

# The Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023

## Mass Intentions

June	26	8:00 AM	NO MASS
June	27	8:00 AM	Gladys Pray requested by The Pray Family
June	28	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Father James Peak
June	29	8:00 AM	June Shaeffer requested by The Shaeffer Family
June	30	8:00 AM	William Hoffman requested by Christine Gray
July	1	8:00 AM	Carl DePaulis requested by Jeannie Ishman
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
July	2	9:00 AM	Gerald Ford requested by Saint Bernard Knights of Columbus

## Liturgical Ministries July 1-2

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Gwen Pray	The Hoffman Family
9:00 AM	Sean Romano	Bill Davies	Andrew Aldrich Pat Pray, Jacob Innerst

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 2	The Raugh Family
July 9	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Zechariah 9:9-10

Romans 9:6, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,767.35

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,953.00

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

## Church Calendar

*Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

Mass, 9:00AM

*Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>*

No MASS

*Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

*Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> (Saint Irenaeus)*

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

*Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> (Saints Peter and Paul)*

Mass, 8:00AM

*Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> (First Martyrs of Rome)*

Mass, 8:00AM

*Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> (Saint Junipero Serra)*

Mass in honor of the IHM, 8:00AM

Mass, 5:00 PM

*Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

Masses, 9:00AM

**“But the Lord is with me,  
like a mighty champion: my  
persecutors will stumble,  
they will not triumph.”**

### From the Pastor's Desk

We all have moments in life when we must confront evil or defend the honor and dignity of someone who is falsely accused. Thank God for his presence and aid in those moments! In the first reading today, Jeremiah tells of his experience of being betrayed and accused: “All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. ‘Perhaps he will be trapped [they say]; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.’” But Jeremiah does not lose heart,

saying also, “the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion.” And Jesus’ words in the Gospel echo the resolve of Jeremiah when he says: “Fear no



one ... What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light ... And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.” It seems clear, then, that our job is to bring the Good News of Jesus into the world whenever we can and let his light shine forth by our words and actions. We are commissioned to be warriors for Christ who should not fear injury but rather call upon him in our need and trust in his goodness and mercy to render aid.

Stepping into a conflict or situation can be difficult. But we are not meant to do it alone. Yes, we are called to proclaim the Word of God at every opportunity – to let “zeal” for our Father’s house consume us, as we heard in the psalm. And the task at hand may seem a daunting one – until we focus on the second part of the Gospel and soak in the depth of the love Jesus has for each of his children. Matthew writes: “Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted.” We are not alone as we do the work of the Father; rather, we are known and loved by him and strengthened by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. We can feel emboldened by this as we pursue the everlasting gift of heaven.

This world often tells us to do what makes us happy. Let’s challenge ourselves to, instead, do what makes us holy, as we keep our eyes fixed on the path to eternity.

**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, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Sara Zettlemoyer, Mike and Kathleen Brennan, 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 (602-6298) or through his email: [dcnrobin@ptd.net](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://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!

#### BOOK SALE



#### Knights of Columbus Book Sale:

The Knights are planning 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Morrisonfam10@gmail.com).

**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.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD Catechist Needed:** We are in need of two 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](mailto:alicevilk4@gmail.com). It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish, so come join us!

#### Triduum of Prayer in honor of Saint Bernard, Abbot:

To celebrate our parish’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we

will have a three-day triduum of prayer in honor of our patron saint, Bernard of Clairvaux. The Triduum will begin on Saint Bernard’s Feast Day, August 20<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The holy hour each evening will begin at 7:00PM and include Vespers, a sermon on Saint Bernard and the history of our parish and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Deacon Michael Pray, who did his master’s thesis on the history of our parish and Catholicism in Perry County, will preach the sermon each evening. As God has blessed our Parish through the intercession of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, let us give thanks for those blessings in prayer and praise. Save those dates now and plan to be with us.



#### The Church will always be persecuted for speaking

**divine truth:** Cardinal Joseph Van Thuan, the Vietnamese cardinal who spent thirteen years in prison under the Communists, used to say that persecution is one of the ever-present signs of the true Church. He used to say that the true Church founded by Christ is one, holy, catholic, apostolic, **and persecuted**. *"For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the Sovereignities and the Powers who originate the darkness in this world, the spiritual army of evil."* The history of the Church proves that this battle is real, not just symbolic, starting with the Apostles and extending to every Christian who lives in the midst of the world.