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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday: The Lord's Day, Vigil Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday, 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Confessions every Saturday, 4:00-4:30 PM and also
at parishioners' convenience by appointment.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are usually made one year in advance
to properly prepare for marriage. Contact the Parish
Office for an appointment.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Contact Parish Office for pastoral visits in the hospital
or at home. Eucharist ministers are able to visit the
sick upon request. The Sacrament of the Sick can be
celebrated anytime there is a need.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration Forms are located in back of the church
or at the Parish Office. Please register so that we may
serve you better.

PARISH TRUSTEES

Cecile Cole
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July 15, 2018 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday July 15, 2018

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Stella Bencivengo

10:30 Rose Sanzari

Monday July 16, 2018

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 Ed Dobbins

Wednesday July 18, 2018

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:30 James M. Timmons

Thursday July 19, 2018

8:30 People of the Parish

Friday July 20, 2018

St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 Harry McNulty

Saturday July 21, 2018

*St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and
Doctor of the Church*

8:30 James M. Timmons

5:00 Msgr. James Fallon

Sunday July 22, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Dolores Marcantonio

10:30 John Ball

The Inner Word

What's in your heart?

Jesus instructs his disciples to possess nothing for their journey of evangelization. He stresses the need to be divested of the world in order to be totally invested in the Kingdom.

- What has been your experience of the relationship between

worldly poverty and spiritual power?

- Do you ever feel like the things you possess and the comfort and security you enjoy might have a negative impact on the power of your proclamation?
- How would you evaluate the spiritual differences and similarities between the rich and the poor of your community?

July 15, 2018 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

No matter how hard I try to pack no more than I need for a given trip, I always manage to overpack. It doesn't make sense to bring along all the comforts of home when you're leaving home for a while. After all, why else take a trip. Still, we get used to certain conveniences, and they might not be available where we're going,

Nowadays there's an added incentive to pack lightly because the airlines are quick to charge you for a suitcase that's heavier than their arbitrary weight classification, or you may be compelled to remove items that you thought were so necessary just to get onboard the plane.

All this came to mind as I pondered Jesus' instructions to His first

missionaries, His chosen Twelve. He makes sure they don't overpack for their upcoming road trips. His motive is clear. If they are to preach to others about the virtues of a simple lifestyle, and build up dependence on God, then they must lead by example. It has ever been so for Christ's representatives, which means you and me.

Another less obvious intent of Jesus is to guarantee that the Twelve do not go looking for better offers about their comfort than the one right in front of them. Rather, they are to accept what people offered them.

Jesus also warns His men about the possibility of rejection of their message and how to handle it. That is helpful for us, as the teachings of our Church become more and more in conflict with the surrounding culture in which we live and move and have our being in these days.

Jesus' "prep talk" is important for us to remember. I see Jesus' instruction about travelling lightly as a reminder that our time on earth is limited. Wasting our time and energy on acquiring fame, wealth or power rather than grace and virtue is a strong temptation, but not one we can't overcome if we have God's help.

As for the potential rejection we must face as friends of Christ, especially if and when it originates from our own families or friends, we have to recall what St. Paul wrote to his Ephesians. He writes: "In love He (God the Father) destined us for adoption to Himself." That means we are part of God's family. He walks

beside us through this vale of tears. That's good news, but so often we forget. We're not like elephants, who reputedly never forget, but that can sometimes be a detriment for them.

Once upon a time, at a circus, there was a huge elephant that was tied to an eighteen inch stake. Could he not easily have pulled it out of the ground and been free? Sure, but he had tried that when he was a baby and was unsuccessful. The elephant had concluded that he could never pull it out of the ground; so there he stood, a massive creature capable of lifting whole trees, yet held captive by a puny stake.

What small stake could faith release you from?

First Reading: Amos 7: 12-15

In this biographical interlude between Amos' five visions, we find Amaziah the priest of Bethel speaking to Amos with contempt. Then Amos tells him that his prophetic work all came about through God's choice of him and not the other way around.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14, or 1:3-10

This whole section is a blessing composed by St. Paul. He cites being a blest person because God chose him for adoption. He also acknowledges that our forgiveness comes about from Christ's death on the cross.

