

# The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 15, 2026

## Mass Intentions

March	16	8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
March	17	8:00 AM	<b>Cathy Steiner requested by Judy Wilson</b>
March	18	8:00 AM	<b>Betty J. Albright requested by The Ken Morrison Family</b>
March	19	8:00 AM	<b>Annamarie Casner requested by Mary Zimmerman</b>
March	20	8:00 AM	<b>Ruth Lady MacMason requested by The Fordyce Family</b>
March	21	5:00 PM	<b>Joseph Malak</b>
March	22	8:00 AM	<b>Joanna Buck requested by Irene Horn</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>

## Liturgical Ministries March 21-22

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Betty Berry	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	The Morrison Family Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Olney Innerst	A. Hoffman, J. Innerst

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

March 22 Tonya Sands

March 29 Robin & Mike Chiccini

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,274.25

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$3,776.50

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

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 6:45 PM

### **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

### **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

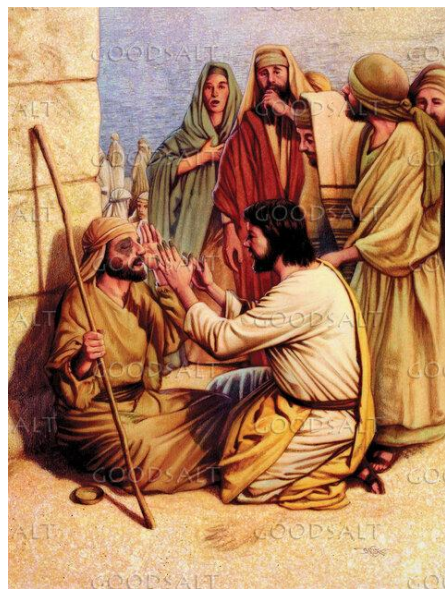
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**“I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life.”**

## From the Pastor's Desk:

There has been much commentary over the centuries about Jesus' use of saliva and mud to heal the man born blind. One of the most profound interpretations I have read reminds us



that in Genesis, God made man out of “the dust of the ground.” (Gen 2:7) Jesus' use of mud in the Gospel suggests that he is re-creating the blind man before him. The man receives a whole new life, such that even those who see him

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after his healing question whether he is the same person as before: “Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?” . . . “No, he just looks like him.” Through this Gospel, I've come to believe that Jesus is inviting us to see that every time he touches us in the sacraments, we are inwardly re-created, inwardly renewed. As we come to this midway point in Lent, let's open our eyes to the ways God is waiting to meet us with his healing love in the sacraments, and avail ourselves of this amazing grace.

Our first reading offers a powerful reminder that although humans see what's on the outside, God looks at our hearts. While the prophet Samuel thought surely God's hand was on Jesse's oldest son, God chooses David, the youngest, who was out tending the sheep. In the Gospel, the Pharisees look at the man born blind and think he is a sinner, born from sinners. But underneath is a man whom Jesus sends (the name of the pool that Jesus instructs him to go wash in means “Sent”) to bear witness to all that God has done for him. God often chooses the unlikeliest (in our eyes) persons to be the messengers of his Gospel. At times we may wonder why God has chosen us or feel ourselves lacking in the qualities needed to lead others to the Lord. In those moments, let's trust that through our baptism and confirmation, the Lord has put his Spirit in us and has equipped us for the work of sharing the Gospel.

The lyrics “I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see,” from the hymn “Amazing Grace” is based in part on today's Gospel reading. The man born blind says, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” Locate a favorite rendition of this song and use it in your prayer time this week, reflecting on the ways God has brought you greater spiritual vision and inner renewal this Lent.

**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](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)).

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> and they are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.



**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.



**Congratulations to our newly Confirmed:** Last Sunday, Bishop Gainer celebrated the 10:30 Mass and conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on seven of our parish youth. After renewing their baptismal promises, they were sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and anointed with Sacred Chrism. May these newly confirmed soldiers of Christ be filled with zeal for the faith, courage to proclaim it in word and deed, and steadfast in their service to the Christ and His Church! Let us continue to pray for: Gavin Bendorf, Kadin Haag, Jacob Innerst, Thomas Morrison, Brooklyn Rouse, Caitlyn Rickard, and Kathryn Trispagonas.

**Church Decorating for Easter:** On Saturday morning, April 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Family Connections Easter Egg Hunt** for children 9 years old and under will be hosted by Family Connections on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Diocesan Chrism Mass:** All are invited to join Bishop Senior as he celebrates the Chrism Mass at 4:00PM on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism) for more details.



**Red Cross Blood Drive:** The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at our Parish on May 13, 2026, from 1:00-6:00PM. This drive will honor our parishioner, Gene Odato, a former blood donor, two-time bone marrow transplant recipient (2004/20025), and Leukemia survivor. For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter code: StBernard or call 1-800-733-2767. Donors receive a t-shirt. Please call Kathy Odato (717-275-7549) with questions. Together we can save lives. Thank you!