

The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 30, 2025

Mass Intentions

March	31	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	1	8:00 AM	Richard Eichelberger requested by Sue Guarducci
April	2	8:00 AM	I/O Tom Polcha requested by Ron & Kathy Scheib
April	3	8:00 AM	I/O Deacon Robinson and Family
April	4	8:00 AM	I/O Glenn Harshberger
April	5	8:00 AM	Connie Krause requested by The Strazisar Family
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
April	6	8:00 AM	Betty Heimes
		10:30 AM	Joni Lawrence requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst

Liturgical Ministries April 5-6 Extraordinary Ministers

	Lectors		Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Scott Dunkelberger	Christopher Harlan Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Rose Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 30

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

April 6

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,349.25

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,200.50

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 30th

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

Monday, March 31st

No Mass

Tuesday, April 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, April 2nd

Masses, 8:00AM

Thursday, April 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, April 4th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, April 5th

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

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, April 6th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

From the Pastor's Desk:

We await with anticipation holidays and holiday parties – but do we look forward to the day after? To the cleanup, the back-to-the-grind, the business-as-usual? Jesus' parable in today's Gospel recounts the lavish celebration of the father who rejoices at the homecoming of his wayward son. We rightly recognize in the father's

mercy the abundant forgiveness of our heavenly Father. But have we ever considered what happened the next day? The son, accustomed to his independence and dissolute life, is once again in his father's house. He must live according to his father's rules and demonstrate the sincerity of his repentance by faithfully carrying out his duties.



There is work to be done – crops to be harvested,

perhaps. As the weeks and months pass without another fatted calf for feasting, the son might ask if his father's love has waned. And although we may sympathize with his unease, the certainty of his father's goodness must be, for the prodigal son and for us, the guarantee of his steadfast love.

In our relationship with God, we will likely experience moments when our Father's love is keenly felt. Perhaps we will be overwhelmed with peace when we return to him in the sacrament of confession. Perhaps we will be struck by a verse of Scripture during a moment of prayer. But most of our days will look more like the prodigal son's "day after" than the festivities which marked his return. We know, however, that if the weeks that followed were comparatively boring, his father's love had lost none of its warmth or vitality. Similarly, in the days when God seems quiet, when our prayers seem to drift into space or our hearts are distracted with the concerns of everyday life, we must not despair of the Father's love. Nor can we suppose that our happiness can be found outside of his fold. We abide under the care of our Father who lovingly calls us to himself with every circumstance he places before us. To believe this, even when the festivities are over, is to live by faith.

With so many opportunities for gratification at our fingertips, it is easy to become restless and to seek happiness in distractions. This week, find an image of Jesus or a Scripture verse about God's love and keep it with you as you work, study, or carry out monotonous tasks. When you're tempted to leave your duties aside out of boredom, take a moment instead to praise and thank God for his love.

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).

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@analogypologetics.com.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive: “The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Bernard Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 14th from 1:15 PM to 6:00 PM. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter: StBernard Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors receive



a \$20 e-card. Questions may be directed to Kathy Odato, Red Cross Volunteer, at # 717-275-7549. Thank you!”

Family Connections Easter Egg Hunt for children 9 years old and under will be hosted by Family Connections on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00AM. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Donations of pre-wrapped candy or treats and gift cards used as prizes would be appreciated. If your children would like to participate, please sign them up at the bulletin board.



Church Cleaning for Easter: Your gracious assistance is needed next Saturday, April 12th at 8:00AM to help clean and prepare our church for Holy Week and Easter. If you can spare an hour of your time, please sign up at the bulletin board.

Church Decorating for Easter: On Saturday morning, April 19th we will gather at 8:00AM to decorate the Church for our Easter Masses. If you can assist us, please sign up at the bulletin board.

Diocesan Chrism Mass: All are invited to join Bishop Senior as he celebrates the Chrism Mass at 4:00PM on Monday, April 14, in the Cathedral



Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg. The Chrism Mass offers a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. During this Mass,

the priests of the Diocese will also renew their commitment to priestly service, which they made on the day of their ordination. Free parking and shuttle service from City Island Northern Lot (closest to ballpark). Visit www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism for more details.

Fashion Show Courtesy Announcement: The



Senior Lunch and Movie Group of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Parish in Mechanicsburg, is sponsoring a Fashion Show on April 26, 2025. The proceeds of the show will benefit “Believe Guatemala,” a non-profit Christian organization serving 1200 families who live near the largest garbage dump in Central America. The organization provides educational programs and community outreach opportunities aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. For tickets or additional information, please call Jeannie Ishman at 717-737-8600.