

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

Mass Intentions

October	9	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	10	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	11	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	12	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	13	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	14	5:00 PM	Pat Wellock requested by Charlie Wellock
October	15	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Megan Moyer Seiber requested by The Moyer Family

Liturgical Ministries for the Week of October 14-15

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Pat Pray	Karen Kupris	Terry Meek, Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Debbie Whitmoyer	Scott Sheaffer	Anna Horn & Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Julie Richelderfer	G. Ford, A. Aldrich Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 8	Jen Meek
October 15	Jane Haag

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Isaiah 25: 6-10

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22: 1-14

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,284.75

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,659.67

September Parish Contingency amounted to: \$757.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 8th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM (SC)
Coffee Corner, 9:00AM (DH)

Monday, October 9th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 10th

No Mass
RCIA, 6:45PM (DH)

Wednesday, October 11th

No Mass
Prayer Group, 8:30AM (C)

Thursday, October 12th

No Mass
Parish Bible Study, 6:15-8:00PM (DH)

Friday, October 13th

No Mass

Saturday, October 14th

3rd Order Carmelite Retreat, 8AM-3PM (DH/C)
Confession, 4:00PM
Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, October 15th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM (SC)
Knights of Columbus, 7:00PM (DH)

**Praise God from Whom all
blessings flow!!**

From the Pastor's Desk

Anyone who wasn't born already 50 has experienced the childhood terror of "being in trouble." Once the fun of naughtiness was over, we dreaded being caught and having to pay for our actions. And oh, the blessed relief we felt if we "got away with it".

Sadly as Christians, we're still behaving like naughty children. If a deed isn't immediately punished, we happily repeat the error. If we skip Mass or forget our offerings for a few weeks and no bolt of lightning drops out of the sky, God must be ok with it, right? Well, God is a grown up even when we're not. He's not letting us "get away with" anything. He's waiting to see if we'll correct ourselves, if we'll mature into the Christians He knows we can be. If not, in the end, we'll earn the same reward as the evil



tenants of the vineyard. The owner will return and repay us in full for the disrespect we've shown to Him and His Son. What wage are you earning today? Think about it carefully, because sooner or later, God's payment will come due.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, Lynn Dorundo, Cindy Miller, John and Martha Kapp, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Sue Jones, Sally Aguilar, Marie Shreck, Mary Ellen Bielski, Joan Mathews, Gordon Stowell, Rosemary Anderson, Russel Montrose, Avielle Zerance, Patricia Hannon, Louise Kline, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

On Line Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at www.stbernardsnbpa.org.

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to Marie Dishman for prayer and spiritual support!

Priest's Annual Diocesan Workshop: Father Sharman will be on the Diocesan Priest's Annual Educational Workshop this week in Maryland. There will be no morning Masses at Saint Bernard. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office.

Food Bank Volunteers Needed: Our parish is scheduled to volunteer at the Perry County Food Bank on October 21st from 8:00AM to 11:00AM. We are in need of volunteers from the parish who would be willing to be present and help distribute food boxes for the clients that day. If interested, please call Kay Dorundo at 582-3154.

Italian Gourmet Meal: Father Sharman and Carl/Yvonne DePaulis are offering an Italian Gourmet Dinner on Sunday, October 22nd in Dattilo Hall. Seating will be limited to 100 people. The meal will feature authentic homemade Italian antipasto,



salad, a pasta and meat dish, bread and dessert. Tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds will benefit our parish vocations. The meal will begin at 4PM. A sign up is available on the bulletin board. *This will be an elegant evening and attire is dressy casual!*



New Altar Servers Needed: Our Parish will be conducting a training class for new altar servers. The recommended minimum age for a server is 9 years old. Please sign up at the bulletin board if your child is interested in being trained to serve at Holy Mass and other liturgical services. Training will take place at 11:30AM on the following dates: October 15/October 22/October 29/November 12th. Your child should have the maturity to handle the tasks of serving and the ability to memorize certain Mass prayers and responses.

