

The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

Mass Intentions

July	27	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	28	8:00 AM	Father Sharman requested by Deacon Robinson
July	29	8:00 AM	Richard Flickinger requested by Kathy Landis
July	30	8:00 AM	Kevin Gray requested by Saint Bernard K of C
July	31	8:00 AM	Cathy Steiner requested by Stanley & Maryellen Bielski
August	1	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by The Ken Morrison Family
		5:00 PM	Melvin & Loretta Lubold requested by Judy Wilson
August	2	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries August 1-2

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Betty Berry	Dave Suydam
9:00 AM	Bill Davies	Tom Jenkins	Austin Hoffman Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 26	Tonya Sands
August 2	Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,687.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$3,670.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 26th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 27th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 31st

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 1st

Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 2nd

Mass, 9:00AM

Parish Picnic, 1:00 – 4:00PM

**“Blessed are You, Father, Lord
of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the Kingdom.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we continue to hear parables about the kingdom of God and the reaction of those who find it. The merchant and the person in the field joyfully sell all they have to acquire their treasures. In a



world in which we have so many responsibilities, following God may sometimes feel like an obligation. We abide by truths of the Church that are countercultural and challenging. We give our time and our money for the benefit of our community.

We profess bold belief in a Gospel truth that is

often questioned. These parables remind us that God desires that we move past seeking him out of a sense of obligation or duty – to a place of joy-filled abandonment to him. To experience the full joy that comes from living the Gospel, Jesus comes to us and remains with us in his sacraments. He invites us over and over again to experience his love and his joy until our hearts are changed and we joyfully put everything aside in pursuit of him.

If you are very familiar with your garden and spend a lot of time with your flowers, you recognize a weed from a desired plant. As we journey with Christ, our eyes become fine-tuned to see the difference between what is characteristic of the kingdom of God and what is of this world. King Solomon had eyes fixed on the kingdom, and he knew the value of asking for an understanding heart to help him see more clearly. We must also ask for the wisdom to see clearly what is from God. As we encounter the beauty of God and the truth of his word, we are called to share those encounters with those who are still searching and whose eyes are untrained. Not unlike pulling weeds in the garden, we must train our eyes to find the longed-for pearl as we see and experience the truth of God's love as a community of believers.

As you seek to grow in understanding, pray the prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury this week: *O Lord, my God / teach my heart this day where and how to see you / where and how to find you / Let me find you by loving you / let me love you when I find you. Amen.*

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Jeff Galgon, Dawn Lowe, Mary Schoedel, Matt Morrison, Kay Utzig, Glenn Harshberger, Joe Rich, Yolanda McMillan, Lois Morningred, 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.

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!

Consider bringing Flowers for Mary: There is a sign-up form on the bulletin board if you would like to bring summer flowers to honor Mary.

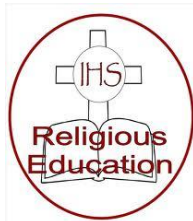
Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion.



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 on the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

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 in September. Email Alice Vilks ASAP at (alicevilks4@gmail.com).

A sense of decorum in dressing for Church: The summertime can be hot and humid and often call for clothing that is more comfortable. There is, however, a proper decorum to be used when considering the clothing we wear for Mass and church. While fancy Sunday-best dresses/hats or suit and tie may not be the attire we wear in the “causal” atmosphere of today’s society, there is always a need to monitor closely what we wear because it reflects on us, our values, and the importance we place on our respect for God and

our neighbor. 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!

Please Register your Children for CCD: If you have not registered or re-registered your child(ren) for CCD for the 2026-2027 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Textbooks and other materials must be ordered shortly so they arrive in time for the beginning of September. Contact Alice Vilks (alicevilks4@gmail.com) for registration forms or see the bulletin board.

Good Catholic Apps: Many of us use apps on our computers and cell phones to access information and make some daily tasks easier. Did you know that there are many Apps that can be used by Catholics to increase knowledge of the faith and spirituality? Many of these Apps allow you to access Catholic teaching, movies, shows, theology, or answer questions you might have about anything Catholic. Here are some reliable Apps that support authentic Catholic theology, teaching and spirituality: Amen, **Hallow**, Laudate, Ascension, Intercede, EWTN, Formed, Catholic Answers, iBreviary, iMissal, and **Truthly**. Some of these Apps are free and some require a yearly subscription. Check them out and grow in your knowledge and spirituality as a Catholic.

Welcome, Father Franeline: We are pleased to welcome home to our parish Father Franeline, who will be with us this week and cover Masses and pastoral emergencies while Father Sharman is on vacation. Father Franeline continues his studies at Catholic University in Washington, DC, and will hopefully finish his doctoral dissertation this year.

“For faith is the beginning and the end is love,
and God is the two of them brought into unity.”
(Saint Ignatius of Antioch)