

The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

Mass Intentions

January	29	8:00 AM	NO MASS
January	30	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Stephen Kirsch requested by The Raugh Family
January	31	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyc requested by Her Family
February	1	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by Mary Zimmerman
February	2	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Joni Lawrence requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
February	3	8:00 AM	Sister Augustine Marie Molnar requested by Mary Anna Reed
		5:00 PM	Beatrice Wolford requested by John & Mary Blair
February	4	8:00 AM	Bill Sheaffer requested by John & Mary Blair
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries February 3-4

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Gwen Pray	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Dunkelberger	Helena Krieger Joe Morrison
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Rose Wheatley	The Morrison Family Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 4

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

February 11

Kim Lane & Marion McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,945.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,151.46

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 28th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, January 29th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, January 31st

Mass, 8:00AM
Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, February 1st

Mass, 8:00AM
Confessions, 6:15PM
Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, February 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, February 3rd

Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM
Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM
Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 4th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM
Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“If today you hear His voice,
Harden not your hearts”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

We are creatures with nothing of our own to boast of. We were created by God, and every talent or power we possess was given us by God. God's benevolence could have stopped there and we would have no right to complain. But when we recall the special gifts he gave man, which raise him above all other created things, we see that he could not, because of his own infinitely benevolent nature, leave us to an earthly fate. What thinking man could be content with a short span of life on earth? What real purpose in life could an intelligent being have who knew that nothing awaited him but eternal oblivion in the grave? What fulfillment would man's intellectual faculties find in a few years of what is for the majority of people perpetual struggle for earthly survival? No, God created us to elevate us, after our earthly sojourn, to an eternal existence where all our desires and potentialities would have their true fulfillment. Hence the incarnation, hence the

life, death and resurrection of Christ, who was God's Son, as the central turning point of man's history.

Today, while amazed at God's love for us, let us also be justly amazed at the shabby and grudging return we make for love. Many amongst us even deny that act of God's infinite love, not from convincing historical and logical proofs, but in order to justify their own unwillingness to cooperate with the divine plan for their eternal future. This is not to say that their future, after death, does not concern them; it is a thought which time and again intrudes on all men, but they have allowed the affairs of this world which should be steppingstones to their future life, to become instead mill-stones which crush their spirits and their own true self-interests.

While we sincerely hope that we are not in that class, we can still find many facets in our daily Christian lives which can and should make us amazed at our lack of gratitude to God and to his incarnate Son. 'Leaving out serious sin which turns us away from God if not against him, how warm is our charity, our love of God and neighbor? How much of our time do we give to the things of God and how much to the things of Caesar? How often does our daily struggle for earthly existence and the grumbles and grouses which it causes, blot out from our view the eternal purpose God had in giving us this earthly existence. How often during the past year have we said from our heart: "Thank you, God, for putting me in this world, and thank you a thousand times more, for giving me the opportunity and the means of reaching the next world where I shall live happily forevermore in your presence"? If the true answer for many of us is "not once," then begin today. Let us say it now with all sincerity, and say it often in the years that are left to us.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Mike Brennan, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, 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.

Parish Contribution Statements for your church offerings will be available in early January. If you would like to have a statement emailed to you, please contact the parish office (info@stbernardsnbpa.org) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.

Update Your Parish: If your address, email, or telephone numbers have changed in the past few months, could you please call the parish office and update your records. This is important so our records are correct when we try to contact you! Also, please contact the parish office if you are going into the hospital, so a pastoral visit can be made.

The **Fran Hannon Educational Grant** is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any senior graduating in the spring of 2024 and who will continue their education after high school. The grant is for \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me." Deadline is March 31st. Applications are available at the bulletin board in the narthex.



Soup Bowl Fundraiser: St. Bernard's Youth Ministry will be holding a Soup Bowl Fundraiser Saturday, February 10th, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Proceeds will 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. Participants are limited to 100, please sign up on the bulletin board. Donations also accepted. There will also be



wood burning items for sale to benefit the shelter. For more info contact Phyllis Krieger 717-379-1135.



K of C Valentine Dinner/Dance:

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Valentine Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 17th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. The menu includes a meat course, 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!

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart will begin this Thursday, February 1st with confessions at 6:15PM and a holy hour at 7:00PM.

First Saturday Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be celebrated this Saturday, February 3rd at 8:00AM.

Membership Sunday for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith:

Next weekend we will have an opportunity to join the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* through our membership appeal. Your charity will assist countless missionaries to spread the Gospel and continue their mission of bringing God's good news throughout this year. You can enroll yourself, your family, or a deceased loved one in all the spiritual benefits of the Society, especially a remembrance in 15,000 Masses celebrated each year for members.



Aluminum Tabs for Ronald MacDonald House: Carol Minns is collecting tabs from aluminum cans to help support the MacDonald House of Hershey Hospital. You can drop off tabs at the kitchenette. Thank you for your support!