Youth Group Event: Our 8th through 12th grade youth are invited to *Fan the Fire Retreat* on November 11th from 9:30AM to 8:00PM at Saint Joseph's Church, York. The cost is \$20 and includes youth speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Mass, concert, and dinner. Deadline to sign up is October 1st. Please contact Phyllis Krieger (717-834-9433) or email her at (kriegerkrew@aol.com).

6th Grade Catechist Needed: Our School of Religious Education is still in need of a catechist/teacher for the sixth grade. Please consider assisting in our program by calling Alice Vilk at 717-567-7288.

Thank you from the Prayer Shawl Group: Our Prayer Shawl makers offer their heartfelt thanks for your generous donation to their ministry. Your generosity is very much appreciated and you are helping to comfort the many who are sick and their families. Your generosity amounted to \$750.

Father Larry's Health: Father Larry, who was pastor of our parish for 18 years, continues to have some health issues. You can send him a card, good wishes, and congratulations on his

50th Anniversary of Priesthood which he will celebrate on October 21st. Your correspondence can be addressed to:

Reverend Anthony J. Larry, OSFS
P.O. Box 43
Childs, MD 21916-0043

Parish Pastoral Council Leadership: At the September meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council, the following members were elected to leadership positions:

Bill Davies – President
Terry Meek – Vice-President
Yvonne DePaulis – Recording Secretary

Blood Pressure Screenings will be offered this weekend in the Children's Chapel after all the Masses.

Trunk or Treat: As an alternative to the traditional house to house "Trick or Treat," our parish is



hosting a "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday evening, October 29th from 5-6 PM. This is our fifth attempt at this fun

time for our children and anyone is welcome to participate – with or without children. Cars will be parked in the lot with the trunks open so candy or treats can be given out to the children. You can decorate your trunk or dress up yourself, if you desire. Parents (and trunkers) are asked to sign-up their children at the bulletin board so the "trunkers" will know how many children to anticipate. If you are unable to attend, you can still donate candy or treats by dropping them off in the narthex over the next three weeks. *Children should seriously consider dressing up as "saints or Catholic figures" to keep the Christian spirit of the holiday.*

Coffee Corner is being offered Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00AM in Dattilo Hall. Come and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a snack with fellow parishioners. Thanks to the Fordyce family for coordinating this biweekly event.

Pray the Rosary for those in our parish who are discerning vocations to the Priesthood!

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 11, 2017

The meeting of the Parish Council began with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Pat Pray, Yvonne De Paulis, Linda Myers, Father Sharman, Bill Davies, Karen Kupris, Erin Jenkins, Olney Innerst, Mary Blair, Nancy Stanton, Scott Sheaffer, Dave Suydam, Mary Ann Cully and Terry Meek. Deacon Robinson was excused.

Election of officers was held: Bill Davies was re-elected as President: Terry Meek was elected as Vice President and Yvonne De Paulis re-elected as Recording Secretary.

The roles of the various Missions of Parish Council were presented, Mission Chairpersons were selected and reports given:

Mission for Pastoral Administration- Pat Pray will head this mission. Parish Census: Three new families were registered over the summer and one was deleted due to death.

Mission for Pastoral Ministry- Dave Suydam will oversee this mission. **Bereavement Committee:** A luncheon for the Blair family was held. **Youth Ministry:** Deacon Robinson and Phyllis Kreiger will coordinate another year of gatherings for the youth of our parish. The first event the youth will be attending is "Fan the Fire" which will be held in York, PA on November 9. Deacon Robinson will be asked to share with Council the listing of activities scheduled throughout the year. **Parish Social Functions:** Our Knights of Columbus again hosted our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 6. We offer them special thanks for all they do for the life of our parish family. The Coffee Corner has been very successful and well attended, having more than 30 adults plus many children.

