

The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

Mass Intentions

February	5	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Kiara Lane requested by Kim Lane
February	6	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Quinn Bubb requested by The Raugh Family
February	7	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by Butch & Maureen Flickinger
February	8	8:00 AM	Don Shaeffer requested by Linday Myers
February	9	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	10	5:00 PM	John Cover requested by John & Mary Blair
February	11	8:00 AM	Elaine Kostelac requested by Frances Pugh
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries February 10-11

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Patty Suydam	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Scott Dunkelberger	Julia & Anna Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 11

Kim Lane & Marion McCoy

February 18

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,271.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$7,540.00

The Parish Contingency Collection for January amounted to: \$933.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 4th

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

Monday, February 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, February 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, February 7th

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

Thursday, February 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 9th

No Mass

Saturday, February 10th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM
Mass, 5:00 PM
Youth Group Soup Bowl, 6:00-8:00PM

Sunday, February 11th

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

“Praise the Lord

Who heals the brokenhearted.”

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Why me? It could be a flat tire, a lost job or a serious illness. When inconvenient, unpleasant, or even downright horrible things happen, it is understandable to wonder why God allows it. In



the Gospel, we see Jesus curing Simon Peter’s mother-in-law of her illness, but many of us don’t have our prayers answered like that. Instead, we may relate more to Job in today’s first reading when he says life is a “drudgery” and he

“shall not see happiness again.” The reality is that God’s ways are not our ways, so we can’t know why some people endure hardship while others receive

miracles. But we can change how we respond to those hardships when they arrive. Just as this passage from Job is understood better within the context of the whole book, discrete events in our lives are part of something larger than ourselves. Praying with Scripture, including reading more of Job, can help us understand how God is molding, refining, and yes – always loving us.

When we are tempted to feel like Job is a good time to embrace the age-old practice of “offering it [suffering] up.” Offering it up means telling God we would happily suffer in exchange for it helping someone else. We offer ourselves, our whole being, including our worship, praise, joy, gratitude, bodies, and even sufferings to God as sacrifice. So, to “offer it [suffering] up” is a powerful way of taking a bad situation and allowing it to be used for something good; to give our inconvenience, pain, and grief to the Lord and ask him to unite it to Christ’s suffering for the good of others. It is a redemptive act, a form of love-in-action. St. Paul is a great example of someone who suffered gladly, and in today’s second reading he shares that “to the weak [he] became weak, to win over the weak.”

Offering up our sufferings and difficulties is a way to participate in the redemptive work of Christ. It is a simple way to pray and can keep our focus on God throughout the day. There isn’t any one specific prayer for doing this. Instead, when something unpleasant or painful happens, take a moment to acknowledge it and give it to the Lord. It can be as simple as saying, “Lord, I am happy to endure this for the benefit of others.” You may want to insert a specific intention or offer it for the souls in purgatory. It’s not always easy – especially when your suffering is great – but give it a try this week.

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.

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

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!

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



Time to think about Lent: Ash Wednesday, February 14th, begins the holy season of Lent. It is time to think about your spiritual life and the goals you hope to achieve this Lenten season. Lent is about change of heart and change of life. What in



your life stops you from growing spiritually in your relationship with God? What habit or vice clings to you and weighs you down? What is it that you can give up or take up that will help you change your life by changing your habits? Make a firm resolution now to reflect on how this lent can and will make a difference in your Catholic life and spirituality.

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