

The Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

Mass Intentions

June	14	8:00 AM	NO MASS
June	15	8:00 AM	NO MASS
June	16	8:00 AM	Michael Zapotocky requested by The Fordyce Family
June	17	8:00 AM	Pasqualina & Francesco Tripoli requested by The Tripoli Family
June	18	8:00 AM	Intentions Of The Robinson Family
June	19	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
June	20	9:00 AM	Jackie Miller requested by The Pray Family

Liturgical Ministries June 19-20

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Yvonne DePaulis	The Hoffman Family
9:00 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

June 20	The Raugh Family
June 27	Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Job 38:1, 8-11	2 Corinthians 5:14-17	Mark 4:35-41
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,869.33

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,569.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 13th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, June 14th

No Mass

Tuesday, June 15th

No Mass

Wednesday, June 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, June 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, June 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, June 19th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, June 20th

Mass, 9:00AM

10:15 Baptism

**“The seed is the Word of God;
Christ is the Sower.
All who come to Him
shall live forever.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Many years ago, I met someone whose



attentive hospitality cast a seed in me that took root and enabled me to grow as a disciple of Jesus. At the meetings I attended with her, Sister Bridget would immediately greet everyone with a smile, outstretched hand, and, “Hello, I’m Sister Bridget;

what’s your name?” You couldn’t help but feel at ease with her warm greeting, but it didn’t end

there. Throughout the encounter, she remained just as positive and as completely present as she had in the beginning. Just like the parable of the man scattering seed in today’s Gospel, Sister Bridget didn’t know how the seed of God’s word would grow as she sowed it in her unique, joyful way. To her, maybe her graciousness was the smallest gesture. But the Lord allowed it to sprout and grow, yielding fruit and a bountiful harvest.

Today’s Gospel verse within the Alleluia proclaims, “The seed is the word of God, Christ is the Sower. All who come to him will live forever.” By our baptism, we are called to continue the work of Christ, sowing the word of God in our world. This may seem an intimidating expectation for all of us who doubt that we have the expertise to “sow” God’s word. But in today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that the kingdom of God is like the smallest of seeds, that once sown, becomes the largest of plants. If we believe in Christ and “aspire to please him,” God can use our smallest gestures to sow his word in the world. We may not see how our small acts of kindness accomplish this. But if we scatter these “seeds” out of love for God, we can trust they will take root, grow abundantly, and call others to “come to him [and] live forever.”

What “seeds” of welcome can you scatter among those you encounter? Make your “random acts of kindness” regular, intentional acts that express God’s love. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux said: “Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane Haag, Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Dave/Shirley Jenkins, Marietta McQuaid, Cecilia McGarvey, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to Marie Dishman for prayer and spiritual support!

Quo Vadis Days is a retreat for young Catholic men ages 15-25 to learn more about the Priesthood. The retreat will deepen your faith and help you better discern God's call in your



life. Quo Vadis Days are scheduled June 27-July 1, 2021 at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. Registration is \$75 which the parish will pay and there is no other cost to participants. For a registration form, please contact Father Sharman at 717-582-4113.

BOOK SALE



Knights of Columbus Book Sale:

The Knights are planning for their annual book sale in September. If you would like to donate your used books to the sale,

you can leave them in the book box at the garage. You can also call Ken Risner (717-275-2223) if you want him to pick them up at your home. *Please no dirty, mildewed, or damaged books or encyclopedias.* You can drop all books in the marked plastic trunk by the parish garages. Thank you!

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 1st from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion.



Families are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Our gracious Knights of Columbus will provide the meat course and drinks. It is a fun time for everyone and early

enough in August for our college bound youth to enjoy before heading off to school. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

Food Cards for Karns, Giant, and Weiss Markets are available from the Knights of Columbus after all weekend Masses. It is an easy way to support the Knights in gratitude for all the ways they serve our parish family.

Saint Bernard's Garden Club: To keep our parish property looking its best during the summer months, families are asked to assist by taking a portion of our property and keeping it weeded and trimmed throughout the summer. It only takes a little of your time (a few times a month) to keep our parish looking well kept the whole summer long. A sign-up form is posted in the narthex and our parish is most grateful for your assistance.

Long Overdue House Cleaning: Please be aware our buildings will be thoroughly cleaned beginning July 1st. If you have things that belong to you or your group/committee that have been left unmarked in closets or rooms in parish buildings, please remove them by July 1st. We have managed to collect a variety of "odds and ends" over the course of the last year, and it is time to discard unnecessary items.

Praising God: The Music, Theology, and Poetry of Timeless Hymns:



Join us this summer as we learn about God through the artistry of poets and musicians who crafted classic hymns in the English language. Each class will consist of a brief lecture, a time of

discussion, and an opportunity to sing the hymns we have examined. Dr. David O'Donnell, our former organist, will lead the class at Saint Patrick Church. He will be using as a text the book *Real Music: A Guide to the Timeless Hymns of the Church*. Classes meet on 6/23, 6/30, 7/14, 7/21 from 6:30 – 8:00PM in the Parish Activity Center. Deadline is June 13 and you can call 717-243-4891 to register.

**PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**