

The Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

Mass Intentions

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| August | 21 | 8:00 AM | Pat Mallone requested by John & Rosanne Wheatley |
| August | 22 | 8:00 AM | Intentions of Magdalene Fordyce requested by Her Family |
| August | 23 | 8:00 AM | Martin White |
| August | 24 | 8:00 AM | Elizabeth Leach requested by John & Mary Blair |
| August | 25 | 8:00 AM | Gerald Ford requested by Frank & Alice Vilk |
| | 26 | 5:00 PM | John Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family |
| August | 27 | 9:00 AM | People Of The Parish |

Liturgical Ministries August 26-27

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers |
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| 5:00 PM | Dave Suydam | Mary Zimmerman | The Hoffman Family |
| 9:00 AM | Christine Ticehurst | Rosanne Wheatley | Jacob Innerst, Pat Pray Joe Morrison |

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 27

Robin & Mike Chiccini

September 3

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,649.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,516.00

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

Church Calendar

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

Mass, 9:00AM

Triduum in Honor of Saint Bernard, 7:00PM

Monday, August 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Triduum in Honor of Saint Bernard, 7:00PM

Tuesday, August 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Triduum in Honor of Saint Bernard, 7:00PM

Wednesday, August 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, August 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 26th

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 27th (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass, 9:00AM

**“O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done to you as you
wish. [said the Lord].”**

From the Pastor's Desk

The abundance of God's love for us is what stands out in our readings today. If we consider the concept of abundance outside the Scriptures, it can be tricky. When we have it, does it imply we have too much when others have



too little? If we are speaking of material things, then perhaps. But God's infinite and merciful love

for us resound in each of our readings today, and this is cause for joy. In Isaiah, the Lord announces that he will accept offerings from anyone who holds to his covenant, Jewish or not. Saint Paul stresses that God's mercy is for all, and Jesus, after some back-and-forth with the Canaanite woman, heals the woman's daughter because of her great faith. God never tires of desiring healing and wholeness for all his children, which is a great gift. Let this gift of grace from God be a catalyst for us to reach out in love to others so that we also can come to God's "holy mountain and [be made] joyful in [his] house of prayer."

How can we reach out in love to others as we are called to do? Perhaps we can start with our parish. Is there a ministry we have read about in the bulletin that needs volunteers? Or a coordinator? Perhaps it is time to ask God how we can be his instrument in the world. We can start small. I will never forget when a parishioner volunteered to run our Vacation Bible School one summer. Of course, she turned to her friends to help her with this daunting task! What she desperately needed was someone to go from classroom to classroom and lead the children in song. Talk about out of the comfort zone! But she provided the music books and song suggestions, and pretty soon, "This Little Light of Mine" was reverberating through the halls of the school. Kids don't notice the quality of your voice if you are joyful and enthusiastic. They love to sing! Take a chance and get out there. You won't regret it.

Lord, Jesus Christ, give me the wisdom to view my hands as extensions of yours. Give me eyes to see all people as you see them. Help me to use my voice to praise you and bring the truth of your goodness to everyone I encounter. Give me the strength to have unwavering faith. Amen

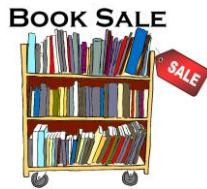
Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Mike and Kathleen Brennan, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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

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.

Carlisle Area Family Life Center Autumn-Fest 2023:

The Carlisle Area Family Life Center will be holding their annual Autumn-Fest on Friday, September 15th from 6-9 pm at the pavilion behind the LeTort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks. Come and enjoy a Pulled Pork and



Italian Sausage dinner, music provided by Bluestone Bluegrass Band and visit with friends under the stars! There will also be bidding on silent and live auction items! Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at CAFLC, by calling 717-243-6544 or online at www.carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org. Ticket price includes dinner and two drinks. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible and before September 1st since we need to provide a guest list to Carlisle Barracks two weeks before the event. Hope you can join us and support Carlisle's only pro-life pregnancy and family resource center.

CCD Begins September 10th: Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious Education begins on Sunday, September 10th. Classes begin at 9:15 and conclude at 10:15 for all registered students. Please have your children to the Schmidt Center by 10:10AM at the latest so classes can begin on time and will not be disrupted by the tardiness of the students arriving late.

Knights of Columbus Thank You: Our Knights are most grateful for the many parishioners who graciously assisted at the Perry County Fair this past week. The Ice Cream Stand, their major yearly fundraiser, was a great success and will allow them to host many activities for our parish throughout this coming year, which brings such joy and life to our community!

**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux,
Pray for us!!**