

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus addresses us with comforting words today: “*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*” Let those words wash over us and all the responsibilities we have, all the stresses we are under, and all the failures that haunt us. “*My yoke is easy,*” Jesus assures us, “*my burden light.*” As we gather together on this holiday weekend, let us rejoice in the freedom Jesus offers us from our heavy burdens.

Thank you for your generous support in last week’s Peter’s Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$ 746.00. Our contribution will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need.

Due to the Corona Virus, we will **not** move masses to Fearon Hall for the summer.

We continue to work on our new website, stbernardineforestpark.org. As we continue to update the site, the active tabs as of today are the Pastor’s Letter, Chimes, Mass Intentions, and mass times. We do intend to add photos of parish events. ***If you do not want your photo published on our website, please call the rectory office and let us know.***

Due to the Corona Virus situation, our RCIA program participants could not receive sacraments at Easter and be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Now, since we can worship together and I have received needed permissions, our three candidates are going to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. This will happen on Sunday July 12 at the 10:30 a.m. mass. Please keep **Amanda Ball, Sheri Daniel and Jennifer Portillo** in your prayers.

As we enjoy the summer, we ask for abundant blessings for all our parishioners, especially for those who are sick and in hospitals.
Happy Fourth of July!

God bless you,

Fr. Stan