

The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

Mass Intentions

February	24	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Liz Strazisar requested by Zoey Lowe
February	25	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Diane Weikel requested by The Fordyce Family
February	26	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Abraham Aldrich requested by Gwen Aldrich
February	27	8:00 AM	Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family
February	28	8:00 AM	NO MASS
March	1	8:00 AM	Special Intention
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
March	2	8:00 AM	Kenneth Biggie requested by Ron & Kay Utzig
		10:30 AM	Sally Montrose requested by Sophia Trispagonas

Liturgical Ministries March 1-2 Extraordinary Ministers

	Lectors		Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Austin Hoffman
8:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Dunkleberger	Joe Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 23

The Raugh Family

March 2

Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Sirach 27: 4-7

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,473.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,179.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 23rd

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

Monday, February 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, February 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, February 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, February 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 28th

NO MASS

Saturday, March 1st

First Saturday Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

First Penance, 10:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Youth Group Soup Bowl, 6:00-8:00PM

Sunday, March 2nd

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“Judge not and you will not be judged.”

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Love your enemies” may be one of the most oft-quoted verses of Scripture. We tend to think of it as a moral principle to guide us in our dealings with people who rub us the wrong way. But do we ever consider what it tells us about God? After all, Jesus, who is God himself, speaks it. God tells us to love our enemies because God



loves his “enemies” – that is, those who freely choose to oppose his plan of life and love. On the cross, Jesus forgave and prayed for the people who sought to kill him while they were crucifying him. But his mercy was not confined to that time and place alone; he died for

each of us who, whenever we sin, refuse to love him. If we get this into our heads and our hearts – “God loves and forgives me” – we can begin to rest in his embrace like children confident in the unconditional love of their father’s heart.

If, as a child, you learned a musical instrument for which regular recitals were the norm, you know how many hours of practice are required for a few short minutes of performance. You know, too, that if you are well prepared, a musical composition which appeared impossible months before comes easily and naturally on the day of the recital. For most of us, loving our enemies as Jesus commands us to do appears far beyond our reach – impossible, in fact. But this kind of heroic love is nevertheless God’s call for us, and he will never deny us the grace we need to respond to his call. What’s required on our part is a willingness to practice. If we practice loving in small things even when it’s difficult – listening patiently to someone whose conversation bores us, for example, or taking on an extra chore without seeking recognition or thanks – we will be prepared for the day when God asks us to make an even greater act of love for his sake.

This week, go out of your way to find opportunities to love even when it’s difficult. Do your best to be conscious of your intentions, even in the moment, by asking God for the grace to love generously and by offering your act of love to him.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Frances Kute, Nancy Zelenky, Tom Polcha, Joe Rich, 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).

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.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) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Senior next Sunday, March 9th 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.

The Fran Hannon Educational Grant is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any high school senior graduating in the spring of 2025 that plan to continue their education. The grant is \$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.”* The application deadline is March 30th and they are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.



“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.

First Penance and First Holy Communion: There are 8 parish youth who are preparing to make their First Confession on Saturday, March 1st, and receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May

4th. Please remember them in your prayers as they spiritually prepare to celebrate the mercy of Jesus in confession and come to the altar for the first time to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Time to think about Lent: Lent is only three weeks away. Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 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!

Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers remember the souls of Richard Zettlemoyer, father of Annamarie Casner and Robin Chiccini of our parish; and Tanya Guin, mother of Andrea Ortiz-Boyer of our parish. May God grant healing of heart and consolation of spirit to their families. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

Baptized in Christ: Last weekend, Rhett Allan Mellott, infant son of Kurt and Anna (Dixon) Mellott, was baptized in our church. May God grant Rhett continued growth in age, grace, and wisdom.

Pro-Life: “Protection of innocent human life is not an imposition of personal conviction but a demand of justice. Each human being is known by God and loved by Him. Each is willed by



God, and each is made in God’s image...whoever violates a human being violates God’s property.” (Pope Benedict XVI). Let us continue to pray that all who perform abortions may realize their sin and seek God for forgiveness. Let us

stand on the side of life whenever it is threatened or abused!