

The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

Mass Intentions

July	22	8:00 AM	Deceased Of The Harshberger & Montrose Families
July	23	8:00 AM	Catherine DePaulis requested by Yvonne DePaulis
July	24	8:00 AM	Doats Shatto requested by John & Mary Blair
July	25	8:00 AM	Intentions of Magdalene Fordyce requested by Her Family
July	26	8:00 AM	Cathy Shulna requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
July	27	5:00 PM	Richard Walton requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
July	28	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries July 27-28

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Bill Davies	Joe Morrison Anna & Julia Sheaffer

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 28	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
August 4	The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,254.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,728.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 21st

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, July 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 27th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, July 28th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

**“The Lord is my Shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

What words do we associate with being misled? Deceived, fooled, cheated? While these actions make great plot points in novels and movies, in real life they are offenses against justice, charity,



and truth. In both the first reading and the Gospel today, we hear that God's people are being misled (“Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture”) and/or left to their own

devices (“for they were like sheep without a shepherd”). In the time of Jeremiah the kings of Judah, who were shepherding in God's name, were not tending their flock: They had “scattered [his] sheep and driven them away.” Jeremiah

prophesies that the Lord will gather the remnant of his flock and bring them back to their meadow; in short, the Lord offers hope. He would raise up from the house of David a true shepherd to guide and guard his people. The incarnation of Jesus is the manifestation of that hope, and in him we have a guiding light to lead us along the correct path. He will never deceive, fool, or cheat. In this world filled with unrest and division, he offers something that no mortal man or woman can: He is the one who saves and redeems. He is the one true shepherd.

When life is packed with activities and stress, today's readings remind us what we need to do – let go of our worries and focus on Jesus. Just as, in the first reading, God's people are scattered because of poor shepherding, all of us can lose sight from time to time of what should be first and foremost in our lives: our relationship with Jesus. The key to living a good life is to listen to Jesus' words and disregard all the other noise out there. St. Paul writes that Christ is our peace, reconciling us to God and giving us access in one Spirit to the Father, through himself. In addition to Jesus bringing us the peace we need, he also guides us to the Truth. As Christians, we choose Truth over chaos and deception. It's easy to be inadvertently misled in this busy world; losing one's way is rarely intentional. But we can all struggle at times with keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and his loving, guiding hand. If we want true peace in our lives, choose Jesus; choose his compassion and love; and be open to his desire to “teach [us] many things.”

This week find your true rest and peace by meeting Jesus at daily Mass or Eucharistic adoration. Even better, why not share the peace of Christ with someone who you know might be struggling, and invite them to come to Mass or adoration with you? The crowds of people who came to see Jesus learned about him from others; let us do the same and share the joy we find in Jesus with others.

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, Gene Odat, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Joe Rich, Connie Krause, and all the long-suffering in

our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

Saint Bernard's Garden Club: To keep our parish property looking its best during the summer months, families are asked to assist by taking a portion of our property and keeping it weeded and trimmed throughout the summer. It only takes a little of your time (a few times a month) to keep our parish looking well kept the whole summer long. Thank you for all you do for our parish family.

Vacation Bible School: St Bernard's will host a VBS program about the Holy Eucharist for children aged 3 to entering the 6th grade from July 22 through July 26, 2024, 6 PM - 8:30 PM. Registration forms are available from CCD or the bulletin board in the narthex. Please complete them and return as soon as possible. Older students are welcome to join us and assist with the activities - this is a great way to complete service hours. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Morrison @ 717-462-4556, morrisonfam10@gmail.com, or 717-254-0280 (text).



CCD Teacher/Catechist Opportunity: Are you interested in working with the children in our religious education classes as a teacher or aide but unsure of your ability to teach or if you possess enough knowledge of our Catholic faith? *Just your willingness to pass along a living faith to the youth of our parish is one of the most important characteristics of a good catechist.* Our classes are teamed with 2 catechists and the younger classes also have an aide. We need a teacher in 5th grade. Alice Vilk will meet with any interested persons to discuss our program, the text we use, and the duties and responsibilities of our teachers and aides. If interested, please email Alice Vilk at alicevilk4@gmail.com. It takes

many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish, so come join us!

Cleaning of the Schmidt Center: On Thursday, July 25th we will thoroughly clean the Schmidt Center at 8:30AM. We need parishioners who are willing to assist us for two hours in washing the windows, windowsills, and walls of the classrooms. Many hands will lighten the load. If you can help, please sign up at the bulletin board.

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 4th from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion.



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 at the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

Welcome Father Speratus: Next weekend, Father Speratus, an Apostle of Jesus, will be with us to celebrate the weekend Masses. We welcome Father Speratus warmly and thank him for sharing his priestly service and ministry with us.

CCD Information: If there are children in our parish who plan to attend CCD in the fall, but who have not already registered, please let us know as soon as possible. If you are new to our program, a child must be 3 before September 1st to be accepted into the Pre-school class or age 5 by September 1st for the Kindergarten class.

Your cooperation in this effort will allow us to secure an adequate number of teachers, prepare classroom areas, and purchase book and supplies. Early registration will reduce mayhem and confusion for the opening classes on September 9th. Email Alice Vilk (65vair@embarqmail.com) ASAP.

