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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28

Saint Paul presents a puzzle for us when he says: “Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit.” What does he mean by flesh? Every day that we look into a mirror we see flesh (our body). So then, what does Saint Paul mean by flesh? Flesh for Saint Paul is a technical term and means whatever leads us to sin or keeps us in sin.

Saint Paul is reminding us of the lasting effect of Baptism. Baptism has changed us radically for the better. By the fact of our Baptism we have a personal relationship with Jesus and that relationship should change our outlook on how we live our lives. Baptism demands that we become a reflection of Jesus in all that we say and do. Our daily focus has to be on Jesus and not those things that would damage our relationship (sin) with Him.

Saint Paul goes on to say: “Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.” Strong words for us to hear. Saint Paul is reminding us that, though we can look like a catholic, think we are a catholic, if we do not follow through, do not act from our hearts reflecting Christ, we are not truly catholic. We are then much like a puppet; someone is pulling our strings and that person pulling our strings is Satan.

By the very fact of our Baptism, we belong to Jesus and Jesus is with us. So let us celebrate the words of Saint Paul as he says: “If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body (flesh), you will live.” By letting the Christ who lives within us shine through our words and our deeds, Heaven truly becomes our home.

On another matter: We have had the plea for more ministers in the bulletin often and I have personally mentioned many times that we need of altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, and lectors—at ALL the masses. WE STILL NEED THEM. We especially need ministers that can take communion to and visit with our sick and ailing on a weekly or monthly basis. Fr. Stan and I can only manage a limited number of visits with our other commitments.

All of our parishes and parishioners were spoiled by Mr. James O’Mara and the many weekly stops to our shut-ins that he made not only to the nursing homes and the hospital, but also to private homes. He truly lived the Christ within him, bringing communion and companionship to those in need. I am having difficulty getting enough people to fulfill his commitments. I need you and they need you. Our parishes were spoiled by the good works of Mr. O’Mara and now we have to stand up and fulfill his legacy. If you have a few hours a week or a month, please talk to me or call the parish office at 362-6825 for more information about these needs.

God Bless, Fr. Ray

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at: http://www.erieercd.org/fam.htm and discover why families always matter!
Next week’s 2nd collection will be for the Diocesan National Needs Collection. This collection combines the Catholic Home Mission Appeal and the Black and Indian Home Missions Appeals. Its purpose is to strengthen the Church at home through supporting the funding of essential ministries in these mission areas such as seminary education and lay ministry training.

KIDS & CANCER MASS
A special mass is being held at St. Bernard Church on July 22, 2016 at 8 a.m. for the intention of families who have been affected by all forms of cancer. The mass will kick-off the annual Kids & Cancer Motorcycle Benefit Run. Father Ray will bless the bikes at Noon in the Zippo/Case parking lot on Congress Street prior to the run.

National NFP Awareness Week
JULY 23 - JULY 29, 2017
Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. The Natural Family Planning Program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops develops a poster each year with basic supportive materials. It is the individual dioceses however, that offer a variety of educational formats in the local church to focus attention on Natural Family Planning methods and Church teachings which support their use in marriage.

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org.

FAMILY LIFE
Today’s gospel is about being missionaries. As Jesus accepted his mission, parents accept the mission of raising a family. Parents are not alone in this exhausting and difficult vocation. Today Jesus calls us to himself when he invites us to “Come to me and I will give your rest.”

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT
The Divine Mercy Retreat program is offering two opportunities to make the retreat this summer. The next retreat will be held August 11, 12, & 13 at Elk County Catholic in St. Marys, PA. Cost to make the weekend is $45 and sponsorships are available. Apply online at www.divinemercyencounter.com. Questions? Contact Jessica Nelson at 814-449-9533.
**WORD OF LIFE**

"God, our Father, you always bear the cry of the poor. How many times have Christians themselves not recognized you in the hungry, the thirsty and the naked, in the persecuted, the imprisoned, and in those incapable of defending themselves, especially in the first stages of life. For all those who have committed acts of injustice by trusting in wealth and power and showing contempt for the 'little ones' who are so dear to you, we ask your forgiveness: have mercy on us and accept our repentance. We ask this through Christ our Lord." ~ Pope John Paul II, March 12, 2000

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**22nd ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE IN JULY**

Pregnancy Counseling Services, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Service, helps expecting women and their newborn infants. We are a United Way member agency that provides assistance to individuals of all faiths in the form of free disposable diapers, infant clothing and hygiene products (baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment and wipes). Donations of these items can be dropped off in the box by the front door of St. Bernard Church or brought to the Parish office during the month of July.

Please help us touch and nurture the new lives that God has so richly blessed us with. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked “Catholic Charities—Diaper Drive” and put in the collection or taken to the Parish Office.

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**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened..." (Mt.11:29) One grace of marriage is having a partner who is there for us when one of us feels burdened or discouraged. We may not always respond perfectly, but the opportunity is there. Is there anything burdening your beloved these days?

