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| The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time | July 24, 2022 |  |

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| **Mass Intentions** | | | |
| July | 25 | 8:00 AM | **Intentions Of Carl DePaulis requested by Mike & Kathy Landis** |
| July | 26 | 8:00 AM | **Dr. John Galgon requested by Joe Oltheten** |
| July | 27 | 8:00 AM | **Richard Walton requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen** |
| July | 28 | 8:00 AM | **Charlotte Smith requested by Gene & Kathy Odato** |
| July | 29 | 8:00 AM | **Deceased Of The Trispagonas Family req. by The Harshberger Family** |
| July | 30 | 5:00 PM | **People Of The Parish** |
| July | 31 | 9:00 AM | **Dr. Philip Cook requested by John & Mary Blair** |
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| Liturgical Ministries July 30-31 | | | |
|  | **Lectors** | **Extraordinary Ministers** | **Servers** |
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| 5:00 PM | Joe DeFrancesco | Yvonne DePaulis | The Fordyce Family |
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| 9:00 AM | Bill Davies | Scott Dunkleberger | Julia & Anna Sheaffer |
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| Schmidt Center Cleaning | | |
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| **July 31** | The Hoffman Family |  |
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| **August 7** | Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt |  |

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| Next Sunday’s Readings | | |
| *Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures* | | |
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| **Ecclesiastes** 1:2, 2:21-23 | **Colossians** 3: 1-5, 9-11 | **Luke** 12:13-21 |

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| Christian Stewardship |
| **Last Sunday’s Collection amounted to:** $4,968.90 |
| **The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to:** $4,820.74 |
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| May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!! |

Church Calendar

***Sunday, July 24th***

Mass, 9:00AM

***Monday, July 25th***

Mass, 8:00AM

Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00AM

***Tuesday, July 26th***

Mass, 8:00AM

Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00AM

***Wednesday, July 27th***

Mass, 8:00 AM

Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00AM

***Thursday, July 28th***

Mass, 8:00AM

Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00AM

***Friday, July 29th***

Mass, 8:00AM

Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00AM

***Saturday, July 30th***

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

***Sunday, July 31st***

Confession, 8:00AM

Mass, 9:00AM

“I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs

because of his persistence.”

From the Pastor’s Desk

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying “in a certain place.” They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of “sins” rather than “debts,” which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First, he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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)

Knights of Columbus Book Sale: The Knights are planning for their annual book sale September on September 8-9-10 from 9AM to 7PM (Saturday sale ends at 2PM). They will also offer artwork from Joanna Buck for sale. 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 7th 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 Vilk, Olney Innerst, or Father Sharman.

CCD Registrations: Parents are reminded to re-register your children in our CCD program by July 10th 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: An hour spent in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament enables us to keep a balance between the spiritual and the practical in our lives. Loving reparation to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the principal purposes of spending an hour with Him. Pope St. John Paul II strongly maintained that reparation is an integral part of the renewal of the Church and the world envisioned by the Second Vatican Council. The Father of the Council frequently spoke of our duty to offer ourselves and our lives in union with the Sacrifice of Christ. In speaking of the worship proper to the Eucharistic mystery which is directed to God the Father through Jesus, he wrote: “And this adoration of ours contains yet another special characteristic…it is also a response that tries to repay that love immolated even to the death on the Cross; it is our ‘Eucharist,’ that is to say our giving Him thanks, our praise of Him for having redeemed us by His death and having made us shearers in immortal life through His resurrection.’

K of C Perry County Ice Cream Stand: The Knights of Columbus are asking for your assistance in manning the Ice Cream Stand at this year's Perry County fair. The Ice Cream Stand is the K of C major source of support to continue the programs we sponsor in the parish. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board with scheduled time slots you can choose from. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Pray the rosary for peace and vocations!