

The First Sunday Of Lent

February 26, 2023

Mass Intentions

February	27	8:00 AM	Debra Andres requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
February	28	8:00 AM	NO MASS
March	1	8:00 AM	Veronica Stowell requested by Yvonne DePaulis
March	2	8:00 AM	Special Intention
March	3	8:00 AM	Henrietta Heckert requested by John & Mary Blair
March	4	8:00 AM	Sister Charles Catherine, S.S.J.
		5:00 PM	Deceased Of the Kaylor Family requested by John & Sue Cover
March	5	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Anne Smullen requested by Her Family

Liturgical Ministries March 4-5 Extraordinary Ministers

	Lectors		Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Dave Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Dunkelberger	The Morrison Family
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Mark Ticehurst	J.Innerst, P.Pray Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 5	The Raugh Family
March 12	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,430.12

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,923.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 26th (First Sunday of Lent)

Mass, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, February 28th

No Mass

Wednesday, March 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Anniversary Committee, 7:00PM

Thursday, March 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, March 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross and Benediction, 7:00PM

Saturday, March 4th

Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

First Penance, 10:00AM

Confessions: 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 5th (Second Sunday of Lent)

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

“Create a clean heart in me, O Lord.”

From the Pastor's Desk

Nobody ever accused Satan of playing fair. No, the prince of darkness is first in line to kick you when you're down.



Why? Because Satan knows that the soft, contented life is a nice, numbing cocoon. Why pray when you don't need anything? So Satan "lets sleeping dogs lie". But if life is a struggle, ah, then Satan starts to worry. In harsh times our eyes instinctively lift to God, our voices call out for mercy. And that's when Satan gets busy. He'll offer kindly solutions to your problems that just happen to be ever so slightly illegal or immoral. He's there to tempt you with sin disguised as a good idea.

Look what Satan offered Jesus in the desert. Nothing morally outrageous, just the basic creature comforts: bread when you're hungry, a little success and prestige. The temptations were cleverly disguised to give Jesus "what He needed" an easy way out of a tough time. Satan's suggestions could have seemed like a "great idea" at the time. But what Jesus knew is that we have to rely on God - not our own judgment. Jesus' example shows us that when we are surrounded by temptation, there's only one person to trust: God.

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. Stations are preceded by confession at 6:00PM.

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.

“Word Among Us” Lenten Booklets are still 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.

Sacred Heart Devotions will begin this Thursday evening, March 2nd with confessions at 6:15PM and a holy hour at 7:00PM. Devotions will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, March 13th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

Diocesan Annual Campaign: Through the Diocesan



Annual Campaign, your compassion and charity will be assisting individuals and families who seek shelter and guidance at the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. You will be helping mothers with children recover from dependency on drugs and alcohol at Evergreen House. Your gifts will enable the diocesan-wide Counseling Services to offer professional counseling to those who need such services. You will be supporting Specialized Foster Care and Adoption Services in their efforts to find homes for children, and you will bring the Word of Christ to young people through Youth and Campus Ministries. These and so many other ministries are directly supported by your Lenten charity. ***Our parish goal this year is \$29,500.00.*** You can make your pledge in-pew on February 25/26 or in the narthex on March 4/5. As Jesus humbly served the needs of God’s people and performed the menial work of a simple slave in washing the Apostle’s feet at the Last Supper, so we should follow His example and find ways to serve the “least ones” of the Lord.

Change in morning Mass Schedule: Morning Mass will be celebrated Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this coming week at 8:00AM. There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday.

“Repent, and turn to the Lord!”