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**2017 Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations**

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgeway or Sunday, August 13, 2017 at St. Jude the Apostle, Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit [http://www.eriercd.org/anniv.htm](http://www.eriercd.org/anniv.htm) or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814) 824-1250 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 250.

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**SUMMER BRUNCH**

Please mark your calendars!

Sunday, July 30, 2017 — 9am-11am —

St. Francis is holding their annual summer social in Ritchie Hall. This year we are having a BRUNCH following the 8 am Mass at St. Francis! Everyone is invited. The Parish will supply the beverages and sliced ham as well as plates/cutlery/napkins. Anyone attending is asked to bring a brunch dish (fruit, breakfast casserole, sweet rolls, donuts, etc) to share.

COME & ENJOY THE FOOD & COMMUNITY!

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**HELPERS NEEDED**

LaStella Auxiliary is asking for help in making the cookies/pizzelles and wans for the Italian Festival. They will be setting up on July 13th and baking on the 14th & 15th starting at 9 am each day. They will be making wans on August 5th, 6th, & 7th, prepping at 8 and starting at 9 am. If you are interested in helping, please call Judy Brown at 598-0749 for more information.

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**DAYS OF PRAYER**

at the Carmelite Monastery

510 East Gore Road, Erie

Tuesday, July 11th - Sunday, July 16th

Fr. James Campbell (pastor of Coudersport) preaching Mass each morning at 8:00 will be offered for the intentions of all making the DAYS OF PRAYER. Services each evening at 7:30 consist of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sermon. There are NO SERVICES the evening of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Sunday the 16th). The Carmelite Nuns warmly invite all to pray with during these grace-filled days in this year marking the centenary of Our Lady’s appearances at Fatima.

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**YOUR 2017 CSA HELPS SUPPORT**

- Parish projects
- Catholic Charities’ nine affiliate agencies and multiple programs: More than 57,000 men, women and children of all faiths received services last year.
- Support and advice for administrators and teachers of the 38 Catholic schools
- Scholarships for Catholic school students – CSA provided more than $500,000 in scholarships for needy students
- Continuing education opportunities for catechists
- Youth rallies
- Bishop’s breakfast program for the homeless Rural ministries
It is with deep regret that I announce the resignation of Kim Mooney, principal at St. Bernard Elementary/Middle School. She will be teaching in a different capacity, one that is very close to her heart, at IU9. As we search for a new principal, I have asked Denise O’Neil (current teacher) to act as interim principal, for the sake of continuity, until a new principal has been hired. There is NO truth to any rumors regarding the school closing. The school will remain open and we all anticipate a smooth transition into the future.

Dr. Samuel Signorino, Assistant Superintendent of School Personnel for the Erie Diocese, will be assisting me in this process of hiring a new principal. All resumes/applications must be mailed to him by July 14th. His email address is ssignorino@eriercd.org

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Kim Mooney for her many years as a teacher and also her 12 years of dedicated service to the school as its principal. I wish her well in her new position.

Fr. Ray

Principal Position Information:

St. Bernard School will begin the search for a new dynamic educational and spiritual leader for the school. The new appointment will be made by the end of July. The Principal must be dedicated to the development of the whole child, the teaching of the Catholic faith, and the integration of faith into daily living. The Catholic School Principal is committed to working within a network of Catholic schools, collaborating closely to provide a challenging, academically superior, faith based education in an environment that promotes Catholic values and nurtures Faith Formation. Our goal is to develop students who will improve the communities in which they live through a close relationship with Jesus Christ and the ability to use their potential to the fullest.

The required/desired qualifications are the following:

- Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church
- Valid and active Pennsylvania Administrative Certificate/ Master’s Degree with graduate work in curriculum, instruction, supervision or another related field
- Required clearances
- Experience in using data to make informed decisions about student achievement
- Experience in leading professional development opportunities and programs
- Experience in supervising classroom instruction

Five years of experience as a teacher or administrator in a Catholic School preferred

There are essential functions and responsibilities in strategic and cultural leadership, mission and vision, community and stakeholder involvement. The Principal must be flexible and able to tolerate many situations and personalities, be able to multitask and manage appropriate computer applications necessary for the organization of the school.

