

The Second Sunday Of Lent

February 25, 2024

Mass Intentions

February	26	8:00 AM	Intentions Of The Joe Risner Family req. by Ken & Beth Risner
February	27	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Jeff Galgon requested by Ken & Beth Risner
February	28	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Maria Huber requested by Kim Lane
February	29	8:00 AM	Kathy Brennan requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
March	1	8:00 AM	Veronica Stowell requested by Yvonne DePaulis
March	2	8:00 AM	Sara Zettlemoyer requested by Butch & Maureen Flickinger
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
March	3	8:00 AM	Henrietta Heckert requested by John & Mary Blair
		10:30 AM	John Cover requested by Mary Zimmerman

Liturgical Ministries March 2-3

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Gwen Pray	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Rosanne Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 3

Robin & Mike Chiccini

March 10

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,101.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,010.25

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 25th

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

Monday, February 26th

Mass, 8:00AM
Parish Lenten Penance Service, 7:00PM

Tuesday, February 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, February 28th

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

Thursday, February 29th

Mass, 8:00AM
Confessions, 6:15-6:45PM
Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, March 1st (First Friday)

Mass, 8:00AM
Confessions, 6:15PM
Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, March 2nd

Mass in Honor of the IHM, 8:00AM
First Penance/Confession, 10:00AM
Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM
Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 3rd

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

Just two weeks ago, when Catholics walked around all day with a cross of ashes on our foreheads, we may have received puzzled looks. Who bothers with fasting and almsgiving for 40 whole days? Many of us live with great abundance in this country; the only time we need to fast might be for lab work. It's helpful to remember the why: because Christ sacrificed himself for us, and he calls his followers to participate in his redemptive mission through our own sacrifices. Without sacrifice, we simply



cannot be like Christ, nor will we see our own transfiguration in the resurrection to come. So Lent is a blessed season of reorienting our lives to Christian sacrifice: that of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps this season can also dispel some of the complacency that tends to creep into our lives. The poor and hungry and disenfranchised still exist, and Christ depends on us to be his hands and feet to serve them. But how can we serve them if we do not embrace Christ's example as a living sacrifice? Ask the Lord for the grace to see and hear what he is asking us to do for him.

Today's readings show an incredible arc from Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son for God to Christ's Transfiguration after his Passion. Without Abraham's willingness to give up that which he wanted most and finally obtained, he would not have earned his greatest blessing from God in having countless descendants; and without Christ's sacrifice on the cross, all of mankind would not have been saved. Maybe we aren't called to great sacrifices such as these in our own lives, but we as Christians are called to offer our lives as a living sacrifice to our family, our neighbor, those in need, and God himself. Lent is a reminder not only to help us reorient our lives to God and his call for our lives, but to live it, too. By our own witness and prayer we have the ability to help bring others to the Lord and his promise of eternal life.

What is something you have always appreciated being done for you? What is a specific sacrifice, large or small, that you know has been made on your behalf? Make an effort this week to identify a specific need you know someone has, pray for that person/need, and offer to God a sacrifice of treasure, time or even your suffering for the fulfillment of that need.

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, Linda Toomey, Samantha Strazisar, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

Lenten Confessions will be heard daily, Tuesday through Friday, from 7:15 – 7:45AM. Confessions on Saturday begin at 4:00PM until 4:45PM. Sunday morning confessions are available from 7:00AM to 7:40AM and from 9:45 to 10:10AM.

Lenten Stations of the Cross: Come and walk the way of the Cross with Jesus during Lent. Stations begin at 7:00 PM in the church and are followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. These beautiful Lenten devotions can help us spiritually prepare to celebrate the Easter Mysteries by meditating on the passion and death of Christ and the Paschal Mystery of His life, death, and resurrection.



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 are so many other ministries are directly supported by your Lenten charity. **Our parish goal this year is \$31,500.00.** You can make your pledge in-pew on February 17/18 or in the narthex on February 24/25. 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.

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 older. Class size is limited to 12

individuals and will be conducted on Saturday, March 9 from 9:00AM to Noon. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the bulletin board.

First Penance: Parents and candidates are reminded that First Penance will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd at 10:00AM in church.

Lenten Parish Penance Service: Our Parish Penance Service will be celebrated for the season of Lent on Monday evening, February 26th at 7:00PM in the Church. Additional priests will be available to help with confessions. Please plan to attend with your family to spiritually prepare for Easter.



Pro-Life: Last May 2023 you had an opportunity to sign up and spiritually adopt a child and pray for its parents every day. The nine months have ended, and we pray that our efforts have given parents the courage to welcome their little ones. To help parents in need, we will be collecting baby items to donate to the Heartbeat Community Services center in Millerstown. You will find a box in the narthex for needed items: diapers, wipes, 2T/3T/4T children's clothing, baby cereal and formula, or gift cards to Giant or Weis. Thank for your prayers and generosity. Call Mary Blair for more information 717-582-7662.