

The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021

Mass Intentions

August	30	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Andrew Robinson
August	31	8:00 AM	Leonard Swope requested by John & Mary Blair
September	1	8:00 AM	Rose LaVia requested by Pat Harshberger
September	2	8:00 AM	June Shaeffer requested by The Shaeffer Family
September	3	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	4	5:00 PM	Gordon Stowell requested by Carl & Yvonne DePaulis
September	5	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 4-5

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Rosanne Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 5	Gwen Pray
September 12	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 35:4-7a	James 2:1-5	Mark 7:31-37
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,824.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,089.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 29th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, August 31st

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, September 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, September 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 7:00PM

Friday, September 3rd

No Mass

Saturday, September 4th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

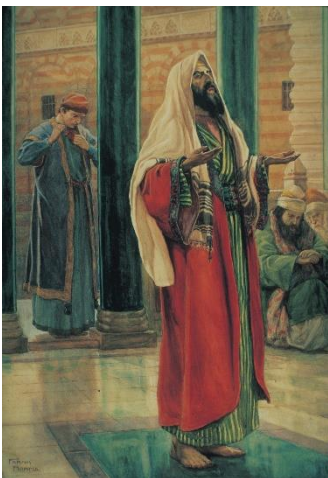
Sunday, September 5th

Mass, 9:00AM

“Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters a man from the outside can defile him; but the things that come out from within him are what defile.”

From the Pastor's Desk

As I began reading the Gospel for today, I initially thought, “Here we go - those hypocritical



Pharisees are at it again! They are always questioning Jesus, always judging others, and always looking for ways to make themselves look ‘holier’ than everyone else.” Uh oh; then I realized that I was feeling pretty smug as I judged the Pharisees!

Sadly, it can be easy for me to fall into a “Pharisee attitude,” thinking I

“walk blamelessly and do justice” when really I am just deluding myself. While Jesus uses this encounter to point out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, he also calls the crowd to a greater understanding of the source of evil in their lives, “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts.” Maybe I need to hear these words, too, and examine my own thoughts and actions before judging others.

St. James provides an answer to combating the evil we discover in our hearts: “Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.” The Word, Jesus, came to us and has given us the way to free ourselves from the evil within. Our relationship with him is the key. We know we are to “be doers of the word and not hearers only.” We have the Holy Spirit to help us stay close to him and access his saving power that transforms our hearts to reflect his goodness and truth. It requires us to humbly assess and own the things we need to change; and to turn to him for guidance so that we may have nothing within us – no evil thoughts, greed, malice, envy or arrogance (etc.) – to defile us. Only then are we most free in Christ – truly free to “care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

The Daily Examen, created by St. Ignatius of Loyola, is an ideal way for growing closer to Jesus and seeking his guidance. Suggested for the day’s end, this prayerful reflection helps you recognize God’s presence in the day’s events, assess your thoughts and behavior, ask for his help in growing in goodness, and discern his plans for you.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Jim Oakley, 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 (717-602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

BOOK SALE



Knights of Columbus Book

Sale: The Knights are planning for their annual book sale in September on the following dates:

September 9th from 9AM to 7PM; September 10th from 9AM to 7PM; and September 11th from 9AM to 2PM. If you would like to donate your used books to the sale, you can leave them in the book box at the garage.

You can also call Ken Risner (717-275-2223) if you want him to pick them up at your home.

Please no dirty, mildewed, or damaged books or encyclopedias. You can drop all books in the marked plastic trunk by the parish garages.

Thank you!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to begin in the Fall of 2021:

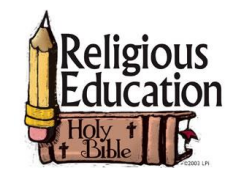
This fall, Saint Bernard's Parish will begin another RCIA program, a series of basic instructions in the Faith.



This program of prayer and study is designed to assist you in growing in your knowledge and love for the Lord and His Catholic Church. We will open our RCIA year with an inquiry evening on Tuesday, September 14th. For more information, call Father Sharman (717-582-4113). You can also complete a registration form (found on the bulletin board) and place it in the offertory collection or send it to the parish office.

CCD Registrations: If your child is new to our CCD program for this coming year, please call Alice Vilck (717-497-8260) or Olney Innerst (717-448-0746) so classrooms can be assigned, books and materials ordered, and a seat reserved for your child. You should also complete a CCD Registration form which can be found on the parish bulletin board. Thank you for your prompt attention.

CCD School Year begins on Sunday, September 12th



from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the Schmidt Center for all registered students. To ensure the safety of our children during the continuing pandemic, children are urged to sanitize their hands before coming into the classroom. If they are not feeling well, have a fever or cough, they

are to stay at home. At this point, masks are optional at the direction of the parents. Every effort will be made to socially distance your children in the classroom. If parents believe their children would be safer at home, you can also home-school your child this year. The parish will supply the textbooks and other materials you child will need to complete the requirements and advance to the next grade.

The Fall Schedule of Masses will begin the weekend of September 11th and 12th. Mass on Saturday evening will begin at 5:00PM and confessions will be heard from 4:00 to 4:45PM. Masses on Sunday morning will be celebrated at 8:00 and 10:30AM. Confessions will be heard before each of the Masses.

Thank You from Jen Morrison to all who assisted with Vacation Bible School: "I would just like to thank the volunteers, teen helpers, and people of the parish who provided snacks for their help and hard work, as well as Gwen Pray and Father Sharman. You can mark your calendars now for next year. Our VBS is scheduled for July 25-29, 2022."

Online Bible Study Available: Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill is offering a study on Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Register by September 9 for the online course that begins on September 20 at 6:30PM. You can also do an online streaming self-study. The cost of the materials is \$27, and you can call 717-761-1167 to register.

K of C Thank You: The Knights are most grateful to all parishioners who helped staff and patronize the Ice Cream Stand at the Perry County Fair and endured the hot and wet weather. The success of this year's fund raiser is due to your kind assistance.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday evening, September 13th at 7:00PM in the hall. It is important that all members are present for the election of officers. The Council meets every other month and parishioners are free to submit commendations and recommendations in the Suggestion Box in the narthex for consideration.