

# The Feast Of The Presentation Of The Lord

February 2, 2025

## Mass Intentions

February	3	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Tony DiSanto requested by Ken Risner
February	4	8:00 AM	Mary Anne DeHarde
February	5	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Reid Wilson requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
February	6	8:00 AM	Russel Montrose requested by Luci Black
February	7	8:00 AM	Mike Flickinger requested by Kathy Landis
February	8	5:00 PM	William Zimmerman requested by Mary Zimmerman
February	9	8:00 AM	Crit Charlton requested by Jakob Robinson
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries February 8-9

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Bill Davies	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 2

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

February 9

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,545.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$7,069.00

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>*

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

### *Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>*

Confirmation Retreat, 8:45AM—1:00PM  
Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM  
Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM  
Youth Group Soup Bowl, 6:00-8:00PM

### *Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>*

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

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Mary and Joseph bring their 40-day-old infant Jesus to the temple in order to fulfill the Mosaic law. There, they are met by Simeon and Anna, the faithful prophets who have spent their lives



waiting for the coming of the King of Glory. These many years of waiting were like the “refiner’s fire” which the prophet Malachi describes in the first reading. Refined like gold by prayer and fasting, Simeon and Anna are prepared to meet their Lord. And in this moment, the Old and New Testaments meet and the fulfillment of the Old is

foreseen. Imagine the splendor of the moment when they finally laid their eyes on this king of light and glory – the culmination of a lifetime of hope, prayer, and preparation. Overcome with peace and joy at seeing his Lord, Simeon declares, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,” for he had seen the glory of God.

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of a shiny, gold ring? Gold has long been regarded as one of earth’s greatest treasures, yet the gold we admire today doesn’t emerge in its pure, radiant form. To produce such beauty, gold must first undergo a process of intense refinement. A crude material is exposed to extreme heat to be melted and purified – until something of profound value emerges. Like gold, we, too, must be forged in fire to be made pure and holy. This is one way we can understand the prophet Malachi’s words. The “fires” we experience in our lives are not without purpose – God is purifying us so that one day we may live with him in eternity. He isn’t afraid of our “crude material”; rather, he gazes upon us with such intense love that our own beauty is revealed. As we undergo personal purification, let us stand in holy confidence like Simeon and Anna, witnessing to the truth that it is through the refiner’s fire that we are brought to glory.

We can become discouraged, feeling that our prayers are unanswered or that a life devoted to Christ is too difficult. When these moments arise, consider the prophets Simeon and Anna, who gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God’s promises. Pray Simeon’s canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation, and the promise that even in the darkest of days a bright and shining light awaits us.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odat, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Tara Smith, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Frances Kute, Nancy Zelenky, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@analogypologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@analogypologetics.com).

**Parish Contribution Statement** for your church contributions will be available in early January. If you would like to have a statement emailed to you, please contact the parish office ([info@stbernardsnbpa.org](mailto:info@stbernardsnbpa.org)) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Our Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any commendations/recommendations for Council, please call Bill Davies (717-582-0191) to include them on the agenda.

**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.

**Confirmation Retreat:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students who are being prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of their retreat scheduled for *Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 1:00PM* in the church hall. This retreat is mandatory for all confirmands. Bishop Senior will celebrate this sacrament with our parish youth on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30AM Mass.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Senior on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30AM Mass. There will be 8 parish youths and two adults who will receive the fullness of the

Holy Spirit. Please remember them as they spiritually prepare to receive this sacrament.

**Soup Bowl Fundraiser:** St. Bernard's Youth Ministry will be holding a Soup Bowl Fundraiser Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. For more info contact Phyllis Krieger 717-379-1135.

**"Bingo for Babies"** - This fundraiser for the Carlisle Area Family Life Center, Carlisle's only crisis pregnancy and family resource center, will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus #4057. It will be held Friday, March 7, 2025, at St. Patrick Church, Carlisle-Parish Activity Center. The doors open at 5:30 pm, a light dinner will be served at 6pm and games begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. They can be purchased at the center, which is located at 155 North Hanover Street. Prizes include a fabulous array of gift cards, tickets and certificates from local and area businesses and attractions. There will also be 2 black-out games with cash prizes up to \$500. Please join us for a fun, family evening! For more information please call the center at 717-243-6544 or email at [info@carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org](mailto:info@carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org).

**Eucharistic Reflection:** "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (1380) (Catechism of the Catholic Church)



**Pray the Rosary for Vocations!!**