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| The Feast Of The Transfiguration Of The Lord | August 6, 2023 |  |

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| **Mass Intentions** |
| August | 7 | 8:00 AM | **Diana Prowell requested by The Raugh Family** |
| August | 8 | 8:00 AM | **Carl DePaulis** |
| August | 9 | 8:00 AM | **Genievive Perino** |
| August | 10 | 8:00 AM | **Gerald Ford requested by Joe, Judy & Jesica Rich** |
| August | 11 | 8:00 AM | **Martin B. Smith requested by Dave & Patty Suydam** |
| August | 12 |  5:00 PM | **People Of The Parish** |
| August | 13 | 9:00 AM | **Gerald Ford requested by Tom & Louise Polcha** |
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| Liturgical Ministries August 12-13 |
|  | **Lectors** | **Extraordinary Ministers** | **Servers** |
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|  5:00 PM | Dave Suydam | Patty Suydam | The Fordyce Family |
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| 9:00 AM  | Julie Richelderfer | Scott Dunkelberger | The Robinson Family |
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| Schmidt Center Cleaning |
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| **August 13** | The Raugh Family |  |
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| **August 20** | Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands |  |
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| Next Sunday’s Readings |
| *Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures* |
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| **Isaiah** 56:1, 6-7 | **Romans** 11:13-15, 29-32 | **Matthew** 15:21-28 |

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| Christian Stewardship  |
| **Last Sunday’s Collection amounted to:** $4,439.47  |
| **The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to:** $7,573.35 |
| **The Parish Contingency for July amounted to:** $1,413.00 |
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| May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!! |

From the Pastor’s Desk

Church Calendar

***Sunday, August 6th (The Transfiguration of the Lord)***

Mass, 9:00AM

Parish Picnic, 1:00-4:00PM

***Monday, August 7th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Tuesday, August 8th (Saint Dominic)***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Wednesday, August 9th***

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

***Thursday, August 10th (Saint Lawrence)***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Friday, August 11th (Saint Clair of Assisi)***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Saturday, August 12th***

Mass, 5:00 PM

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

Mass, 9:00AM

“This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

According to the dictionary definition, to be transfigured is to “transform into something more beautiful or elevated.” This is what we see happening in Matthew’s Gospel today: Jesus takes his closest disciples up the mountain and there he is transformed – he is transfigured – before them: “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” He is also joined by Moses and Elijah as a sign that he is the fulfillment of God’s promises of old. Jesus completes the old covenant that God made with his people and brings us the new covenant of salvation. The Transfiguration parallels the Baptism of the Lord in that we once again hear God speaking from the heavens to say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” But during the Transfiguration, God adds the words, “Listen to him.” That’s a command not just for his disciples there on the mountain but for us today as well.

In elementary school, we were often reminded to listen. I remember one teacher who made a point to impress upon our class that listening is different from hearing. It is easy to hear, but to listen, you need to take the time to understand what is being said. In his letter today, Peter is urging us to listen to the prophetic message of Jesus. He says, “You will do well to be attentive to it” and then compares doing so to being “a lamp shining in a dark place.” The world today can be a very dark place, but we don’t have to be content to live in the shadows. By following Jesus’ example and commands, we can bring light – along with hope and joy – to our corner of the world. Sometimes that takes courage, though. It might involve making uncomfortable or unpopular choices, but Peter promises that the “day will dawn.” When that happens, we will undoubtedly see the fruits of our good works in our efforts to build God’s kingdom.

This week, let us pray in both words and actions as Jesus taught us. If the Lord’s Prayer is not already part of your daily prayer routine, try incorporating it this week. Then, look for ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out to someone who may appreciate a phone call or a visit.

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!

Parish Picnic: Join us today for our Parish Picnic at the Pavilion from 1:00 to 4:00PM. 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!

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 signup sheet is on the bulletin board with scheduled time slots you can choose from. Your assistance is appreciated.

CCD Registrations: Parents are reminded to re-register their children in our CCD program so adequate materials can be ordered. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. There are also new registration forms available if your child is just beginning our program.

CCD Catechist and Teacher Aide Meeting: There will be an important “Back to School” meeting for all CCD Personnel on 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 keep your children occupied, if you desire to bring them. Please let Alice Vilk know of your participation so adequate preparation can be made. Thank you.

Just a Thought to Ponder: As faith in God declines, nihilism – the conviction that life has no meaning – will rise. Faith is a primary source of life’s meaning, since it shapes the values people strive for and the way they structure their lives. Perhaps that is why our Founders believed that the American experiment could survive only with a moral people, and morals would be impossible without religion.