



*Thank you, Father Phil!*

Dear Parish Family,

I hope that you have received my letter, saying not goodbye, but I'll be seeing you soon, in the mail. What I stated there came directly from my heart. In God's plan, serving you as pastor has brought me joy and a sense of purpose. As I write this, I'm also aware of the many parishioners, priests, and pastors who have gone before me in our parish history. I am grateful for all they have done. I know that as you supported me, you will assist Fr. Joe Menkhaus as he administrates this parish in the upcoming year. I pass on to him and to you this wonderful reflection by Saint Oscar Romero that has occupied my thought and prayer for the past six months.

***Prophets of a Future Not Our Own*** It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

*This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.*

We have planted seeds and we hope that one day they will grow and we have watered the seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promises. It is with these words we conclude our time together with gratitude and filled with hope in the Lord Jesus.

God Bless you,

Father Philip

P.S. Mary, conceived without original sin, pray for us.



Please note that Mass on Saturday, July 4th will be outdoors at 9:00 AM, weather permitting. Please plan to bring a lawn chair. The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th. Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!!



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the soul of: **Ilse K. Palus.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.*

### + Intentions for the Week +

#### **Monday, June 29, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

9:00 John Grzan

#### **Tuesday, June 30, Weekday**

8:00 Rev. Joseph Dempsey (Anniv)

#### **Wednesday, July 1, Weekday**

9:00 David Joe Lowry (Anniv)

#### **Thursday, July 2, Weekday**

8:00 Colleen Steadley

#### **Friday, July 3, Saint Thomas, Apostle**

9:00 Judy Thomas

#### **Saturday, July 4, Weekday**

9:00 John Logue

5:00 Noreen Sweeny

#### **Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Edward Presley

**Please pray for:** Ron Monyak; Mary Stepic; Bev Pasko; Mickey Gallagher; Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

### **Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**

#### **CRC Pilates**

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*You are cordially invited to a  
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*Father Philip Racco*

on the occasion of his

*Retirement*

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Matthew 25:21

SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

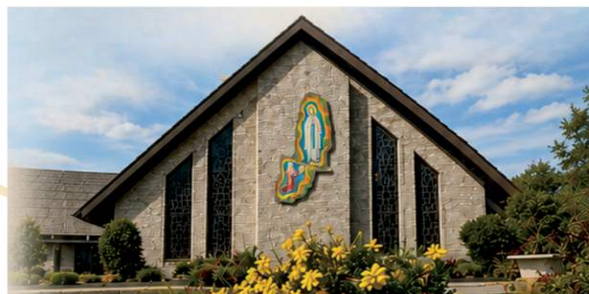
10:30AM Mass

12:00pm-3:00PM Luncheon

St. Bernadette Dempsey Hall



Please join us as we give thanks for  
Father Racco's faithful service, dedicated  
ministry, and the many blessings he has  
shared with St. Bernadette Parish.



The Parish Pastoral Council will be hosting this farewell on behalf of the parish.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. **\*Please make checks payable to St. Bernadette Parish.** For more information, visit <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>.

**First Friday Adoration, July 3, 2026**

**Mass 9:00 AM; Adoration 10AM-5PM;  
Benediction 5:00 PM**

**Two guardians are needed each hour between 10:00AM-5:00PM. Please call the Parish Office to sign-up.**

**There will be NO First Saturday devotions on July 4th due to the holiday.**

The Social Concerns Committee would be happy to receive after vacation extra toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) Please bring them to the Parish Office for distribution to those in need.



**Before You Wave Goodbye...** Please remember to consider St. Bernadette Parish in your Estate Planning! "75 Years" is a graced achievement in the life of a parish, but the hope remains that the generosity and commitment of our parishioners will continue for generations to come! Any gift you consider builds the Perpetual Endowment Fund and provides for sustaining this beautiful testament to God's Glory and our Faith. May St. Bernadette Parish always continue God's Work!



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 12:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

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**Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making**  
**Please Note: During the summer we will start our activity at 12:00PM** in Dempsey Hall. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are July 8th and July 29th.***



#### SUMMER PRAY & PLAY

**Wednesdays, 9:00 am Mass**

Playtime following, begins June 10th, check social media for updates



#### ADORATION XLT AT SUNSET

**Wednesday, July 22 - Outdoor Altar - 8:00 pm**

Join us for Adoration and song as we praise God until dusk! Bring your own chair or blanket.



#### BACK TO SCHOOL MASS + COOKOUT

**Sunday, August 23 - 10:30 am Mass**

Supply Drop Off 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Cookout following Mass



#### HEART & HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12**

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