

The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

Mass Intentions

January	27	8:00 AM	NO MASS
January	28	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Elexus Dishman requested by Mary Anna Aldrich
January	29	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by Kathy Landis
January	30	8:00 AM	Intentions of Greg Kodz requested by The Fordyce Family
January	31	8:00 AM	I/O Alexander Worchesky requested by Georjean Rickard
February	1	8:00 AM	Intentions of The Deacon Robinson Family
		5:00 PM	John Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
February	2	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Russel Montrose requested by Sophia Trispagonas

Liturgical Ministries February 1-2

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Austin Hoffman
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Joe Morriosn Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Rose Wheatley	Jacob Innerst Zoey Lowe

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

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,755.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,271.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 26th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, January 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, January 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, January 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, January 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, January 31st

Mass, 8:00AM

Rosemary Anderson burial at GAP, 11:15AM

Saturday, February 1st

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

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, February 2nd

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

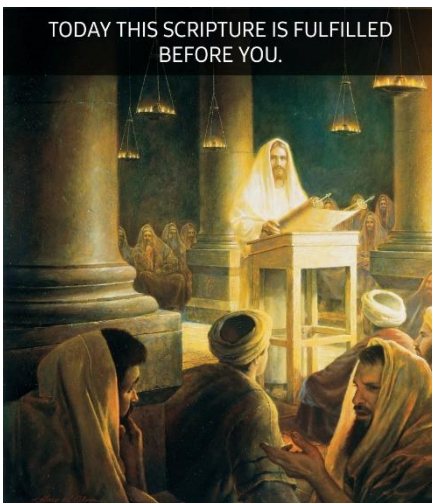
**“The natural Law...
remains unchangeable.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

The Late 19th-century English author G.K. Chesterton famously wrote, “Catholic doctrine and discipline may be walls, but they are the walls of a playground.” We can think of God’s commandments serving as rules governing primary

school recess: by providing us with a structure in which we can explore, play, stumble, and get up again, they allow us to discover who God created us to be without wandering far

from his love. The mosaic law that served the Jews in today’s first reading had given them the necessary parameters to live and grow within the



covenantal relationship they had with God. Their unfaithfulness had led them astray, but upon their return from exile in Babylon they wept when hearing God’s word for the first time in generations. They knew the power of God’s commandments to keep them safe and secure in his love, and recognized all they had lost by wandering. Their sorrow was turned to joy in the knowledge that God rejoiced in their return to him.

Just as Ezra “opened the scroll so that all the people might see it” in today’s first reading, Jesus also “unrolled the scroll” and then rolled it back up so that all might see him. Ezra held the law in his hands, Jesus is the fulfillment of the law in himself. Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing,” were an infusion of new life breathed into a new creation by God who is outside of time. All things, all mistakes, all failures brought about in our human pride and disobedience were being refashioned into new brick and mortar to build God’s kingdom in and through Christ. Jesus, with his commandment to love one another as he loves us, gives us structure and a true freedom to discover who God created us to be, while helping us not wander far from this playground the Lord has given us. Knowing what holds us together, and relying on it to guide us, enables us to help build the kingdom even more for the glory of God and the good of others.

Research a Catholic teaching you do not fully understand (for example, why Catholics attend Mass on Sundays). Ask God for the light to see how this teaching is life-giving instead of life-limiting. If you have the opportunity, share what you’ve learned with someone.

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, 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: Because of the winter storm, the Council meeting for 1/20/25 was postponed. Our Parish Pastoral Council will next 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.

Update Your Parish: If your address, email, or telephone numbers have changed in the past few months, could you please call the parish office and update your records. This is important so our records are correct when we try to contact you! Also, please contact the parish office if you are going into the hospital, so a pastoral visit can be made.

First Penance will be celebrated for our second graders on Saturday, March 1st at 10:00AM.

Membership Sunday for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: On the weekend of February 1/2 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.

Affability, Courtesy, and Manners: Encounters with people, as numerous as they are in daily life, are occasions to exercise our Christian spirit.

Usually, we do this through good manners and courtesy, which easily become channels of the supernatural virtue of charity. People are very different one from another, but they all expect something of a Christian – *what Christ would have done in our place*. We need to learn the art of living together. Saint Thomas Aquinas points to the importance of a particular virtue this art requires; namely **affability**, which leads us to make life more pleasant for the people we see every day. Affability is probably scarcely noticed, but when it is lacking it is greatly missed. Affability and the other virtues related to it make everyday life pleasant: within the family, at work, in traffic, with neighbors. Let us always handle people (manners) in the way that Jesus would and make our world a kinder place to live even when we have to speak the truth with love.

Confirmation Retreat: Our 8th Grade students who are being prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of their retreat scheduled for **Saturday, February 8th 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 9th at the 10:30AM Mass.



Soup Bowl Fundraiser: St. Bernard's Youth Ministry will be holding a Soup Bowl Fundraiser Saturday, February 8th, 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.



Pray the Rosary for vocations!!