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Mark presents the mission of the Twelve as an extension of Jesus' own ministry. Having no concern with extra

baggage reflects the kind of trust in God that the mission involves, nor were the Apostles to seek better accommodations than what were offered to them in their travels.



As a community of believers, who trust in God's mercy, healing and strength, it is our duty to pray for those who are ill and infirm. The following parishioners or family members of our parishioners are in need of our prayers. We ask God to grant health and peace to: **Lois Bateson, Jean Birrell, the Budwick family, Sandy Chase, Barbara Dietrick, Linda Doshier, Fr. Joe Farias, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, James Matar, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Angela Rios, Andy Secallus, Sister Thomasine Smith, Frances Spilman, Ralph Sutton, Rob Talmadge and Maureen Tuccio.**

First Friday Adoration

Everyone is invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration each First Friday beginning after the 8:30 Mass until 6:00pm. There is a signup sheet in the church vestibule for each hour. Please join us on Friday, August 3rd for this special prayer and devotion.

Food Donations

There is still a great need for food to assist people in our local area. Please continue to bring your donations to church and place them in the containers found in the vestibule. They will be delivered each week to the food pantry at St. Mary's in Dover. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

RIGHT TO LIFE – CHOOSE LIFE

Prevent Your Tax Dollars Funding Abortion

Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in America, is funded in large part by your hard earned tax dollars.

In 2012, Planned Parenthood performed 327,166 abortions while collecting well over half a billion dollars from U.S. taxpayers. That is according to its own Annual Report and works out to an average of one abortion every 94 seconds! In addition to Planned Parenthood's abortion business, it uses this money to promote, advertise and market the "benefits" of abortion, including partial birth abortion.

Planned Parenthood's market share of the abortion industry continues to increase in spite of the total number of abortions declining. Planned Parenthood has reportedly spent hundreds of millions from the pockets of hard-working Americans fighting lawsuits, legislation and other efforts, which have tried to reduce the numbers of abortions. Planned Parenthood has litigated in the US Supreme Court, trying to deny a law passed by Congress that banned the

hideous and barbaric partial-birth abortion procedure.

Now is the time to take a stand against Planned Parenthood and this horrible misuse of public funds. Let your voice be heard! Please let your Senator know that you do not want your money spent on the abortion industry.

Vacation Time?

Before leaving on that much-deserved vacation, please help **Catholic Charities** continue its mission by donating **clothing, Shoes, and Household items** in our donation bin located in the parking lot. We also have a donation bin near the Rectory, off of Mount Hope Road. Your continued generosity is appreciated. If you have a **large pick up**, need a receipt, or have a question please call our toll-free number @ **877-343-3651**.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you are on vacation or away from home for any reason and need to find a Catholic Church for Sunday worship, you can go to Catholic-mass-times.com. Another website you can use is masstimes.org: for Automated Church Lookup call 1-858-207-6277 and enter zip code for desired location. Enjoy the summer.

Parish Registration

It is important that we keep the parish census updated. If you are new to the parish, attend Mass regularly here at St. Bernard's, or consider yourself a member of the parish, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, I ask that you please fill out a parish registration form. Once completed, you can put it in the collection basket, drop it off at

the rectory, or mail it to the parish office. Forms can be found on the credenza in the vestibule. We will be glad to mail the form out to you if you call the rectory to request one. On the registration form, you can specify whether or not you wish to receive envelopes for your contributions to support your parish. Using church envelopes, with the assigned number and amount of your sacrificial giving on it, is the only way we can provide a statement of your yearly contributions for tax purposes. I ask all those who are currently registered to please keep us informed of any updated information. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Second Collection

Today, a combined collection will be taken up for the Catholic University of America, the the Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Black and Indian Missions. We ask your generosity.

Catholic Communications Campaign

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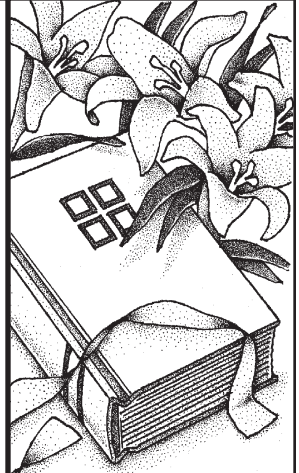


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