The application deadline will be July 14, 2017. All related forms may be found at www.eriercd.org/teachingforms.html and www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm. Please send the required forms and documentation along with a letter of intent to Dr. Samuel Signorino, Erie Diocese, PO Box 10397, Erie, PA 16514 or email at ssignorino@ErieRCD.org.
PASTORAL STAFF:
Very Rev. Raymond C. Gramata, Pastor
Rev. Stanley Swacha, Senior Associate
Mrs. Kimberly A. Mooney, Principal SBS

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday - Friday: 8 am to 4 pm
Ms. Wendy Thomson, Financial Manager
Ms. Kathy Bryant, Secretary

MASS SCHEDULE:
Please consult bulletin

RECONCILIATION:
St. Bernard — Saturdays from 4:30 to 5 pm before
5:15 mass, Thursday before First Friday
from 4:30 to 5 pm.
St. Francis — After 9 am mass on Saturdays.
Private appointments may be made by calling the
Parish Office (362-6825).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)
Students not attending Catholic school should be
enrolled in REP programs. St. Bernard, St. Francis
and OMPH Religious Education programs are
combined. Grades 1 through 8 meet on Sunday
mornings at 9 am at St. Bernard in Fr. Gallina
Social Center and grades 9, 10 & 11(Confirmation)
meet at St. Francis in G. Carlton Ritchie Hall at
5:15 pm on Sunday. Both programs begin in
September.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS (RCIA):
We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith.
This process begins in the fall of the year. Please
call the Parish Office for further information.

ST. BERNARD ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE
SCHOOL:
450 West Washington Street: serving students,
preschool through eighth grade. Open to
parishioners, Catholics from other parishes and
those of other faiths. Offering Extended Care
before, during, and after school. For complete
information, please call 368-5302.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Religious Education:
Grades 1-8, 9 am Sunday mornings at St. Bernard
Grades 9, 10 & 11(Confirmation), 5:45 pm Sunday
evenings at St. Francis

Liturgical
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
Music Director Kathy O’Mara
Organist St. Francis Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir Mariann Pascarella
God’s Housekeepers Parish Office
Liturgy Fr. Raymond C. Gramata

Parish Community
St. Bernard School Kim Mooney, Principal
Parish Council Fr. Raymond Gramata
Catholic Women’s Club Teri Everett
Rosary Altar Society Joan Hoffman
Telephone Prayer Chain - Natalie Marasco (363-9110)

MEMBERSHIP: All Baptized Catholics should be
registered, practicing and supporting members of a
Parish. Only properly registered members appear on
our parish list and are eligible to receive the benefits
of parish membership for sacraments, and educational
opportunities (including tuition assistance) at our
Catholic School. Each parishioner is called upon to
practice good stewardship of time, talent and treasure.
If you are not currently receiving envelopes, you may
not be registered. Call the Parish Office - we would
love to meet you!

MARRIAGE: Couples need to contact a priest at
least six months before their wedding. Registered and
active participation needs to be considered before
marriage.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the
Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick for
family members who are seriously ill. Communion
for the sick is taken to the hospital, nursing homes,
and the home-bound on a regular basis.

BAPTISM: Both parents must attend the Pre-
Baptism Preparation Program. Please call the St.
Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of
upcoming class. Baptisms are scheduled after
completing the program. Call the Parish Office to
schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be
at least 16, confirmed and active, registered members
of their parish.
MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JULY 10-16, 2017

Monday, July 10
SB 8:00 am Parishioners
SF 9:00 am Bonnie Pagano (Rosary Altar Society)

Tuesday, July 11
SF 9:00 am Joan Holler (Joyce Schaming)

Wednesday, July 12
SB 8:00 am Andy Sloter (Family)

Thursday, July 13
SB 8:00 am Nora & John Kearns (Cindy & Steve Pascarella)
SF 9:00 am Lawrence & Theresa Pace & Family (Estate)

Friday, July 14
SB 8:00 am John & Nellie Crooks (Norma Alviti)

Saturday, July 15
SF 9:00 am Richard Brown (Marge Holland & Becky Billings)
SF Confessions after mass
SB 4:30-5:00 pm Confessions
SB 5:15 pm David DeFrank (Family)

Sunday, July 16
SF 8:00 am Rosario Fabian Family (Estate)
SB 10:00 am David Jones (Kathy Jones)
OM 11:30 am Lena Cary (Barb Irons)

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES JULY 15-16, 2017

Saturday, July 15
SB 5:15 pm
Lector: Jean Truman
EM: Chuck Beattie/Paul Curcio/VOLUNTEER
Servers: Andrew Truman/Ryan Hughes/Noah Meyer

Sunday, July 16
SF 8:00 am
Lector: Chuck Lang
EM: April Lang
Servers: Samantha Soyke
SB 10:00 am
Lector: Rhett Kennedy
EM: Chuck Beattie/Lynn Hogue/Kathy Howe
Servers: Rent, Hugh & Rhys Kennedy
OM 11:30 am
Lector: Susie Yakimovich
EM: Linda Cox
Servers: Volunteer
Hospital/Pavilion: Craig Cuthbertson
Chapel Ridge: Chuck Lang

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS - SB
July 10 - 14: Team 2
D. Jadlowiec/ P. Foote/ C. Bennett/
V. Comilla/ D. & L. Williams
K. Smeal/ D. Housler

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9, 2017
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/
Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/
Psa 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/
Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/
Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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