

The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 10, 2024

Mass Intentions

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| March | 11 | 8:00 AM | Intentions of Jamie Lowe requested by Zoey Lowe |
| March | 12 | 8:00 AM | Intentions of Gene Odatto requested by Reid & Judy Wilson |
| March | 13 | 8:00 AM | June Shaeffer requested by Frank & Alice Vilk |
| March | 14 | 8:00 AM | Sara Zettlemoyer requested by Mary Zimmerman |
| March | 15 | 8:00 AM | Intentions Of Clara Forbeck requested by Kim Lane |
| March | 16 | 5:00 PM | Helen Hayden requested by Tom Hayden |
| March | 17 | 8:00 AM | Deceased of The Harshberger & Montrose Families requested by The Harshberger Family |
| | | 10:30 AM | People Of The Parish |

Liturgical Ministries March 16-17

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers |
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| 5:00 PM | Dave Suydam | Patty Suydam | Terry Meek |
| 8:00 AM | David Pray | Scott Sheaffer | Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan |
| 10:30 AM | Nicole Wood | Nancy Stanton | The Hoffman Family |

Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 17 Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

March 23 Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,446.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,479.31

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 10th

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

Monday, March 11th

Mass, 8:00AM
Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

Tuesday, March 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, March 13th

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

Thursday, March 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, March 15th

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

Saturday, March 16th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM
Mass, 5:00 PM

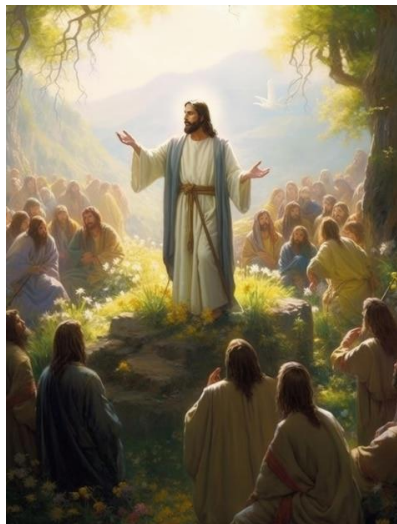
Sunday, March 17th

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:

Jesus himself, through his sacrifice on the cross, opened the doors of salvation to us – he has



provided the ways and means to live free from death. His sacrifice is the only thing that makes it possible for us to enter heaven. In other words, he has arranged the spiritual furniture, made clear those waypoints, and is ready and willing to help us at any time to move safely and confidently along the journey. St Paul writes, “we are his handiwork, created in Christ

Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.”

St Paul also writes, “by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.” And in today’s Gospel, St. John writes these words we know so well. **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”** Both testaments include words of comfort, but Saint John here also includes a call to action. Notice the word “might.” Like “may,” which is found in other translations, it indicates possibility, probability, and contingency. In other words, it is offered – freely given! – but we must accept. And acceptance means, just as the prophets shared with the Israelites, we need to follow God’s commands. It means that in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For “whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”

Today we are about halfway through Lent. If you haven’t yet taken advantage of the rich opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with your family, do so this week. Most parishes pray the stations on Fridays during Lent, and perhaps other days as well. This ancient tradition of our Church is a beautiful and meaningful way to walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord.

We adore you, O Christ, and bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the whole world.

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 Odat, 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. This beautiful Lenten devotion 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.

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.

Holy Family Radio Benefit Banquet: Come and hear a truly inspiring speaker, Father Wade Menezes, on April 12 at the Holy Family Spring Benefit Dinner, hosted at the Sheraton-Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. Father is the host of Online Tuesday heard on WHYF am720 on Tuesdays at 3:00PM. Dinner cost is \$100 per person. Make reservations at 720WHYF.com or call 717-525-8110.

Diocesan Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 7:30AM – 3:30PM at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. The theme for this year's conference is "Saint Joseph: the Carpenter's Table." Featured keynote speaker is Jon Leonetti, a Catholic Best-selling author, and Radio Host. You can register for the conference at www.hbgdiocese.org/men.

Retreat for Confirmation Candidates: Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of a mandatory retreat on Saturday, March 23rd (8:30 to 1:00PM) to spiritually prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit on April 7th.

The Fran Hannon Educational Grant is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any high school senior graduating in the spring of 2024 that plan to continue their education. 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."* Application deadline is March 24th. Applications are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, March 11th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. You can call any council members to share commendations and recommendations. Council members include: *Bill Davies (Chairman), Scott Shaeffer, Yvonne DePaulis, Dave Suydam, Olney Innerst, Linda Myers, Nancy Stanton, Mary Blair, Pat Pray, Erin Jenkins, Trudi Hefley, Karen Kupris, Deacon Robinson, and Terry Meek.*

Family Connections Easter Egg Hunt for children 9 years old and under will be hosted by Family Connections on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00AM. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Donations of pre-wrapped candy or treats and gift cards used as prizes would be appreciated. If you children would like to participate, please sign them up at the bulletin board.



Were you married in 1974? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Senior will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office at 717-582-4113.