

The Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

January 11, 2026

Mass Intentions

January	12	8:00 AM	NO MASS
January	13	8:00 AM	Gail Holland requested by Joan & Scott Dunkelberger
January	14	8:00 AM	Joseph Gatta requested by The Fordyce Family
January	15	8:00 AM	Sharon Kauffman requested by Faith Zarichansky
January	16	8:00 AM	Delores & Harry Cressman
January	17	5:00 PM	Mary Everett requested by John & Mary Blair
January	18	8:00 AM	Bishop Joseph T. Dailey
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries January 17-18

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Reed Kreider	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Matt Morrison	The Morrison Family
10:30 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Bill Davies	J. Innerst, A. Hoffman

Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 18

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

January 25

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,781.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,274.00

The Christmas Collection amounted to: \$8,557.20

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 11th (Baptism of the Lord)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, January 12th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, January 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, January 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, January 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, January 17th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, January 18th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered, this is my beloved Son, listen to Him.”

From the Pastor’s Desk:

We hear in today’s Gospel that at the moment of Jesus’ baptism, “a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’” We can hear these

words as a simple proclamation of who Jesus is – the beloved Son of God – but also as a proclamation of who we are called to be: the beloved adopted sons

and daughters of God. We sometimes forget that we are also called beloved. We mistakenly think that our value depends on our accomplishments or on our faithfulness, but the truth is that our status



as beloved is due to being made in the image of our Creator. If we allow ourselves to absorb the full meaning of that, it will not only affect how we view ourselves but also how we relate to others. But Christ didn’t come only to show us the truth about who we are. His coming also invites us to see one another as beloved. As Peter reminds us in our second reading, “God shows no partiality.” May we strive to see the blessedness that God bestows on us and on all people.

Jesus entered fully into our humanity, including entering into communion with each of us through our common baptism, to allow for us to one day share in the perfect exchange of love of the Trinity. Our call is to take on Christ’s mission of love here on earth – to speak and act in a way that proclaims the truth of who God is and who he has made us to be. How can we remind our families, our neighbors, and even our enemies of their nature as beloved children of God? And by recognizing our own nature as beloved, we allow God’s grace to flow through us. We then trust that God will make himself known as the source of love itself.

Take time this week to reflect on what it means to be a beloved son or daughter of God. What would it be like to hear, “You are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased”? Once we root ourselves in this truth we can ask ourselves, “What act of kindness, what consoling word might I offer, what goodness might I do for others around me to help them experience a glimpse of their own blessedness?” Then, do it!

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Ron Scheib, Karen Peters, Jeff Galgon, 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 Statements 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: Our Parish Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 19th has been canceled.

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.

Just a Thought: *Garbage in, garbage out.* Ok, it's just a bit of trendy techno jargon, but there's deeper truth in that cliché. What a machine puts out directly reflects the quality of what's been put inside. If you fill a computer with corrupt data, all the work the machine does will reflect that corruption. And even putting in an equal amount of good data won't cure the problem. The bad data needs to be deleted, eradicated from the system. Then you'll finally get good output.

You can't get a better parallel for the Christian life. Every deed, every action we take brings us a step closer to the light or further into the shadows. If we take in love and compassion, that light will shine in every word we speak. But if we immerse our minds in darkness, embracing anger or prejudice, we corrupt our spirits and that corruption will spill out in all our actions. Garbage in, garbage out. Stop and consider your actions this week— are you outputting good or evil? Jesus said “whoever lives the truth comes to the light so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” Let's pray this week that we will recognize the darkness in our lives and ask God's help in deleting it. Then we'll be ready to output some seriously “good data”: God's 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 14th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM** in the church and Parish Hall. This retreat is mandatory for all confirmands.

Bishop Gainer will celebrate this sacrament with our parish youth on Sunday, March 8th at the 10:30AM Mass.

Hospital Patients: If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please call the parish office. Remember, some privacy rules prohibit hospitals from contacting pastors with any information concerning patients. Your pastor and parish would certainly like to remember you prayerfully in times of illness, so please let us know that you are hospitalized.



K of C Valentine Dinner/Dance: Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Valentine Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 14th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.



The menu includes a meat course, appetizers, various vegetable sides, salad, and a variety of desserts. Bring a bottle of wine to enjoy and share with your table guests.

Music will be provided. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the bulletin board and pay (\$20 per person) at the door before the dinner. Proceeds will benefit Lourdeshouse Maternity Home and Carlisle Area Family Life Center!

Soup Bowl Fundraiser: St. Bernard's Youth Ministry will be holding a Soup Bowl Fundraiser Saturday, February 7th,



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 are also accepted. For more info contact Phyllis Krieger 717-379-1135.

“No one is a martyr for a conclusion; no one is a martyr for an opinion; it is faith that makes martyrs.” (Cardinal Newman)