

The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

Mass Intentions

February	20	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	21	8:00 AM	Tony Gravante requested by Patti Gravante
February	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
February	23	8:00 AM	Special Intention
February	24	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Melissa DiRienzo requested by Ken & Beth Risner
February	25	5:00 PM	Clement LaVia requested by The Gravante Family
February	26	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Bea Stanley requested by Bob & Mary Jane Moyer

Liturgical Ministries February 25-26

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Gwen Pray	The Fordyce Family
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Nancy Stanton	The Hoffman Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 26

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

March 5

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,387.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,354.26

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 19th

Mass, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 20th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, February 22nd (Ash Wednesday)

Masses, 8:00AM and 7:00PM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, February 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross and Benediction, 7:00PM

Saturday, February 25th

Confessions: 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 26th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

*“Be holy, for I, the Lord,
am holy.”*

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to take love to a new level. Rather than hate our enemies or be angry with those who have hurt us, he tells



us to love them. We can show our love by some action or by praying for them; but most importantly, Jesus reminds us that this is the very love that God has for us. Our aim is to mirror that love. Jesus tells us how to resolve our

problems using love instead of violence. When someone hurts us, it is tempting to hurt them right back; but Jesus gives us another plan. It is a plan that is as unusual for our time as it was for the people of Jesus' time. He said to love the person

who hurts us. Love our enemies. We know our friends and understand them. Sometimes it is because we know them that we accept some of the odd or annoying things they do. Jesus says everyone can love and forgive a friend. That part's easy. It is "loving our enemy" that may be the challenge. Nearly every world religion has a message of this sort . . . now if we could all just live it!

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.

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 9 parish youth who are preparing to make their First Confession on March 4th at 10:00AM and receive First Holy Communion on May 6th at 10:00AM. Please pray for them!

Retreat for our Confirmation Candidates: All candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of a mandatory retreat on Saturday, March 25th from 9AM to 1PM in the Parish Hall.

The Art of Pysanky – Ukrainian Easter Eggs: Faith Zarichansky will present an adult workshop on the “*Art of Pysanky*,” traditional Ukrainian Easter Eggs made during Lent. Come learn the history, the legends, and the spiritual meaning of these beautiful eggs. You can also create your own pysanka. All supplies will be provided, and the cost is \$30 for ages 15 and up. Class size is limited to 12 individuals and will be conducted on Saturday, March 11 in two sessions: 9:00AM to Noon and 1:00PM to 4:00PM. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the bulletin board.

75th Anniversary Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. All committee members are cordially invited to attend.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Lenten Friday at 7:00PM, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten Parish Penance Service: Our Parish

Penance Service will be celebrated for the season of Lent on Monday evening, March 6th beginning at 7:00PM in the Church. Additional priests will be available to help with this

celebration. Please plan to attend with your family to spiritually prepare for Easter.



Ash Wednesday: As we begin the holy season of Lent on February 22nd, you are reminded that



there will be two Masses celebrated on Ash Wednesday beginning at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The distribution of ashes occurs after the homily.

Remember this is a day of fasting (one full meal and two smaller meals) and abstinence from meat and meat by-products! A variety of spiritual devotions will be available throughout the season for your spiritual benefit.

“Word Among Us” Lenten Booklets are available in the narthex after Mass this weekend. The readings for all Masses during Lent are printed for your reflection. There are also several excellent articles you can use for spiritual reading during these days of prayer and penance.

Lenten Spiritual Guidelines

The *Season of Lent* preserves its penitential character with the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and other forms of self-denial warmly recommended by the Church.

The *days of Penance* to be observed are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence only. (We do not eat meat)

Abstinence (not eating meat) obliges those who have completed their 14th year. *Fasting* (only one full meal each day, nothing between meals) obliges those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. Proportionately grave inconvenience for any individual excuses from the laws of fast and abstinence!

We are reminded to keep the spirit of this holy season by works of charity, prayer, and sacrifice. The faithful observance of Lent should manifest itself especially in the imitation of Christ in daily life and in the readiness to sacrifice time and talent whenever possible, in personal, parish and community efforts for those in spiritual or material need. The spiritual hunger of the un-churched locally and in mission lands can be a focus of prayer and charitable giving.

“Create a clean heart in me, O Lord.”