

# The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

## Mass Intentions

August	28	8:00 AM	Gene Odato
August	29	8:00 AM	Sharon Piergolini
August	30	8:00 AM	Gerald Ford requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
August	31	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
September	1	8:00 AM	Gerald Ford requested by John & Mary Blair
	2	8:00 AM	Gordon Stowell requested by Yvonne DePaulis
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
September	3	9:00 AM	June Shaeffer requested by The Shaeffer Family

## Liturgical Ministries September 2-3

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Gwen Pray	The Fordyce Family
9:00 AM	Nicole Wood	Scott Dunkelberger	The Morrison Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 3

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

September 10

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

## 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: \$4,824.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,110.09

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

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass, 9:00AM

**Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, 7:00PM

**Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

**Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Mass, 5:00 PM

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass, 9:00AM

**“Lord, Your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work  
of Your hands.”**

### From the Pastor's Desk

God is not looking for perfection when it comes to his leaders, he is looking for true and loving hearts. In



the first reading, God is not impressed with the master of the palace as a father for the people of Jerusalem. Eliakim the servant has the heart God desires. God will give Eliakim whatever he needs to guide his people – the right clothes, authority, and a place of honor. And we learn in the Gospel that Peter has the heart of love Jesus knows is necessary to guide his

followers after he is gone. There are more learned and powerful men, but they lack Peter's faith. Jesus knows Peter is not perfect and he has much to learn, but Peter has the right foundation for the Church. We don't need to be the smartest people or have money and influence to be God's leaders. We need hearts of love and faith, and God will give us the tools we need to do the work.

There is much to be done in our parishes and God needs our hearts and faith to get to work. How can we use our gifts and talents to help make the parish a welcoming place? For some it might be liturgical ministry, but every church needs people to work behind the scenes. Dusting and cleaning the church is not a glamorous job, but caring for the house of God is a blessing in itself. Helping the parish office with special mailings or weekly tasks is welcome to the staff who have so many responsibilities. Why not use the eyes of the Father to look in our hearts and see how we can make our parish a foundation of faith for all our family? We can also use God's sight to look for people at Mass who need an invitation to be more active in the parish, sharing the reminder none of us have to be perfect people to participate. We just need hearts of love.

**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, Gene Odató, 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!

**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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup>:** Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious Education begins on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes start at 9:15 and conclude at 10:15 for all

registered students (Pre-K through high school). Please have your children to the Schmidt Center by 9:10AM at the latest so classes can begin on time and will not be disrupted by the tardiness of the students arriving late.

**First Friday/First Saturday Devotions:** This Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin with confessions at 6:15PM and a holy hour at 7:00PM. First Saturday Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00AM.

**The 75th Anniversary Committee** will meet on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. This will be one of our final meetings before the Parish celebration and we will finalize our plans for our Mass and reception.

**Thank you, Saint Bernard Garden Club:** Our parish is indebted to the many individuals and families who have kept our parish grounds looking their best throughout the summer. Your hard work in mowing the lawn and weeding the flower beds did not go unnoticed by all who visit our church. Thanks, also, to Jim Albert and all who assisted him in placing the new "name bricks" in the walk that leads to the pavilion. All your hard work has beautified our property. God bless and reward you!

**Fall Schedule of Masses** begins the weekend of September 9/10<sup>th</sup> with Saturday evening Mass celebrated at 5:00PM and Sunday morning Masses at 8:00 and 10:30AM.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will hold the election of new Council officers and discuss some issues important to the life of our parish.

**Eucharistic Thought!** "Not only do the priests offer the Sacrifice [of the Mass], but also all the faithful; for what the priest does personally by virtue of his sacred ministry, the faithful do collectively by virtue of their intention." Pope Innocent III (13<sup>th</sup> Century)

Pray fervently for vocations!