

# The Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

## Mass Intentions

March	3	8:00 AM	NO MASS
March	4	8:00 AM	I/O All affected by The Terror Attack in New Orleans
March	5	8:00 AM	Henrietta Heckert
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
March	6	8:00 AM	Sharon Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
March	7	8:00 AM	Clement & Rose LaVia requested by Mary Zimmerman
March	8	5:00 PM	Barbara Showalter requested by Sue Guarducci
March	9	8:00 AM	Robert Charlton requested by Deacon Robinson
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries March 8-9

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Christopher Harlan Joseph Morrison
10:30 AM	Intentionally Blank	Intentionally Blank	Intentionally Blank

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 2 Tonya Sands

March 9 Robin & Mike Chiccini

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,041.00

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

The Parish Contingency Collection for February amounted to: \$1,073.00

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

## Church Calendar

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

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

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

No Mass

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

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday)*

Masses, 8:00AM and 7:00PM

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

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

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

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

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

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

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

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Confirmation, 10:30AM Mass with Bishop Senior

## From the Pastor's Desk:

It can be uncomfortable to admit, but our speech habits can truly reveal our interior life. Too often, we've fallen prey to the temptation of gossip or other alluring but unbecoming forms of conversation.



Perhaps we all have to some degree, which is why today's words from Sirach capture our attention: "When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks." This theme of speech being connected to

our hearts is woven throughout Scripture, and it both challenges and encourages us. Before God came to us in the flesh, he came to us as the Word. Our words carry eternal weight; they have the power to bless or to curse. For this reason, the

Scriptures today challenge us to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, in order to grow in virtue so that our speech may reflect his glory and our words echo his truth.

In today's parable from Luke's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Ouch. Am I the only one who shifts uncomfortably when reading this? How often and how easily do we fixate on the way others have caused us frustration, discomfort, or hurt? While those things may (or may not) be true, it feels so easy to dismiss personal responsibility. In this passage, Jesus lovingly teaches us that when we live this way, we remain stuck in our patterns of sin. But he also gives us another option: "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly." It is through this honest examination of conscience and cleansing of our own sin that we come to know God more fully, and as our vision is cleared, become more aware of how his beauty and mercy surround us.

Today, let us pray for a deeper personal conversion through an honest examination of conscience, so that as we empty ourselves from our sinful ways, we may become more tethered to God's holy will, speaking his truth and living in his light. Commit to praying an Act of Contrition each day this week and ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in 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](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)).

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

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Senior next 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> and they are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Aluminum Tabs for Ronald MacDonald House:** Carol Minns is collecting tabs from aluminum cans to help support the MacDonald House of Hershey Hospital. You can drop off tabs at the kitchenette.



Thank you for your support!

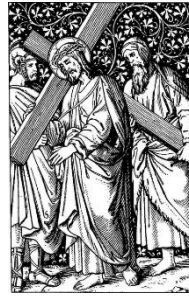
**Ash Wednesday**, March 5<sup>th</sup>, begins the holy season of Lent. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 7:00PM with the distribution of ashes after the sermon. Every Catholic 14 years of age or older is asked to abstain from meat (and items made with meat)



on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60<sup>th</sup> year) should also fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Rite Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

**Lenten Confessions** will be heard daily, Tuesday through Friday, from 7:15 – 7:50AM. 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. These beautiful Lenten devotions 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. Confession precedes the Stations.



**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.

**Report Abuse:** to report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313. To Report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee, or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll-free number: 1-800-626-1608.

**Lenten Parish Penance Service:** Our Parish Penance Service will be celebrated for the season of Lent on Monday evening, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Church. Additional priests will be available to help with confessions. Please plan to attend with your family to spiritually prepare for Easter.



*Create a clean heart in me,*

*O Lord,*

*renew in me a steadfast spirit!!*