

The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

Mass Intentions

July	5	8:00 AM	Victoria Ginnovan requested by John & Mary Blair
July	6	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Siena Robinson
July	7	8:00 AM	Jack Evers requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
July	8	8:00 AM	Special Intention
July	9	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	10	5:00 PM	Richard Walton requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
July	11	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries July 10-11 Extraordinary Ministers

	Lectors		Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family Alexander Fordyce

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 11	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands
July 18	The Rickard Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6	Ephesians 2:13-18	Mark 6:30-34
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,473.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,949.00

June Parish Contingency Collection amounted to: \$1,306.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 4th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, July 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, July 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 9th

No Mass

Saturday, July 10th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, July 11th

Mass, 9:00AM

**“A prophet is not without honor
except in his native place
and among his own kin
and in his own house.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

I'm struck by phrases in today's first and second readings: The prophet Ezekiel is told that those to whom he will be sent are “hard of face and obstinate of heart”;



and Saint Paul aptly describes a “thorn in the flesh” as having been given to him. He even refers to this thorn as “an angel of Satan.” These are descriptive images!

What do these images look like in practice? The Gospel gives us a clear example: those who grew up with Jesus refuse to see him as a prophet. At one time in my life, I might have said to myself: “Wow, I can't believe people of his own time

would reject Jesus!” However, as I grow older, I'm conscious not only of more physical aches and pains, but the “thorn in the flesh” of patterns I'm not particularly proud of – cynicism, pessimism, even hard-heartedness and a closed mind. The “they” in today's readings hits closer to home and strikes me more as “we” than it used to. And yet, as Saint Paul reminds us, we can bring our imperfections to God and pray for grace to give us strength in our weakness, hearts open to God's love, and ears ready to hear the Gospel and be transformed by Jesus.

When Jesus returned to his hometown, he was not exactly greeted like a “hometown hero.” His contemporaries could see him only as a carpenter, and not the Messiah: “So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.” We know that Jesus went on to perform the mightiest of deeds – dying and rising from the dead. And yet, even today, he would be “amazed at our lack of faith.” Today's Gospel and the other readings encourage us to do a check-up of our spiritual health and pray for the grace to continue to grow in faith. We can also pray for others who may be questioning or have lost their faith, inviting them to consider coming to church with us or simply offering to pray with and for them.

For a more intentional look at whatever thorns might be in your side, and what weaknesses those contribute to, consider doing a retreat. Attend an in-person retreat at a local retreat house or look into online options for a guided retreat at home.

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, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Elizabeth Quigley, Chip Luciano, Tom Mellis, 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!

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.

A Summer Reminder: A sense of decorum in dressing for Church: The summertime can be hot and humid and often calls for more comfortable clothing. There is, however, a proper decorum to



be used when considering the clothing we wear to Mass and church. While fancy Sunday-best dresses/hats or suit and tie

may not be the attire we wear in the “causal”

atmosphere of today’s society, there is always a need to monitor closely what we wear because it reflects on us, our values, and the importance we place on our respect for God and our neighbor. We have no church dress codes we can look to except the one dictated by the virtue of modesty, respect, and good taste. In general, we should avoid the following when dressing for church: *Spaghetti straps/tank tops, bare backs or shoulders, sleeveless shirts or plunging necklines, tubes, skimpy skirts or shorts, low waist pants, Jersey shorts/gym wear, caps or flip-flops.* Thank you for your consideration!

Aluminum Tabs for Ronald MacDonald House:



Carol Minns is collecting tabs from aluminum cans to help support the MacDonald House of Hershey Hospital. To date, Carol has collected over 200 pounds of tabs. You can drop the tabs in the plastic canister in the kitchenette. Thank you for your support!

Knights of Columbus need Help for Ice Cream Stand at the Perry County Fair:



The Knights of Columbus are asking for your help with the Ice Cream Stand at the Perry Co. Fair, August 17th thru 21st. The stand provides the major source of income for the K of C projects for the year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

The Knights thank you for your support.

Missionary Cooperative: Next weekend, July 10/11th, Father Dermot Roache, SMA will be with us to preach for the Society of African Missions. The primary aim of the Society is to bring the Gospel, the message of Christ, to those who have not heard it. These missionaries to Africa also devote themselves to help provide for the basic needs of the people they serve through funds raised from preaching in first world countries. We welcome Father Roache warmly and support the missionary cause generously.

Pray the rosary this week for

Peace in our world

An end to abortion in our country

Vocations to Priesthood