

The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

Mass Intentions

July	28	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	29	8:00 AM	Richard Flickinger requested by Kathy Landis
July	30	8:00 AM	I/O Glenn Harshberger requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
July	31	8:00 AM	I/O Joshua Eby requested by Deacon Robinson
August	1	8:00 AM	I/O Michael O’Kane requested by The Raugh Family
August	2	8:00 AM	John Fordyce requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
		5:00 PM	Mary Kupris requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
August	3	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries August 2-3

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Reed Krieder	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Nancy Stanton	Jacob Innerst Austin Hoffman

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 27	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
August 3	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday’s Readings

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11	Luke 12:13-21
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday’s Collection amounted to: \$4,029.05
The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,312.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 27th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 28th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, July 31st

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, August 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 2nd

First Saturday Mass in honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 3rd

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

Parish Picnic, 1:00-4:00PM (Pavilion)

**“Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Are you a Martha or a Mary? How many times have we been presented with that question when we hear today's Gospel reading? At first ask, similar to many people, I would answer that I'm easily a Martha. I'm a



perfectionist in many areas of my life, especially when it comes to my work or when I host dinner for friends and family. In those moments, I put a lot of pressure on myself to be the best I can be, to do the job well, and demonstrate the utmost hospitality. But as with Martha, too much focus on

being “perfect” can cause worry and anxiety.

But this year, hearing the story again, I realized something: There are times when I'm able to put those worries and anxieties aside and sit at the feet of Jesus just like Mary did, and I want to make that happen more often.

Although it has been several weeks since we celebrated the Sacred Triduum and we are back in Ordinary Time, the realization that I can be more like Mary than Martha has stayed with me. During the Triduum, we are asked by the Church to maintain a time of prayer, reverence, and, particularly on Holy Saturday, silence, as we reflect on Christ's death. This has always been the one time a year when I am able to find my “inner Mary” and sit at the feet of Christ. I thought the only way to do that was to completely shut myself off from everything, but that is not how God wants to be present in our lives. He wants to be with us always and seeks us where we are. With that realization, I learned that I can sit at his feet during my times of work or bustling as well. It can be as simple as listening to prayers on an app or praise and worship music while cooking dinner, or saying a prayer before I sit down to complete the next task at work and asking Jesus to be with me. This is a start to being more like Mary even during my busy periods. And by finding my inner “Mary,” I find Jesus. So can you.

Read through the Gospel again. Don't assume you have to stay stuck in the rhythm of being “Martha” when you know you long for a closer relationship with Jesus. Life is full of busyness and seemingly endless tasks, but being perfect will not bring calm. But inviting Jesus into those busy moments will. And when you do, Jesus will calm any anxieties you may have because you have “chosen the better part and it will not be taken from [you].”

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).

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or 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 6th 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 or 717-462-4556.

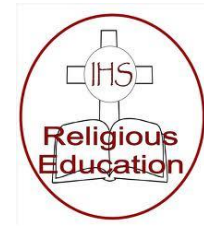
Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion. Families are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Our gracious Knights of Columbus will provide the meat course and drinks. It is a fun time 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 for 3rd and 6th grade. 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 aide. 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. It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish -- so come join us!

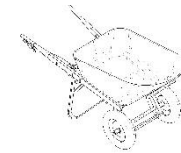
Quote from Saint Bernard: "There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love." He certainly was a man of great wisdom.

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 books and supplies. Early registration will reduce mayhem and confusion for the opening classes on September 7th. Email Alice Vilk (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 3rd. See the Knights after Mass to purchase your winning ticket!!



Welcome Father Francline: While Father Sharman takes his annual vacation with his family, our parish is pleased to welcome back to Perry County our beloved Father Francline. Father will provide pastoral coverage from July 14 through the 27th. Father is a native of Cameroon in Africa and has been studying theology at Catholic University in Washington, DC. Hopefully he will write his doctoral dissertation this coming year and, after graduating, return to his Diocese to continue to minister to his people. We are most grateful that Father Francline so generously shares his time and considerable faith with us, especially when he covers our parish for pastoral needs.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a rich and profound expression of love and reverence for Christ, emphasizing His boundless love for humanity. The heart is a symbol of Christ's love and compassion, highlighting His willingness to suffer and sacrifice for our salvation. The devotion was popularized in the 17th century through the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. Jesus appeared to her, revealing His heart as a source of immense love and inviting her to spread this devotion.