

The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 7, 2024

Mass Intentions

July	8	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	9	8:00 AM	Dakotah Fortney requested by John & Mary Blair
July	10	8:00 AM	Jack Evers requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
July	11	8:00 AM	Tony Gravante requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
July	12	8:00 AM	Betty Rhodes requested by Patti Gravante
July	13	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
July	14	9:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by Kathy Landis

Liturgical Ministries July 13-14

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Helena Krieger
9:00 AM	Nancy Stanton	Scott Sheaffer	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 14	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
July 21	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 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,169.00

Parish Contingency Collection for June amounted to: \$1,218.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5576.10

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 7th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 8th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 13th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, July 14th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

From the Pastor's Desk:

The prophets of the Old Testament didn't exactly have it easy, and Ezekiel is no exception. The Lord tells him that he's being sent to the Israelites, calling them “rebels who have rebelled against me,” who were

“hard of face and obstinate of heart.” In other words, God basically tells him that they will be a tough audience. Can you imagine how Ezekiel felt? Here, he is being dispatched to a people who will likely not welcome him in order to say things that probably no one will want to hear. And yet his work is crucial. God is sending his

people a messenger, telling them he stills loves them and wants them to be his people. It should come as no surprise that we are called to do the same! Although we may not describe the people in our lives as obstinate or “a rebellious house,” we know it's not always easy to share God's message. It matters that we do, though. We may



not always know exactly what effects our words and actions have, but everything the Lord asks us to do has a purpose.

Rejection, apathy, complacency. Whatever name you want to give it, it's undeniable that witnessing to Christ in the world can be met with something less than pure enthusiasm. Even Jesus himself faced rejection in his own hometown, as we see in today's Gospel. But did he give up? Obviously, we know that he did not. In fact – in the very next verses of this chapter of Mark's Gospel – Jesus sends the Twelve out on mission. They are to represent him, and witness to him. Likewise, as Jesus' hands and feet in the world today, we are to be imitators of Christ (CCC 1694) and witnesses to his Good News. And, just as Jesus wasn't always welcomed by people, it shouldn't surprise us when something similar happens to us. Like Paul, however, we can be “content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ.” And then we can call on him for help, because where we are weak, the Lord is strong. As in all things, his grace is sufficient for us.

We cannot control others' responses to God's gift of himself, we can only be faithful to our commitment to share it. This week, take time to think about what “thorn in your side” makes your witness difficult. What weakness do you need the Lord to enter into so that his power might prevail?

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 Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Joe Rich, Steven Pray, 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 aides in grades 1st and 4th and a teacher in 5th. 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!

Knights of Columbus Council Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 14th (12 noon) at the parish pavilion. All parish members of the Knights of Columbus are cordially invited to attend and should contact Grand-Knight Joe Oltheten with accepts or regrets.

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!

Summer Church Dress: We have no church dress codes we can look to except the one dictated by the virtue of modesty and good taste. In general, we should avoid the following when dressing for church: Spaghetti straps/tank tops, bare backs or shoulders, sleeveless shirts or plunging necklines, tubes, skimpy skirts or shorts, low waist pants, Jersey shorts/gym wear, caps or flip-flops. Thank you for your consideration!

Missionary Cooperative Program: Each year the Diocese of Harrisburg invites foreign missionaries to visit our parish in the summer and give an update on initiatives happening in foreign missions. Next weekend, July 13/14, Father Augustine, an Apostle of Jesus Missionary, will be present to celebrate the weekend Masses and preach the homily. Please welcome Father and support the Apostles of Jesus in their work of preaching the gospel. Be as generous in the second collection as your means allow!

Welcome Father Francline: From July 15th through the 27th, Father Francline will be present with us to provide pastoral service during Father Sharman's vacation. If you have a pastoral need, please call upon him.