mass at the kitchenette.

**Church Decorating for Christmas** will take place after Mass on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. Your gracious assistance is needed to help with



the Christmas trees and poinsettias that beautify our sanctuary. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can assist us.

**Remember:** The mood of the Advent season is one of somber spiritual preparation that increases in joy with each day that draws us closer to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. So, the worldly "Christmas" commercialism that surrounds it in the Western world should be overcome as much as possible. We should strive to keep the liturgical season of Advent holy, penitential, reflective, and prayerful, always remembering, as they say, that "He is the reason for the Season." Jesus came once in the flesh; He comes to us now in spirit and power; He will come again in glory!

## Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00PM and 6:00PM**

**Mass on Christmas Day**  
**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM**

**Masses for December 31<sup>st</sup> and**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**5:00PM**  
**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:00AM**