

The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

Mass Intentions

February	13	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	14	8:00 AM	Special Intention
February	15	8:00 AM	Clement LaVia requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
February	16	8:00 AM	Richard Pray requested by The Pray Family
February	17	8:00 AM	Carl DePaulis requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
February	18	5:00 PM	Clement LaVia requested by Fred & Sandy Steward
February	19	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Francis Cassidy

Liturgical Ministries February 18-19

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Pat Pray	The Morrison Family
10:30 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 19

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

February 26

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,540.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,321.05

January Parish Contingency amounted to: \$2,315.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 12th

Mass, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 13th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, February 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, February 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, February 18th

Confessions: 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

K of C Valentine Dinner/Dance, 6:00PM

Sunday, February 19th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you shall live.”

From the Pastor's Desk

In life we are all called to make choices every day. As Christians we are called to make choices based upon our faith in light of the discipleship we are challenged to live in Christ. Today's reading



from Sirach reminds us of the choice that matters most: If we choose to keep the commandments, they will save us. “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” We are well into 2023, but it bears reminding that each day we have an opportunity to choose anew: To follow God's law, fulfilled in the words and example of Jesus. He will show us the way. “If you trust in God, you too shall live.”

We've probably all heard the term “quiet quitting” by now. It's a workplace phenomenon where employees do the bare minimum rather than going above and beyond. I thought of that phrase when reading Matthew's Gospel today. How many of us Christians have “quietly quit,” doing the minimum required – going to Mass on Sunday, being faithful to our spouse, not resorting to violence when we get angry with someone. Jesus challenges us to go above and beyond the Ten Commandments. You shall not kill, but you should not stay angry either. You shall not commit adultery, but you shall also love your spouse with your whole heart. Today's readings challenge us to rediscover God's law and challenge ourselves to go “above and beyond” in our daily lives.

Pray today's psalm (119): Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! How might you specifically follow the law of the Lord just a little bit better, or above and beyond, today? Each day?

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, Reid Wilson, Pat Widdowson, 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.

Online 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.



K of C Valentine Dinner/Dance: Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Valentine

Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 18th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. The menu includes a choice of chicken or beef brisket, appetizers, various vegetable sides, salad, and a variety of desserts. Bring a bottle of wine to enjoy and share with your table guests. Music will be provided. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the bulletin board and pay (\$20 per person) at the door before the dinner. Proceeds will benefit Lourdeshouse Maternity Home and Carlisle Area Family Life Center!

The Fran Hannon Educational Grant is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any high school senior graduating in the spring of 2023 that plan to continue their education. The grant is for \$500. To apply you must be a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish, and submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme *“What My Catholic Faith Means to Me.”* Applications are available on the bulletin board and are to be returned by March 26th.



First Penance and First Holy Communion: There are 10 parish youth who are preparing to make their First Confession on Saturday, March 4th at 10:00AM and receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th at 10:00AM. Please remember them in your prayers as they spiritually prepare to meet the merciful Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance and come to the altar for the first time to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Retreat for our Confirmation Candidates: All candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of a mandatory retreat on Saturday, March 25th. Students should arrive in the church by 9:00AM and will be dismissed after lunch at 1:00PM. Deacon Robinson will lead our candidates in the spiritual preparation needed to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Eucharistic Reflection: “The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” (1380) **(Catechism of the Catholic Church)**



Welcome Father Francline: This weekend, we are pleased to welcome home Father Francline, who will give pastoral coverage and celebrate the weekend Masses. May God continue to bless and make fruitful his studies for his theology degree, so he can minister more effectively to the people of Cameroon.

Consider Joining the Knights of Columbus: In conjunction with St Bernadette Council, the Knights of Columbus are holding a Degree Ceremony on Saturday, February 25th at St. Bernadette Church, located at 901 North High St. in Duncannon. The degree ceremony will start at 11:00AM with a report time of 10:30. If you are a Knight candidate, please contact Kevin Gray, kgray000@ptd.net. If you would like to join this fraternal organization of Catholic men, please ask a Knight or check out our poster on the bulletin board. All members who have not obtained the third degree are invited to attend to advance to the Third Degree. Family and guests are welcome, and refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The Lenten Season 2023

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 7:00PM with the distribution of ashes after the homily. (A day of fast and abstinence – no meat and only one full meal)

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of the Lenten Season at 7:00PM. Stations are followed by Benediction of the