

FAMILY TIES PET BLESSING
Monday, October 5, 7:00

October 5 we will celebrate St. Francis - lover of animals and all of God's creation. All are invited to celebrate this evening of fall fun and prizes. **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS REQUIRED!**

FAMILY MINISTRY

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH We Believe



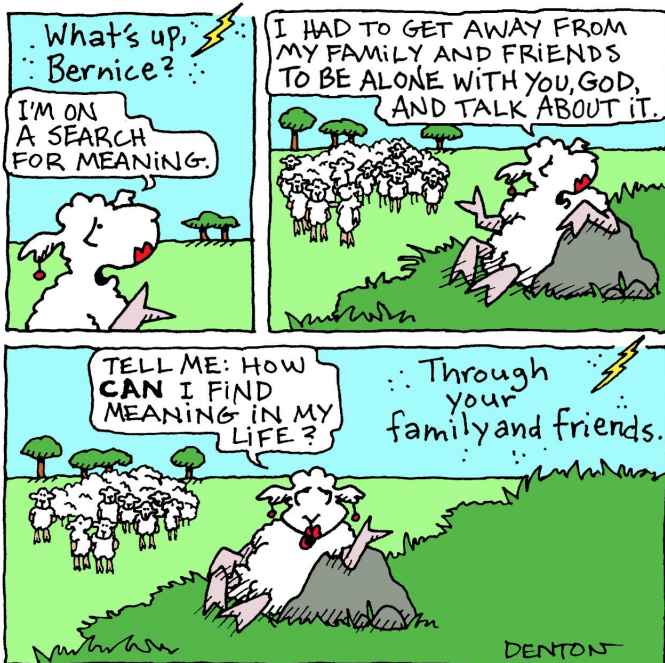
FAMILY MINISTRY this week:

- First Reconciliation classes, Wednesday, **September 30, 7:00**
- At Home, **October 1, 7:00**
- Grades 1-5 class Sunday, October 4, 11:15-12:30

TODAY IN PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



What is **Priesthood Sunday**? **Priesthood Sunday**, is a special day set aside to honor **priesthood** in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the **priesthood** in the life of the Church as a central one - maybe to thank the persons who are there for us at the most important times of our lives.



REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

In this parable, the first son said that he would work in the vineyard and did not. But later changed his mind and went to work in the vineyard. He represents the tax collectors and prostitutes who accepted Jesus' message and changed their ways and he represents all of us who see the error in our ways and ask forgiveness and follow Jesus. The second son represents the so-called religious people who say they will "do the work" but don't do it. They are full of promises but no action. The message of the parable is not that the tax collectors and prostitutes were good, but that the religious people were worse. Which son are we?



I BELIEVE JESUS WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY

How did Mary feel when God asked her to be the mother of His Son? We can only imagine. Maybe she said something like this? "When the Angel Gabriel came as a messenger from God—from God! - mind you, I was scared. He asked me to be the mother of God! Me? I'm not old enough! I'm not smart enough! Am I holy enough?! Finally, I said, "Let it be done to me according to your will". Mary took a risk. She trusted God, even though she didn't understand His plan for her. Are we that brave?

Pray together today.

Dear Mary, you had the courage to say "yes" to God. Help us to live with trust in your Son, even when we have to take a risk of faith, to take a stand for what is right, even it is unpopular. Pray for us, Mary, our Mother.

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