

# The Third Sunday Of Lent

March 3, 2024

## Mass Intentions

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| March | 4  | 8:00 AM  | Intentions of Tony DiSanto requested by Ken & Beth Risner    |
| March | 5  | 8:00 AM  | Don Shaeffer requested by Frank & Alice Vilk                 |
| March | 6  | 8:00 AM  | Sister Augustine Marie Molnar req. by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst |
| March | 7  | 8:00 AM  | Intentions Of Maria Hiles requested by Kim Lane              |
| March | 8  | 8:00 AM  | Julie Hall requested by The Galgon Family                    |
| March | 9  | 5:00 PM  | People Of The Parish   |
| March | 10 | 8:00 AM  | Angela Passaleque requested by The Rosselli Family           |
|       |    | 10:30 AM | Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer             |

## Liturgical Ministries March 9-10

|          | Lectors            | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers                              |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5:00 PM  | Sue Guarducci      | Dave Suydam             | Terry Meek                           |
| 8:00 AM  | Erin Jenkins       | Scott Dunkelberger      | Joe Morrison<br>Helena Krieger       |
| 10:30 AM | Julie Richelderfer | Bill Davies             | The Robinson Family<br>Jacob Innerst |

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 10

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

March 17

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3: 14-21

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,079.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,981.40

The Parish Contingency Collection for February amounted to: \$1,022.00

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>*

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

### *Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>*

Ukrainian Easter Egg Class, 9:00-Noon  
Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM  
Mass, 5:00 PM

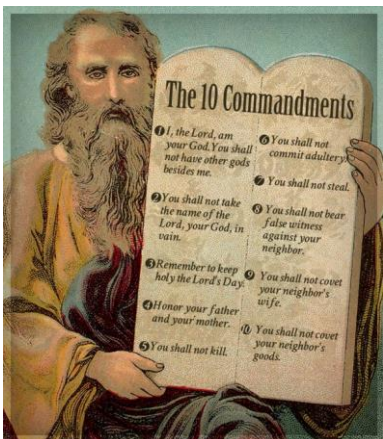
### *Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>*

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:**

As they escaped from bondage in Egypt and followed the Lord through the guidance of Moses, the Israelites developed their own ways of



doing things, listened to the wrong people, and acted as if they were indeed conveying truth. But the Lord steps in to correct them, and in “a direct, unmediated communication” of truth to them, gives them the ten

commandments to follow. These instructions for how to live a moral life in relationship with God and with one another are the basis of the covenant they made there with the Lord. They are the

foundation of the new covenant in which we partake through Jesus Christ, who came into our history as the perfect, unmediated communication of God.

How do you envision Jesus? It’s easy to think of him as kind and easy-going – the type of person who never lets his feathers get ruffled, no matter how many times the Pharisees question and challenge him. However, we see a different side of Jesus today – one in which he is flipping over tables and brandishing a whip. He is driving out those who are using his Father’s house as a place to make money rather than as a place to worship. In the drama of that scene, let’s not overlook what comes next in the reading. The people there at the temple, obviously taken aback by what they have seen, ask for a sign to justify what authority Jesus has to drive people out of the temple. Jesus says, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” That confused people then, but we know today that the true temple is Jesus and that his rising from the dead would be the sign they sought. Just as the commandments of God have authority, so does Jesus who came as perfect obedience to those commandments to help us follow them ourselves.

It’s easy for us to think we’re doing a good job keeping the Lord’s commandments, but at the same time the line between right and wrong can seem blurred at times and we may relax a bit on some of their finer points. Try this week to dig deep within ourselves and turn to prayer for the strength to do what is right, seeking the wisdom of God rather than relying on human wisdom.

**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](mailto:deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com).

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website ([www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://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.



**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.



**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](http://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 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Heffley, Karen Kupris, Deacon Robinson, and Terry Meek.* Parish Committee Chairpersons are reminded to call their council representative if you have news and information to share from your committees.

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

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