

The First Sunday Of Lent

February 22, 2026

Mass Intentions

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| February | 23 | 8:00 AM | NO MASS |
| February | 24 | 8:00 AM | Patty Robinson requested by Scott & Joan Dunkelberger |
| February | 25 | 8:00 AM | Reid Wilson requested by Judy Wilson |
| February | 26 | 8:00 AM | Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family |
| February | 27 | 8:00 AM | Michael Robert McCarty requested by Mary Ellen Thorpe |
| February | 28 | 5:00 PM | Cathy Steiner requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris |
| March | 1 | 8:00 AM | People Of The Parish |
| | | 10:30 AM | Kay Dorundo requested by Joe & Judy Rich |

Liturgical Ministries February 28 – March 1

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers |
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| 5:00 PM | Joe DeFrancesco | Dave Suydam | Joe Morrison |
| 8:00 AM | David Pray | Shelby Adlrich | C. Harlan, J. Sheaffer |
| 10:30 AM | Nicole Wood | Olney Innerst | Morrison Family, Z. Lowe |

Schmidt Center Cleaning

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| March 1 | Madeline Rogers, Pat Harshberger |
| March 8 | Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek |

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,467.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,041.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 22nd

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 23rd

No Mass

Tuesday, February 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 6:45 PM

Wednesday, February 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, February 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, February 28th

First Penance, 10:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, March 1st

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

From the Pastor's Desk:

Although we're at the very beginning of Lent, today's first reading from Genesis prepares us for words we will hear on the night of the



Easter Vigil: "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!"

(Exsultet) O truly necessary sin?! O happy fault?! What could these words actually mean? I think the Exsultet is drawing us to see that sin is not the end of the story. In the mysterious working of grace, being in a state of needing God's forgiveness (sin) opens us up to the possibility of

experiencing and receiving his endless love and mercy. As we take on practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, may we not grow discouraged when we inevitably fall short, but may we recognize that our very weakness presents us with an opportunity to rejoice in his merciful love.

At the heart of evangelization is announcing the good news that our sin doesn't have the last word. St. Paul puts it this way: While death came through Adam's sin, "the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many." While sin certainly wreaks havoc by bringing suffering and death into our world, the conviction of the Church is that the restoration God brings about through the death and resurrection of Jesus elevates humanity to a state far better than what we lost in the fall. What might it look like to witness to this great hope we have in Jesus in our own lives? How can we offer encouragement to those who feel they have fallen too far from grace that God's mercy is far more powerful than any transgression they may have committed?

Throughout the Gospels, we hear story after story of sinners ending up closer to God than those who think themselves to be perfectly obedient (The Prodigal Son [Lk 15:11-32]; the Pharisee and the Tax Collector [Lk 18:9-14]). As you contemplate which Lenten practices to adopt in these next few weeks, keep in mind that holiness isn't found in perfect adherence to these practices, but by humbling yourself to recognize the God who loves you even when you fall.

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, Jeff Galgon, Dawn Lowe, Mary Schoedel, Matt Morrison, 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.

The Fran Hannon Educational Grant is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any high school senior graduating in the spring of 2026 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 29th and they are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.



First Penance: Parents are reminded that our youth in second grade will celebrate their First Penance on **Saturday, February 28th at 10:00AM** in the church. As parishioners, let us remember to pray for these children as they prepare to encounter the God’s forgiving in the Sacrament of Penance.

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.



Pro-Life: “Bingo for Babies” - This fundraiser for the Carlisle Area Family Life Center, Carlisle’s only crisis pregnancy and family resource center, will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus #4057. It will be held Friday, March 6, 2026 at St. Patrick Church, Carlisle-Parish Activity Center- 87 Marsh Drive, Carlisle. The doors open at 5:30 pm, a light dinner will be served at 6:00pm and games begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. They can be purchased at the center, which is located at 200 North Hanover Street, by

calling 717-243-1918 or online at www.carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org. Prizes include a fabulous array of gift cards, tickets and certificates from local and area businesses and attractions. There will also be 2 black-out games with cash prizes up to \$500. Please join us for a fun, family evening!

Lenten Parish Penance Service: Our Parish Penance Service will be celebrated for the season of Lent on Monday evening, March 2nd 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.



The Art of Pysanky – Ukrainian Easter Eggs: Faith Zarichansky will present an adult workshop on the **“Art of Pysanky,”** the 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 12 and older. Class size is limited to 12 individuals and will be conducted at Faith’s home in two sessions on Saturday, February 21st (9AM and 1:00PM); March 7th; and March 21st. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the bulletin board.



Planning for Vacation Bible School 2026: This year’s VBS is scheduled for June 22-26 with the theme of the theological virtues. If you would like to be part of the planning process, please call Jen Morrison (717-254-0280).

**“Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.”**