

# The Third Sunday Of Lent

March 23, 2025

## Mass Intentions

March	24	8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
March	25	8:00 AM	<b>Anthony Ciucci requested by The Fordyce Family</b>
March	26	8:00 AM	<b>Evelyn Marcello</b>
March	27	8:00 AM	<b>I/O Rose Aumen requested by Deacon Robinson</b>
March	28	8:00 AM	<b>I/O Jerry &amp; Karen Kupris</b>
March	29	5:00 PM	<b>Connie Krause requested by The Strazisar Family</b>
March	30	8:00 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>Megan Moyer Seiber requested by The Moyer Family</b>

## Liturgical Ministries March 29-30

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Dunkelberger	Joseph Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	Jacob Innerst Zoey Lowe

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

<b>March 23</b>	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
<b>March 30</b>	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

## Christian Stewardship

**Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,776.50**

**The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,820.00**

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

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Masses, 8:00AM

### **Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM  
Confessions, 6:15  
Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

### **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

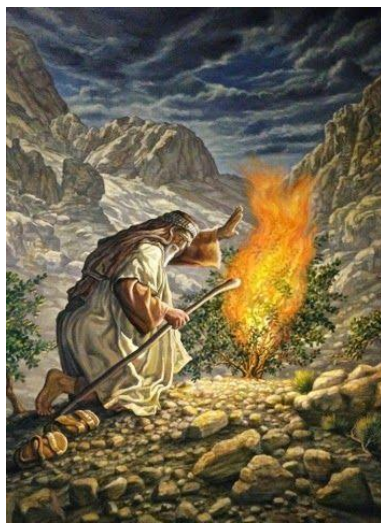
Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM  
Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

### **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Meaningful human relationships rarely last if only one party makes an effort to maintain a connection. The same is true in our relationship with God. In the scene recorded in today's first



reading – arguably one of human history's "Top Ten" most important events – God takes the initiative, but the encounter is two-sided. God causes the bush to burn and Moses approaches; God calls Moses and he responds, "Here I am!"; finally,

Moses asks God his name and God reveals himself as "I am who am." Moses' cooperation with God throughout is essential for them to arrive at this monumental revelation which would allow Moses (and, by extension, all of the Israelites) to

call upon God by name. Despite our many technological achievements, a free, generous, loving response to God's initiative is still the only "fruit" we can bear for him that he cannot procure himself. This is the fruit which the fig tree in Jesus' Gospel parable is meant to produce. If we truly desire and seek this relationship, God will reveal himself to us so that, no matter our stage or state of life, we can bear this fruit even now.

In his encounter with God, Moses exhibits an exemplary combination of boldness and humility which teaches us how we should approach our relationship with God. This is our "roadmap" which will help us fertilize the "ground" of our hearts. Consider Moses' bold, inquisitive spirit: "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight," and his prompt response to God's call: "Here I am!" Consider the audacity Moses must have had to ask God for his name. At the same time, however, consider his humility in removing the sandals from his feet and hiding his face before the majesty of God. The God who revealed himself to Moses is the same God who invites us into relationship with him. We can and should have Moses' boldness to ask God to teach us about himself. But we should also approach God with a spirit of reverence and awe. Our humility will be the fertile soil that God can use to make us his intimate friends and his representatives before others.

Sometimes we have habits or attitudes that prevent us from hearing God's voice. Like Moses removing his sandals, choose something you can forgo this week (for example, social media or music in the car) so that you can hear and respond to the Lord. Make sure you dedicate your extra quiet time to talking to God.

**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, 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@analogypologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@analogypologetics.com).

**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.



**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.



**Lenten Confessions** will be heard daily, Tuesday through Friday, from 7:15 – 7:50AM. Confessions on Saturday begin at 4:00PM to 4:45PM. Sunday morning confessions are available from 7:00AM to 7:40AM and from 9:45 to 10:10AM.

**Diocesan Annual Campaign:** Through the Diocesan Annual Campaign, your compassion and charity will be assisting individuals and families who seek shelter and guidance at the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. You will be helping mothers with

children recover from dependency on drugs and alcohol at Evergreen House. Your gifts will enable the Diocesan-wide Counseling Services to offer professional counseling to those who need such services. You will be supporting Specialized



Foster Care and Adoption Services in their efforts to find homes for children, and you will bring the Word of Christ to young people through Youth and Campus Ministries. These and so many other ministries are directly supported by your Lenten charity. **Our parish goal this year is \$30,800.00.** *You can make your pledge in-pew on March 15/16 or in the narthex on March 21/22.* As Jesus humbly served the needs of God's people and performed the menial work of a simple slave in washing the Apostle's feet at the Last Supper, so we should follow His example and find ways to serve the "least ones" of the Lord.

**The Art of Pysanky – Ukrainian Easter Eggs:** Faith Zarichansky will present an adult workshop on the **"Art of Pysanky,"** traditional Ukrainian



Easter Eggs made during Lent. Come learn the history, the legends, and the spiritual meaning of these beautiful eggs. You can also create your own pysanka. All supplies will be provided, and the cost is \$30 for ages 15 and older. Class size is limited to 12 individuals and will be conducted on Saturday, March 29 from 9:00AM to Noon. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the bulletin board.

**Were you married in 1975?** In honor of your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 2:00PM at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill. Bishop Timothy Senior will be the celebrant and homilist. To attend the Mass, please contact the Saint Bernard Parish office.

**Rest in Peace!!** In your charity and prayers, please remember the soul of Joni Lawrence of our parish. May the Lord give Joni a merciful judgement and grant healing and consolation to her family. May she rest in peace.

During Lent, let every Christian, over and above the measure prescribed for him by the Church, offer God something of his own freewill in the joy of the Holy Spirit. (paraphrased from the Rule of Saint Benedict)

**Have mercy on us, O Lord!!**