

The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

Mass Intentions

February	10	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Katherine Cudihy requested by Deacon Robinson
February	11	8:00 AM	Rachel Scheib requested by Pat Harshberger
February	12	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Martha Havens requested by Carsyn Meek
February	13	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Jim Robinson requested by Athan Robinson
February	14	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Diane Momich requested by The Fordyce Family
February	15	5:00 PM	Mike Landis requested by Kathy Landis
February	16	8:00 AM	Barbara Trispagona requested by Ella Trispagonas
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries February 15-16

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Joseph Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Rose Wheatley	A. Hoffman, J. Innerst Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 9

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

February 16

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 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,881.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$3,790.58

The January 2025 Parish Contingency amounted to: 2,440.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 9th

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

Monday, February 10th

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

Tuesday, February 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, February 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, February 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, February 15th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM
Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM
K of C Valentine Day Dinner/Dance, 6:00PM

Sunday, February 16th

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

“I will make you fishers of men.”

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Woe is me; I am doomed!” “I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle.” “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Do you notice a theme today? Each of these lines – taken from our readings – reveals the humbling reality that when humans stand in the glorious



presence of God, we must confront the Truth, look at ourselves honestly, and recognize our sin. We are reminded of the

Garden, when original sin disfigured human nature and Adam and Eve, realizing their nakedness, hid themselves from God. The story

would be tragic if that had been the end. But in today's readings and in our own lives, the crippling effects of our sin are not the end. By becoming aware of our sin – agonizing though this may be – we invite the Lord in. It's the crack in the door that he will enter, bringing mercy and freedom found only in him.

Each of today's readings shows how God's presence leads us to acknowledge our lack; however, that's only “step one.” Notice what happens next in each instance. “Your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.” “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.” “Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid.’” See how, in each example, hearts are transformed from shame and guilt to courage and confidence. The readings explain how as each person is freed, they are compelled to act boldly. So, what changed? The same thing that can happen in our own lives: as we acknowledge our sin, we open ourselves to the flow of grace. We allow the Lord to heal and free us, making us radiant and setting our hearts on fire with love.

Choose one virtue you'd like to cultivate in order to root out a sinful habit. Then make a plan to practice that virtue. It can be as simple as “I will always pray to the Holy Spirit before I talk to that person at work who bothers me.” Make sure your plan is: (1) specific [“I will never sin again” doesn't count], and (2) doable [“I will pray every day for six hours to grow in patience” is not possible for most people]. Finally, offer your plan to God and ask him for whatever strength, grace, and healing you need to grow in that virtue.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Our Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, February 10th 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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Senior on 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.

Four Marks of a Dynamic Catholic: In a recent study done about Catholics and their commitment to the faith, it was found that 7% of Catholics are the energy behind 80% of the Church’s activity and contribute 80% of the church’s overall finances. When the lives of these Catholics were examined, there were certain commonalities among them; namely, *prayer, study, generosity, and evangelization*. Dynamic Catholics pray in a committed way each day; they study their faith to allow it to grow and increase their love for Christ and His Church; they contribute generously of their time, talent, and treasure; and they give of their time in spreading the faith by word and example. Imagine what would happen to parish life if we could get a single percentage increase of Catholics each year to be more dynamic in living their faith?

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 to come to the altar for the first time to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Your Sacrificial offering at Holy Mass: “And what do we ourselves offer when we offer our body and blood with Jesus at Mass? We offer what Jesus offered: life and death. By “body” we offer all that actually constitutes our physical life: time, energy,



ability, sentiments, that only a spirit living in a body can give. By “blood”, we express the offering of our death; meaning our humiliations, failures, sickness that cripples us, limits due to age or health, everything that “mortifies us. We offer to

God along with the bread and wine at Mass our entire selves, body, soul, mind, and heart. As Saint Paul wrote: “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you might know what is God’s will, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Rom 12:2)