

The Solemnity Of The Nativity Of The Lord

December 25, 2022

Mass Intentions

December	26	8:00 AM	NO Mass
December	27	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Rita Johnson
December	28	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Siena Robinson requested by The Lane Family
December	29	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Rachel Hammond requested by The Lane Family
December	30	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Maria Huber requested by The Lane Family
December	31	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
January	1	9:00 AM	Janet Horvath

Liturgical Ministries December 31- January 1

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	The Fordyce Family
9:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Dunkelberger	The Hoffman Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 1	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
January 8	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2: 16-21

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,392.80

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,979.80

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 25th (Nativity of the Lord)

Masses, 9:00AM

No CCD

Monday, December 26th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, December 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM (C)

Thursday, December 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, December 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, December 31st (New Year's Eve)

Confessions: 400PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 1st (Mary, Mother of God)

Mass, 9:00AM

The Christmas stars at Bethlehem

Shone very clear and bright;

Oh, may they shine with light divine

For you this Christmas night!

From the Pastor's Desk



...Christmas celebrates the dawn of the Light of the World. The powers of darkness are overcome

by his coming to share our life. The long reign of sin is ended, and grace has been poured out upon the earth. The Sun of Justice has arisen, and evil is vanquished."

Perhaps the hardest thing to remember about Christmas is this: "It celebrates the incarnation, not just the nativity. The incarnation is an ongoing process of salvation, while the nativity is the once-for-all-historical event of Bethlehem. We do not really celebrate Christ's 'birthday,' remembering something that happened long ago. We celebrate the stupendous fact of the incarnation, God entering our world so thoroughly that nothing has been the same since. And God continues to take flesh in our midst, in the men and women and children who form his body today. And the birth we celebrate is not just the past historical event but Christ's continuing birth in his members, accomplished by the power of the Spirit through the waters of baptism.

"...What we celebrate is our redemption in Christ and the transformation of all creation by the presence of the divine in our midst."

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 (602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

On Line Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at www.stbernardsnbpa.org.

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!

Parish Youth Group meets monthly and offers a variety of programs and activities. If you are interested in attending and being part of this lively faith-filled group of young Catholics, please call Matt or Liz Morrison.

Use of Parish Kitchen and Facilities: In accordance with the policy of our insurance company, *Catholic Mutual*, a person must be 16 years old to work in or enter the kitchen. If parishioners want to use the kitchen or other parish facilities, which you are always free to do, please reserve the space with the parish office and sign the insurance form at least one week before your event. If your event is parish related or sponsored by a parish committee, no additional insurance is needed. If personal (use by your family for sacramental receptions, birthdays, etc.), you must secure additional insurance from your own insurance company or through Catholic Mutual in case of accidents or physical harm. The insurance certificate must be in the amount of one million dollars and indemnify the Parish of Saint Bernard and the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. Call the parish office for further information.

Mark your Calendars now for the Annual March for Life: The 50th March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2023 in Washington, DC.



This year the Knights of Columbus' Council 11805 is sponsoring a 56 seat bus to the Nation's Capital for this important event

to champion the cause of the unborn. The bus will leave from Saint Bernard's parking lot at 7:45AM. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 7:15AM on January 20th. Please sign up now at the bulletin board.

Weekend Masses for Saturday/Sunday, December 31st and January 1st: We will change our Masses for the New Year's Day weekend. Mass on Saturday, December 31st will begin at 5:00PM and the Mass on Sunday, January 1, 2023 will begin at 9:00AM.

Many, Many Thanks to You! I am most grateful for

your cards, letters, gifts, cakes, cookies, pastries, and generosity this Christmas. The Lord has been so good to me, and you are part of His many blessings in my life. May God bless and reward your goodness in time and eternity!

No Climbing Necessary: A small child saw her first airplane in the sky. She asked her father: "Daddy how do people climb up to the sky to get into the planes? Her daddy explained that passengers didn't have to climb to the sky to get into the planes. The planes come down from the sky to collect the passengers and lift them up. The story becomes a simple illustration of what Christmas is all about. Christmas celebrates the fact that we don't have to climb up to the sky to get to God. God comes down to earth to get us.

"Even though the succession of physical actions is now past, as it was preordained in the eternal design...nevertheless we increasingly adore that birth from the Virgin who brought forth our salvation." (Pope St. Leo I)

Following her example: Consider how pure she was from the very moment of her Immaculate



Conception, Mary came forth from the Most High God as the first-born daughter of all creation, formed by His creative word. Her appearance on earth was like the first immaculate ray of light. The sun, the moon, the stars, all of nature, the whole visible and invisible

world bowed at her feet as she walked the earth. So beautiful are the steps of Mary as she walks through life! And you, what steps have you taken with your feet since reaching the use of reason? What have you accomplished for the good of your soul, for your growth in holiness? Are your steps taking you toward God or away from Him? O Immaculate Virgin, loveliest daughter of the Most High Prince, perfect our goings in God's paths. Direct and keep, our steps strictly upon your paths as we strive to follow in your sacred footprints!

Glory to God in the highest!!