

# The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 17, 2022

## Mass Intentions

July	18	8:00 AM	Tom Sala requested by The Fordyce Family
July	19	8:00 AM	Special Intention
July	20	8:00 AM	Abel Qui ju Chum requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
July	21	8:00 AM	Intentions Of All Children requested by The Odato Family
July	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
July	23	5:00 PM	Catherine DePaulis requested by Carl & Yvonne DePaulis
July	24	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries July 23-24

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Dave Suydam	The Hoffman Family
9:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Rosanne Wheatley	Owen Jenkins

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 24	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
July 31	The Hoffman Family

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,251.6

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,477.82

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

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 9:00AM

**Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00 AM

**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Confession, 8:00AM

Mass, 9:00AM

**“Blessed are they who have kept the  
word with a generous heart  
and yield a harvest  
through perseverance.”**

### From the Pastor's Desk



Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her. — often these words are used to justify the contemplative life, but actually they are not about that at all or at least not directly. Instead, Jesus is inviting all of us to choose the better part: Listen to Him and don't get so caught up in doing everything else!

The first reading today is from the Book of Genesis and is about hospitality and how God

works in us when we receive others. This scene became famous in the icon of Rublev, and became of symbol of the Holy Trinity. We Christians should always be aware that whenever we receive anyone, we receive Christ Himself. We are happy to do that when the one we receive is not a problem! But when a guest becomes a problem, we have a real challenge to recognize Christ present.

Abraham and Sarah received these three strangers. For their goodness in receiving strangers, finally Sarah has a son, a true gift of God. Abraham is our father in faith, Sarah our mother—and their son, Isaac, continues the line of those chosen for God in a special way. Yet each of us is also chosen to give witness to our faith in God, no matter what happens.

The second reading today is from the Letter to the Colossians. Here it is clear that there is another aspect to hospitality, to receiving others, and that aspect is to accept the sufferings that come to us because in that way we fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ. That is truly a strong statement! Yet, if we listen carefully to Scripture, we recognize this truth: we are one in Christ Jesus: it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.

The Gospel of Luke today brings us back to the account of Jesus visiting Martha and Mary. Martha is frustrated because Mary sits and listens to Jesus while she, Martha, has to do all the work. We can wonder what would have happened had Martha simply stopped doing her work, sat down by Mary, and had listened to the Lord? That is the invitation to each of us: stop your business and be still and listen!

So, all three readings today bring us back to God and the incredibly wonderful ways in which God is present in our normal daily life. God comes as stranger, God comes as Guest, God comes in suffering and God comes in being still and listening. Let us be attentive!

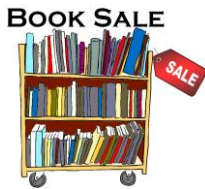
**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich,

Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Greg Nye, Joe Rich, 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](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**Online Bulletin:** [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)

**Saint Bernard's Garden Club:** If you signed up to keep a parcel of parish grounds during the summer, please remember to weed/trim every three or four weeks to keep our parish property looking its best during the summer months.



**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 do not leave your books in the Narthex! You can drop all books in the marked plastic trunk by the parish garages. Please no moldy or musty books! Thank you!

**Save the Date for the Parish Picnic:** Our Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00PM at the pavilion. Our Knights of Columbus will supply the meat course, drinks, and chips/pretzels. Parish



families are asked to bring a vegetable side-dish, salad, or dessert. Mark your calendars now so you can join us!

**CCD Teachers/Catechist/Aides Needed:** As we look forward to staffing our religious education program for next year, please consider assisting us by joining our gracious staff of committed volunteers. You only need a willingness to pass along a living faith to the next generation of young Catholics. For more information, please call Alice Vilck, Olney Innerst, or Father Sharman.

**CCD Registrations:** Parents are reminded to re-register your children in our CCD program by July 10<sup>th</sup> so adequate materials can be ordered. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. There are also new registration forms available if your child is just beginning our program.

**Saint Bernard's Vacation Bible School:** Our Parish will host a Vacation Bible School from July 25 through July 29, 2022. Our theme this year is: "Summer with the Hearts of the Holy Family." Evening sessions will begin at 5:30PM and conclude at 8:00PM.



If you would like your child to participate, please sign up at the bulletin board. We are also looking for teen helpers. There is a sign up at the bulletin board to express your willingness to assist.

**A Eucharistic Thought:** "Once Saint Philip Neri noticed a certain parishioner, for no reason, habitually left the church immediately after Holy Communion. In order to correct him, he told two altar servers one day to accompany the man with lighted candles as he walked home. The servers did as they were told. The people in the streets stared in surprise, and the man seeing the escort asked them the



reason for their following him. They replied that Father Neri had so instructed them. The man returned to the church to find out Saint Philip purpose. The saint answered, "We have to pay proper respect to our Lord, Whom you are carrying away with you. Since you neglected to adore Him, I sent two servers to take your place." Realizing his fault, the man knelt and made the proper thanksgiving after Holy Communion." **To increase reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist, please consider staying after Holy Mass to pray for your intentions and the intentions of your family and friends, and lovingly adore the Lord in your heart.**