

# The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

## Mass Intentions

July	14	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	15	8:00 AM	I/O Ryan & Alex Robinson requested by Deacon Robinson
July	16	8:00 AM	Aldona DeMichele requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
July	17	8:00 AM	I/O Tom Polcha requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
July	18	8:00 AM	Carl DePaulis requested by The Ken Morrison Family
July	19	5:00 PM	John Kirsch requested by The Raugh Family
July	20	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries July 19-20

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Betty Berry	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Matthew Morrison	Christopher Harlan

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 13

Gwen Pray

July 20

Robin & Mike Chiccini

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 18:1-10a

Colossians 1: 24-28

Luke 10: 38-42

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,455.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,879.41

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

### *Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

### *Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>*

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

**“Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of Everlasting life.”**

### **From the Pastor’s Desk:**

Do you ever feel as though the concept of God’s plan for your life feels too distant and abstract to perceive? If you raised your hand, just know I’m raising mine, too. The life of a Christian striving for virtue and closeness with our creator is not always simple! But Moses’ words to the Israelites in today’s first reading pierce my heart, even centuries after he spoke them: “For this



command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you.” Moses is talking to the

Israelites about God's instructions that will lead them to the Promised Land, but it’s a relevant reminder for us, too. God’s command is not some

vague message written in the sky, or some ancient code we need to decipher. It is written in our hearts. Our job is simply to return to the Lord our God so that we might understand it. If you ever feel as though God’s ways are inscrutable, return to him, perhaps using this particular Scripture. When we call upon God, he always responds. And in his response there is great mercy and love. We are meant to share this mercy and love we receive with others.

I think it’s natural, in our fallen humanity, to overcomplicate the Lord’s commandments. But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus spells it out for us in plain terms: show mercy to our neighbor. How often do we encounter someone in need? Probably daily. How often do we respond with love, generosity, and mercy? This is the question we must ask ourselves. Though the call is clear and concise, the reality is demanding. But Jesus also reminds us that our acts of mercy aren’t without merit – they are precisely what will carry us onward to our eternal reward. “Do this and you will live,” Jesus says.

Today’s readings remind us of our earthly call to love and to serve, and they are also a reminder of God’s radical nearness to his people. The call to mercy is challenging. The mission to love is bold. The road to eternal glory is long and narrow. But God is never far away from us on this journey. Take time this week to consider where and how the Lord is speaking to you. How is he inviting you into his mission of mercy? Where is he offering you himself?

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Lucy Joy, Emerson Zahn, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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

**Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com).

**Vacation Bible School:** DON'T MISS THE BUS! Climb aboard The Vatican Express! Fasten your seatbelts for the ride of your life! All Aboard the Vatican Express!! We will



gather from July 21-25 from 6:00-8:30PM in the church, hall, and pavilion. Children ages 3 to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade may register.

Forms for registration are on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information, please contact Jen Morrison at [Morrisonfam10@gmail.com](mailto:Morrisonfam10@gmail.com) or 717-462-4556.

**Parish Picnic:** Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

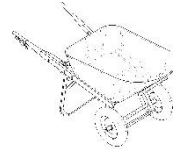
**CCD Catechist Needed:** We need catechists to team-teach in our CCD program. Are you interested in working with the children to teach our Catholic faith? Just your willingness to pass along the faith to children is one of the most important characteristics of a good catechist. All classes are teamed with two catechists and the younger classes also have an aid. I will meet with any interested person to discuss our program, the text we use, and the duties/responsibilities of our teachers and aides. Please contact Alice Vilk at [alicevilk4@gmail.com](mailto:alicevilk4@gmail.com). It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish - so come join 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 1<sup>st</sup> to be accepted into the Pre-school class or age 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup> for the Kindergarten class. Your cooperation in this



effort will allow us to secure an adequate number of teachers, prepare classroom areas, and purchase books and supplies. Early registration will reduce mayhem and confusion for the opening classes on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Email Alice Vilk ([65vair@embarqmail.com](mailto:65vair@embarqmail.com)) ASAP.

### Knights of Columbus "Wheelbarrow of Groceries"



The Knights are offering chances to win a Wheelbarrow full of Groceries worth over \$200. Chances are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at the parish picnic on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. See the Knights after Mass to purchase your winning ticket!!

**Altar Servers Needed:** Altar servers are lay assistants who serve at the Altar during liturgical celebrations, primarily Mass. They assist the



priest and deacon with various tasks, such as carrying the cross, candles, incense, and helping with the liturgical books. Altar servers play a vital role in ensuring the holy Mass is conducted with the upmost

reverence and grace. *Deacon Robinson will train a new class of altar servers on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 3:00PM* in the church. If you believe God may be calling you to service in our parish, and you want to be trained to serve at the Altar, please sign up at the bulletin board. Perspective servers should be in fourth grade or older.

### Welcome Fathers Melanio Viuya and Francline:

While Father Sharman takes his annual vacation with his family, our parish is pleased to welcome Father Melanio Viuya. Father Melanio was assigned to our parish by the Diocese (for the weekend of July 12/13) to preach for the Missionary Cooperative Program. He will share what his community is doing in mission lands to extend the gospel. He will also ask your prayers and financial support for these mission projects. Please be as generous as your means allow. Our parish friend, Father Francline, will celebrate the daily and weekend masses through July 27<sup>th</sup>.