

The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

March 17, 2024

Mass Intentions

March	18	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Jeff Galgon requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
March	19	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Siena Robinson requested by Kim Lane
March	20	8:00 AM	Don Shaeffer requested by Colleen Kopp
March	21	8:00 AM	Robert & Crit Charlton requested by Cole Robinson
March	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce req. by The Fordyce Family
March	23	5:00 PM	Mike Flickinger requested by John & Mary Blair
March	24	8:00 AM	William Aldrich requested by Dorothy Aldrich
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries March 23-24

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Dave Suydam	Terry Meek Athán & Cole Robinson
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Scott Dunkelberger	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Joseph Morrison
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 24	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
March 31	The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Mark 11:1-10

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,691.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,433.82

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 17th (5th Sunday of Lent)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, March 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, March 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, March 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, March 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, March 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, March 23rd

Church Cleaning, 8:00AM

Confirmation Retreat, 8:30AM-1:00PM

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Repent and believe in the Gospel!!

From the Pastor's Desk:

pAs we quickly approach Easter, we're reminded of the reason why we are celebrating. God's chosen people stumbled quite a bit throughout the Old Testament, so God intervened time, and time, and time again to set them back on the straight and narrow. Whereas we would likely give up on someone over time, God has remained steadfast in his grace, and always will. He created a new covenant with Israel that wrote his law upon the hearts of Jews and Gentiles alike. This new covenant was realized through Jesus Christ,



who was born into our flesh and crucified on the cross. He suffered death in perfect obedience to God the Father. By being born into flesh, Jesus united humanity and divinity; through his crucifixion and resurrection, Christ “became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.” He is the law of love that lives within us, and through him “all, from least to greatest, shall know [the Father.]”

Jesus didn't suffer the cross for his sake or for his own glory. No, our Savior came to preach the kingdom of heaven to us before sacrificing himself for our sins. Notice how in today's Gospel he even admitted he was troubled! It can be terrifying to do God's will for our lives, and Christ himself was troubled by what he was called to do. Yet, in love and trust in the Father, Jesus was obedient, saying “but it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” All Christians are called to a life of self-sacrifice, each to the degree it serves God's purpose. We are all called to give up our lives for the sake of love to glorify God. Without Christ's sacrifice, we would not have been saved; without our willingness to pursue God's call upon our life, the kingdom of God cannot be realized on this earth.

The Lord placed his law upon your heart the moment you were conceived, but how do you allow him to shine through your life? How do you serve and glorify the Lord? Take a moment today to reflect on your words and actions and consider how you show the world that God is Lord over your life for all time, not only during Lent.

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. 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.



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.

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.



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.

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.

Church Cleaning for Easter: Your gracious assistance is needed next Saturday, March 23rd at 8:00AM to help clean and ready our church for Holy Week and Easter. If you can spare an hour of your time, please sign up at the bulletin board.

Church Decorating for Easter: On Saturday morning, March 30th we will gather at 8:00AM to decorate the Church for our Easter Masses. If you can assist us, please sign up at the bulletin board.

Diocesan Chrism Mass: All are invited to join Bishop Senior as he celebrates the Chrism Mass at 4:00PM on Monday, March 25, in the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg. The Chrism Mass offers a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that



will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. During this Mass, the priests of the Diocese will also renew their commitment to priestly service, which they made on the day of their ordination. Free parking and shuttle service from City Island Northern Lot (closest to ballpark). Visit www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism for more details.