

The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023

Mass Intentions

August	14	8:00 AM	NO MASS
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
August	15	8:00 AM	Mary Requena requested by John & Mary Blair
August	16	8:00 AM	Rudolph & Bernadine Potetz requested by Patti Gravante
August	17	8:00 AM	Carl DePaulis requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
August	18	8:00 AM	Anna Williams
	19	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
August	20	9:00 AM	Tony Forlizzi

Liturgical Ministries August 19-20

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Gwen Pray	Helena Krieger
9:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 20	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands
August 27	Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11: 33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,180.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,861.50

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 13th (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass, 9:00AM

Catechist Meeting at Pavilion, 10:15AM

Monday, August 14th

No Morning Mass

Vigil Mass for the Assumption, 7:00PM

Tuesday, August 15th (Assumption of BVM)

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, August 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 19th

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 20th (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass, 9:00AM

Triduum in Honor of Saint Bernard, 7:00PM

**“Take courage, it is I;
do not be afraid
[said the Lord].”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Unlike with our other important relationships, God isn't exactly someone we can meet for coffee and look into his eyes while having a conversation.

Whether we talk to God in our mind or out loud, we recognize that even with a good prayer life it can sometimes be difficult to cultivate and maintain a relationship with

God. Doubters and unbelievers are quick to remind us how impossible it is to believe what we cannot see or hear, but today's readings also



remind us that God doesn't speak to us as another human being would. Maybe he doesn't speak with the booming voice of a preacher or a politician, and maybe he doesn't write direct messages for us in the sky or sand, but God does speak. Perhaps, like Elijah, we tend to expect God to communicate with huge gestures, such as strong wind that crushes rocks, or earthquakes or fires; but we hear today that God spoke to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound." It's not unlike a very good teacher who doesn't need to raise her voice to get her students' attention when they lose focus – she has their respect and simply needs to speak normally and calmly and the students quiet down, pay attention, and listen. When we still our hearts and minds and listen, in prayer, let us be confident we will hear God's voice.

Perhaps to hear God's voice in our lives we need to fine-tune our "hearing." First, how can we hear if we do not have faith? Jesus called Peter out of the boat and into stormy waters, and though he was able to walk on water for a time, Peter began to sink because he became afraid. Doubt or fear can hamper our ability to listen to the Lord clearly; don't let it cloud your love for Christ! Second, we must keep in mind the many ways God speaks to us: his Word (the Bible), the writings of the saints and Church Fathers, our Catholic Tradition, other people God has placed in our lives, and the "tiny whispering sound" we might hear only within our heart. Stay attuned to God's voice; the rewards are heavenly.

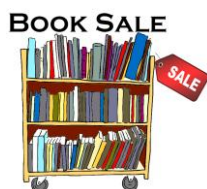
Ignatian spirituality – meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices – may help us recognize and truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives. The Daily Examen is a prayerful reflection on the events of the day which might help us identify the movement of the Holy Spirit in those moments. Give it a try.

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, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, 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.

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 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!

Triduum of Prayer in honor of Saint Bernard, Abbot:



To celebrate our parish's 75th 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 20th and conclude on Tuesday, August 22nd. 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.

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 from August 15th through the 19th. The Ice Cream Stand is the K of C major source of support to continue the programs they sponsor for our parish. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board with scheduled time slots you can choose from. Your assistance is appreciated.



CCD Catechist and Teacher Aide Meeting: There will be an important "Back to School" meeting for all



CCD Personnel this Sunday, August 13th at 10:30AM. This meeting will allow us to coordinate our activities for the coming year.

Refreshments will be served, and, for your convenience, and someone will be available to babysit your children, if you desire to bring them.

Thank you, Jen Morrison, and Volunteers: We had a very successful Vacation Bible School at the end of July. With Jen Morrison coordinating and many volunteers to assist, we had 25 children attend VBS and learn about the Apostles Creed. Through teaching and activities, our youth deepened their knowledge of our Catholic faith and had fun doing it.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus: Our parish is grateful to our Knights of Columbus for hosting another successful parish picnic. Over a hundred parishioners attended and had a great time, ate delicious food, and made new friends. We are most grateful to the Knights for all they do to enrich the life of our parish.

A Mass for Hope & Healing will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, Harrisburg. During this Mass, we will pray for and with survivors of clerical sexual abuse. All are encouraged to attend.