

The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

April 6, 2025

Mass Intentions

April	7	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	8	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
April	9	8:00 AM	I/O Cathy Steiner requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
April	10	8:00 AM	I/O Father Sharman requested by Deacon Robinson
April	11	8:00 AM	I/O Ella Donley requested by Kim & Michael Lane
April	12	5:00 PM	Joni Lawrence requested by Glenn & Pat Harsherger
April	13	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Roberta McCrae requested by Jeff & Jennifer Aro

Liturgical Ministries April 12-13

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Pat Pray	Joe Morrison, Terry Meek Christopher Harlan
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Scott Dunkelberger	Joe Morrison, Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Mark Ticehurst	Jacob Innerst, Austin Hoffman The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 6

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

April 12

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Luke 19:28-40

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,329.50

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,034.00

The Parish Contingency for March amounted to: \$1,991.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 6th

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

Monday, April 7th

No Mass

Tuesday, April 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, April 9th

Masses, 8:00AM

Thursday, April 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, April 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, April 12th

Church Cleaning for Easter, 8:00AM

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, April 13th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

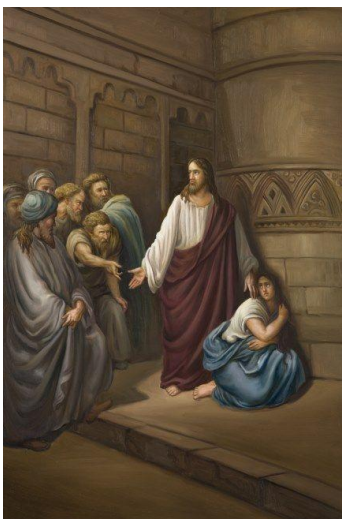
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“The Lord is gracious and merciful!”

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Today’s culture creates and sees constant change, innovation, and novelty at record speeds. But even more astounding than the technological advancements we observe around us is God’s power to inspire interior transformation in each individual life. In today’s Gospel, instead of



condemning the woman caught in adultery whose punishment was certain death, Jesus speaks words of mercy, forgiveness, and life. Their encounter lifts the woman out of the shame of her sin, restores her dignity, and strengthens her to “Go, and from now on sin no more.”

This woman, whom others saw as hopeless, is transformed because Jesus’ mercy has touched

her soul. Long before, the prophet Isaiah had alluded to this time in which the Messiah would bring new life even in the most desolate places: “See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.” God constantly calls us to leave sin behind, to keep moving forward – and we can be confident that he is with us at each new step to lead us to himself.

How do we take these steps? How do we respond to God’s call? In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of how he willingly gave up everything, even those things which made him righteous according to the laws of the Old Testament, and learned to depend on Jesus and the changing power of his resurrection. For us as for Saint Paul, each step along the path of transformation requires faith in God’s ability and intention to heal us and draw us to himself. If we are willing to leave behind old identities and desires, we will see more clearly the true identity God created for us as we begin to live more like Jesus. Paul even describes being “taken possession of by Christ Jesus,” because the change is so deep and powerful. For us as for God’s chosen people in the readings from Isaiah, at first some parts of the path may look like an aimless desert, but the way will appear with each step of faith, and it is filled with mercy.

Transformation doesn’t happen all at once. Reflect on your Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving and consider how they’ve helped to conform your will to God’s. How will you be found changed on Easter Sunday? Is there something you can improve upon during these final two weeks of Lent? It’s not too late to offer a loving sacrifice 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).

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.

**Create a clean heart in me, O Lord!
Renew in me a steadfast spirit!!**