



# Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church

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***“At Bethany there is no Past, only the Present and Future Hope !”***

“Happy are those...whose delight is in the law of the Lord.” (Psalm 1: 1,2)

Have you ever felt that following the Lord and conforming yourself to His will is an uphill battle? If so, you are not alone. The psalmist must have felt the same way at one time as well. He even confessed to having thought that all his efforts at innocence and purity were in vain. However, he persevered in faith, entered into the presence of God in prayer, and was finally able to say, “You hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory” (Psalm 73:23-24).

The fruit of perseverance in prayer and obedience to God is a life raised up to be with Christ – not just when we die, but here and now. God wants to give us much more than we could possibly ask or imagine. He wants to bless us every day. It is true that we reap what we sow, and if we sow to please the flesh or the wisdom of this world, we will reap accordingly. However, even though our mistakes and errors have their effect in our lives, God doesn’t ignore the ways in which we are faithful. If we sow in the Spirit, we will reap eternal life.

This is why the choices we make every day to follow the Lord are important. As we sow to please the Spirit by listening to Him throughout the day, obeying His commands, and nurturing our faith through prayer, the sacraments and right living, we will be overwhelmed by the grace He will pour into our hearts. We will experience greater intimacy with Him, guidance in our decisions, a peaceful heart, freedom from hurtful memories, deliverance from fear, the ability to serve and bless others, and so much more.

What are we waiting for? All it takes is our daily decisions to follow Christ. The grace is already there. Let us seek our greater intimacy with God and live in a way that keeps us open to His grace. Then the Lord will become our delight as well.

In His Light,

Bishop Raymond Contois

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**WEEKLY MASSES**

Saturday - - Cancelled

Sunday - 9:00 AM \*

Wednesday\* - Cancelled

**RECONCILIATION & PASTORAL MEETINGS**

By Appointment (413) 324-1164



**Dates to Remember**

**March 2021**

\*Indoor masses are in progress.



**"Social Distancing" rules will be in effect.**

**There will be no holding of hands for the "Our Father" at our masses. The Sign of Peace is non-contact. Likewise, the Chalice will be reserved for the clergy.**

Thank you for your understanding and adherence.

**\*(Schedule can change in a moments notice, so please check back to the website often for updates.)**

- 7th: SUN. 9:00 AM Indoor Mass
- 14th: SUN. 9:00 AM Indoor Mass
- 21st: SUN. 9:00 AM Indoor Mass
- 28th: SUN. 9:00 AM Palm Sunday Mass



- April 1st: Thur. 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass
- 2nd: Fri. 10:00 AM Stations of the Cross  
7:00 PM Good Friday Service
- 4th: SUN. 9:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass

**March Schedule**

**Eucharistic Ministers    Ministers of the Word**

7th	Clergy Only		Paula M, Beth	
14th	Clergy Only		Ron, Heather	
21st	Clergy Only		Paula M, Jayne	
28th	Clergy Only		Sandy, Beth	

Notify Deacon Paul 24 hours in advance if you are unable to serve.

**Bethany Food Drive**

We will continue collecting non-perishable food items for area food pantries. Please drop off your donations of canned goods and dry goods, and leave them in the foyer. Thank You for your constant generosity.

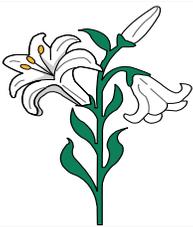


**"Hunger never takes a vacation."**



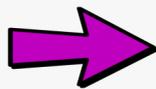
Prayer is not a matter of talking to God, but of listening to Him, or being with Him.

It is this simple understanding of prayer, that is if we want to pray and listen, we must become quiet and be opened to the experience of stillness.



During the season of Lent we will have a special collection at Lords Day services to buy Lilies to decorate the chapel for Easter Sunday. Please consider an additional donation to beautify the House of the Lord.

**Please join for our "Holy Week" masses.**



**Prayer Requests**

"As a community, we support each other through prayer in communion with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Please let us know of your prayer



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" ... in Jesus Christ conflict has been overcome. Body and soul have been restored in unity with the Spirit, and the power of unification has been released into the world."

Fr. Bede Griffiths