Mission for Liturgy and Worship- Erin Jenkins will head this mission. **Latin Choir:** Our Latin Choir will resume on September 27. **Prayer Group:** This group continues to meet every Wednesday at 8:30 AM in the church. **Altar Servers:** A new class of altar servers will begin in November/December with the new servers beginning their service in January. **Art:** Four new artificial Christmas trees will be purchased for this year. The existing ones, which have numerous lights out and difficult to replace because they are attached to the tree, will be donated to needy families.

Mission for Christian Education- Olney Innerst will head this mission. **Pre-Cana Couples:** Bill and Theresa Davies and Mark and Ginny Ticehurst are mentoring two couples in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in May and October of 2018. **Parish Bible Study:** Our Parish Bible Study begins on September 14 and will continue through December 5 for a total of 11 weekly sessions. The group will be studying First Corinthians. Including spouse, 34 parishioners have signed up. **CCD:** There are 96 youth registered for this year's CCD program. Of these 96, none of them are high school students.

Mission for Social Welfare and Justice- Mary Blair will head this mission. **Nursing Ministry:** The Parish Nurse Report was given. Blood pressure screenings were held May 13/14 with 3 parishioners screened and none referred for follow-up. Bulletin board topic- National Stroke Awareness Month. June 10/11, 4 parishioners were screened and none referred for follow-up. Bulletin board topic- Alzheimer's and Dementia/Brain Health Month. Screenings were held July 7/8 with 1 parishioner screened and none referred for physician follow up. Bulletin board topic was Preventing Food Poisoning. August 12/13, 5 parishioners were screened and one referred for follow-up. Bulletin board topic was The Opioid Crisis. **Pro-Life Activities:** The parish Pro-life meeting was held on August 9th with 11 parishioners in attendance. St. Bernard's Pro-life T-shirts will be offered for sale in October. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th. As a reminder, all parishioners are invited to attend. The annual Perry Count Life Chain is to be held on Sunday, October 1. We will be praying from 2:30-3:30 PM in New Bloomfield. St. Bernard's will be the site for the annual Cemetery of the Innocents this year. The dedication date is tentatively scheduled for November 12th.

OLD BUSINESS

Progress on the new elevator is being made now that a contract was signed with the elevator company. C&C Construction will be doing some of the before & after work, coordinating with the elevator company. The project,

which should cost under \$30,000, is expected to be done by the end of the year. We still need to get approvals from the township and state.

The issue of water runoff freezing in the parking lot was again discussed by Council. Before making any determination on how the problem would be solved, test holes were made and the solution to the problem appears to be the original thought- drains need to be placed in the islands and joined to a vented piping system with will drain into our property on the other side of the church. We will need to get an updated estimate from the previous firm as well as obtain one from another company before work begins.

NEW BUSINESS

A new cross is being made for the sanctuary of the church. The existing Corpus will be placed on the new cross which will be painted and have gold trim to match the Station of the Cross.

One of the HVAC unit in Schmidt Center has a burned-out coil and needs to be replaced. Approval to replace the unit at cost of \$3200 was approved by Council.

Father Sharman briefly reviewed the Financial Report for 2016-2017 which was summarized in a recent bulletin. Due to the generosity of our parishioners as well as guests, our parish was able to assist another parish with the purchase of several needed appliances.

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

The recent Used Book Sale held by the Knights of Columbus generated about \$800. A comment was made about the books being stored in the garage from year to year. It was clarified that any unsold books are shredded and not stored for future sales. The use of Dattilo Hall by parishioners for their personal use was discussed as to why the need to obtain insurance for those events. Father reviewed the insurance issues and mandates of the Diocese. It was asked if some sort of poster could be placed in the narthex with photos with the military members of our parish. Discussion was held and approved if there is a coordinator to take this project on. Our parish's annual Italian Dinner will be held on October 22. Changes were made in the price and number of guests that could be served. We are always looking for parishioners to assist with this fund-raiser. To be able to continue this event in the future, we need to get new parishioners involved with the cooking and preparation.

The next council meeting will be held November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne De Paulis