

The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

Mass Intentions

January	15	8:00 AM	NO MASS
January	16	8:00 AM	Kathy Piciano requested by Mary Zimmerman
January	17	8:00 AM	John Cover requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
January	18	8:00 AM	Michael Fabrizio requested by Pat & Gwen Pray
January	19	8:00 AM	Sara Zettlemoyer requested by The Harshberger Family
January	20	5:00 PM	Mike Landis requested by Kathy Landis
January	21	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Helen Hayden requested by The Shaeffer Family

Liturgical Ministries January 20-21

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	The Hoffman Family
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Scott Dunkelberger	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 14

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

January 21

Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,780.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,985.79

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 14th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, January 15th

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, January 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, January 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, January 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, January 20th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 21st

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

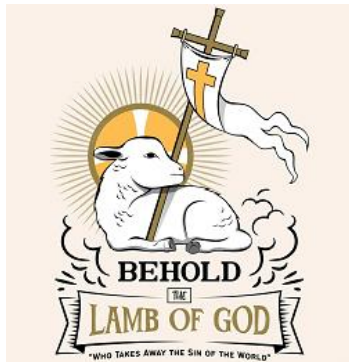
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**“Speak, Lord,
Your servant is listening.”**

From the Pastor’s Desk:

When Samuel hears the Lord speak in today’s first reading, he mistakes



it as Eli calling out to him in the temple. The third time Samuel asks if he called, Eli is wise enough to realize what is going on and guides Samuel: “Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” Samuel required guidance because he “was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet.” In a similar way does the Apostle Andrew come to the Lord. In today’s Gospel, Andrew didn’t know who Jesus was until John the Baptist told him: “Behold, the Lamb of God.” Andrew then began to follow

Jesus, and to bring others to him. There may be times when we, like both of these men, need someone else to help us hear the call of the Lord clearly, or see his presence among us. Those who serve the Lord in this way are a great gift to us, and enable us to be that gift for others. Pray for the grace to hear what we need to hear, to see what we need to see, and to say to others, “come, we have found the Messiah.”

Despite our best efforts, the time and attention we give to our lives of faith can ebb and flow. Sometimes we can feel so connected with God that we sense his presence everywhere. But there may also be times when God feels distant and we struggle to hear his voice. Notice in today’s readings how Samuel “was not familiar with the Lord” but was sleeping in the temple, close to the ark; notice how Andrew was hanging around John the Baptist and immediately followed Christ when told who he was. We can see that, already before “knowing,” is a “desire to know.” The Lord created us, formed us into being, and calls us to a relationship with him. We are drawn to him even before we can see or know what he has revealed to us. He is our source, and our ultimate end. We seek eternal life with Christ and a path of holiness to help us on our way. The stories of Samuel and the disciple Andrew impress upon us that God is always near and calling to us – we simply must give him the opportunity to speak, sometimes when we least expect it.

We are all called to a life of holiness. But it’s not always easy to grow in holiness and strengthen one’s relationship with God on our own. Consider reaching out to your parish and asking about spiritual direction – a spiritual director will help you fine tune your ears to be more attentive to the Lord’s voice.

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 Brennan, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, 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.

Parish Contribution Statements for your church offerings will be available in early January. If you would like to have a statement emailed to you, please contact the parish office (info@stbernardsnbpa.org) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.



The **Fran Hannon Educational Grant** is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any senior graduating in the spring of 2022 and who will continue their education after high school. The grant is for \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me." Deadline is March 31st. Applications are available at the bulletin board in the narthex.

A Hidden Life: If you want to watch a movie that challenges you to live your Catholic faith at a deeper level, you can do no better than to watch "*A Hidden Life*." It is perhaps the best cinematic evocation of both the Gospel and the inner drama of resisting totalitarianism as a clash of rival religions: Nazism and Catholicism. It is based on the true story of Franz Jagerstatter, an Austrian Catholic farmer who refuses to serve in the Nazi army because he will not swear loyalty to Adolf Hitler. For him, that would be an act of idolatry. The Nazis sent Jagerstatter to prison and executed him in 1943 for his treason. In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI beatified him as a martyr. It was Franz's strong Catholic faith that was the source of his resistance. Like Franz, we too must stand against totalitarianism in all its forms. Let us continue to "see, judge, and act."

Some thoughts on cultivating the virtue of silence:

• In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. ...

- Silence is a true friend who never betrays. ...
- We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness, but only in silence.
- He who does not understand your silence will probably not understand your words.
- God comes to us in the silence of our hearts.
- Never miss an opportunity to keep quiet.

What is the Magisterium of the Church? The Magisterium is the Catholic Church's teaching authority which Christ vested in the Roman Pontiff and those bishops who teach the Deposit of Faith in union with the Vicar of Christ. It comes from the Latin word, *magister*, meaning teacher. The ordinary Magisterium is the Church's teaching office exercised throughout the world by bishops using normal means to instruct the faithful in fidelity with the Petrine Office. These normal means include all forms of communication. When the doctrine taught to the faithful by the ordinary Magisterium is in union with Catholic faith and morals as taught by the Roman Pontiff, then it's infallible.

The extraordinary Magisterium is the Church's teaching office exercised in a solemn or formal way by a pope's declaration or by conciliar decisions from an ecumenical council of bishops approved by the Holy Father. When a papal definition or conciliar decision on Catholic doctrine is presented by the extraordinary Magisterium to the faithful and requires their assent, then it's infallible.

Collegiality is a reference to the college of bishops, which is headed by the pope. Vatican II taught in paragraph 22 of *Lumen Gentium* that the charism of infallibility to teach and the God-given authority to govern can never be exercised by the body of bishops apart from the Holy Father:

The college or body of bishops has no authority unless it is understood together with the Roman Pontiff, the successor of Peter as its head. ... The order of bishops, which succeeds to the college of Apostles ... is also the subject of supreme and full power over the universal Church, provided we understand this body together with its head, the Roman Pontiff, and never without this head. This power can be exercised only with the consent of the Roman Pontiff. For Our Lord placed Simon alone as the rock and the bearer of the keys of the Church and made him shepherd of the whole flock. (Bradley Eli, M.Div)