The Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 18, 2023

Mass Intentions						
June	19	8:00 AM	NO MASS			
June	20	8:00 AM	Jackie Miller requested by The Pray Family			
June	21	8:00 AM	Crit Charlton			
June	22	8:00 AM	Zacary Hoffman requested by Christine Gray			
June	23	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by Her Family			
June	24	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish			
June	25	9:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris			

	Lectors	Liturgical Ministries June 24-25 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Helena Kreiger
9:00 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	Andrew Aldrich Pat Pray, Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

June 25 Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

July 2` The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a **Romans** 6:3-4, 8-11 **Matthew** 10:37-42

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,964.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,439.69

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 18th Mass, 9:00AM Monday, June 19th No MASS Tuesday, June 20th Mass, 8:00AM Wednesday, June 21st Mass, 8:00AM Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Installation of Bishop Senior, 2:00PM (cathedral)

Thursday, June 22nd Mass, 8:00AM Friday, June 23rd Mass, 8:00AM Saturday, June 24th Mass, 5:00 PM Sunday, June 25th Masses, 9:00AM

"Iesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were like...sheep without a shepherd."

From the Pastor's Desk

Saint Paul gives us a glimpse of how deep the love of our Father is in the second reading: "But God



proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." God loves us completely that even before we approach him to ask for forgiveness, his arms are open wide. Look up at the cross and let that abundant, unending love wash over you. Reflect on

what is said in the first reading from the Book of Exodus: "Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people,

though all the earth is mine."

How can we respond to this great love we have been shown by our heavenly Father? Jesus is pretty clear on this topic, isn't he? "Love one another as I have loved you." Not a lot of ambiguity or nuance there. Daunting? Doesn't need to be. The words of today's responsorial psalm proclaim: "Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends." His flock is all of us – including the poor, the depressed, the lonely. Perhaps we can challenge ourselves this summer to step out in service to God's flock by calling on someone in our own lives who may feel lonely, depressed, frightened, or anxious, and be the hands and feet of our Father to them. Perhaps they do not know the depth of our Father's love and we can reassure them of this. In today's Gospel Jesus says: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." We have been blessed by the sacrifice of the Lamb, and it is our responsibility to share that blessing with others.

This week make the gospel concrete in your life by living your faith with intentionality and putting it into action without fear of what others or the world might say about you. Remember the words of Saint Ignatius of Antioch: "Let me speak what is right and do what is right, so that I may not only be called a Christian but prove to be one [by my actions.] Our task is not one of producing persuasive propaganda; Christianity shows its greatness when it is hated by the world."

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Reid Wilson, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Sara Zettlemoyer, and all the longsuffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at 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 the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!



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!

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 6th 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 on the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

Vacation Bible School: Our Parish Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 24 – 28 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. The theme this year is "Amazing Apostle's Creed." If you child is age 3 to entering 7th grade and would like to attend, please complete a registration form (found on the bulletin board). For further information, please contact Jen Morrison at 717-462-4556 or email at Morrisonfam10@gmail.com.

Happy Father's Day: The first observance of Father's Day in the United States is believed to have been held on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington through the efforts of a dutiful daughter by the name of Sonora Dodd. It was she who wanted a day set aside to honor her father, William Smart, a widower and Civil War veteran -- who had single-handedly raised all six of his



children. Soon, the idea of Father's Day caught on throughout the rest of the country to become an unofficial US holiday. However, it would be decades before President Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation in 1966 designating

the third Sunday in June to be Father's Day, and it only became a national holiday when President Nixon signed the official proclamation in 1972.

Welcome, Bishop Timothy Senior: Our Diocese will welcome our new Bishop, Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior, as the 12th Bishop of Harrisburg on June 21, 2023. You are cordially invited to attend a Solemn Vesper Service on Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00PM in Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg. This will be open seating – first come, first serve. The Installation Mass will begin at Saint Patrick Cathedral on June 21st. Because of limited seating in the Cathedral, admission is by ticket only. You can watch the installation Mass on the Diocesan YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/hbgdiocese. Please remember to pray for Bishop Senior this week.

Important CCD Information: If you have not registered your child(ren) for CCD, please do so as soon as possible so textbooks and other materials can be ordered. Contact Alice Vilk for registration forms or see the bulletin board.

5th Grade CCD Catechist Needed: We are in need of 2 catechists to team teach our fifth grade CCD class. If you are interested in working in this ministry but unsure of your ability to teach or knowledge of our Catholic faith, I would be glad to meet with you to discuss our program, the text we use, and the duties and responsibilities of our catechists. If you are willing to share your faith with our children, please contact Alice Vilk at alicevilk4@gmail.com. It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish so come join us!

