

# The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023

## Mass Intentions

January	16	8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
January	17	8:00 AM	<b>John O'Connell requested by The O'Connell Family</b>
January	18	8:00 AM	<b>Evelyn Wemple</b>
January	19	8:00 AM	<b>Special Intention</b>
January	20	8:00 AM	<b>Suzanne Tobias</b>
January	21	5:00 PM	<b>Tom Ciucci requested by The Fordyce Family</b>
January	22	8:00 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>Matt Hund</b>

## Liturgical Ministries January 21-22

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Gwen Pray	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Mark Tichurst	Andrew Aldrich

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 22

The Raugh Family

January 29

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,976.89

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,086.96

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

### *Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### *Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>*

Confessions: 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

### *Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

**“I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”**

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

The dove is a powerful symbol for Jews and Christians alike, representing love and a deep sense of peace. The



<http://christianlightartreview.blogspot.com>

dove has special significance for Christians, as a sign of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain

upon him ... He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." The Baptist further testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. The catechism (701) reminds us that John the Baptist not only paved the way for Jesus, but for all of us who followed: "The Spirit comes down and remains in the

purified hearts of the baptized." Through our baptism, we can follow in the footsteps of Saint John the Baptist by telling others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit will give us what we need so we may become messengers of love and peace to those we encounter.

During his 1988 campaign, President George H.W. Bush used the phrase "a thousand points of light" to describe volunteers "spread like stars throughout the nation, doing good." This phrase came to mind as I listened to the reading from Isaiah, in which the Lord vows to make Israel "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Saint John the Baptist baptizes with water to prepare the people for Jesus' coming. As we settle into the dark days of winter, today's readings challenge us to become points of light to others, leading them to Christ. How we do that will differ for each of us – praying for others, visiting an elderly relative, writing that letter we've been putting off. We may not be prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist, but we have the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to inspire us.

Today's psalm reminds us of the popular hymn, "Here I am, Lord." Today, the psalmist offers a simple spoken version that we can pray to point ourselves in the direction of Jesus each day: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Jerry Ford, Carl DePaulis, Reid Wilson, 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](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**On Line Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://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.

**Taking Control of Your Finances Workshop/Help for Surviving Spouses.** Figuring out how to manage your finances, while grieving a spouse, may feel overwhelming. Come learn what you should have in place if you should find yourself a widow/widower. This is a free workshop for all parishioners. Singles are welcome too, learn how to plan what your family needs to know when you pass. Please sign up on the bulletin board. The workshop will be presented on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Phyllis Krieger 717-379-1135 or [Phyllis@perfectcents.services](mailto:Phyllis@perfectcents.services).

**Thank you, fellow Parishioners -- from Deacon Robinson:** "I would like to express gratitude on behalf of me and my family for all of the generosity shown us during the Christmas season. I am the most fortunate deacon in the diocese of Harrisburg to be at such a great parish. While God has put me here to serve, it is actually all of you who provide an incredible service to me and my family. Through your example and growth in holiness, we are better because of it. We wish you a healthy, prosperous, and most importantly a holy year in 2023. Thank you again, Deacon Robinson"

**How can you be a light in our world?** There are several ways you can to the challenge of being a "light to the Nations."



**Focus on doing right and don't be swayed.** You

are called to live in the midst of the world, but you don't need to participate in worldly ways that harm your faith and Christian spirit.

**Treat others as you want them to treat you.** This is the golden rule taught us by our Savior and allows your light to shine, even when others do not return your love or treat you the same.

**Practice humility always.** Humility is the first and the mother of all the other virtues that allow you to bring light into darkness.

**You should live an "attitude of gratitude."** Your heart should pulsate with thanksgiving, allowing you to freely express your thanks and gratitude to those around you.

**Your light will shine if you have an unwavering resolve to do the good, truth, and the beautiful.** God gives you the challenge to be a "light" and He also supplies the graces and strength you need to accomplish your mission.

**Love the Lord deeply, passionately, and intimately.** If you do, you will find yourself trusting in the Lord's word and His promises. Keep you light shining in good times and in bad. Don't lose your joy and sparkle, even when you see the clouds of sin and darkness within you and all around you.

**Soup Bowl Fundraiser:** St. Bernard's Youth Group will be holding a Soup Bowl Fundraiser Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Proceeds to benefit the Interfaith Family Homeless Shelter in Harrisburg. Bowls cost \$15, Children 10 and under \$10.00, 2 and under \$5 and entitles you to unlimited soups, bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Keep the bowl as a reminder to pray for the homeless. Bowls are limited to 100, please sign up on bulletin board. Donations also accepted. For more info contact Phyllis Krieger 717-834-9433.

**Rest in Peace:** In your charity, please remember the soul of Mary Howe, our oldest parishioner and the mother of Paddi Sharar. May Mary come to the fullness of life in the Kingdom of Heaven!

**Dates important to the Spiritual life of our Parish:**

- Ash Wednesday – February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- First Penance – March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Lenten Penance Service – March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Holy Thursday – April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday – April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Sunday – April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Eucharistic Devotions – April 23, 24, 25
- Sacrament of Confirmation – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- First Holy Communion – May 6<sup>th</sup>

*Do not dwell in darkness.  
Be the light of Christ in our world!*