

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

Mass Intentions

September	13	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	14	8:00 AM	Rose LaVia requested by The Gravante Family
September	15	8:00 AM	Kevin Penn requested by The Penn Family
September	16	8:00 AM	Harold Miller requested by The Pray Family
September	17	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Bernadette Robinson
September	18	5:00 PM	Rose LaVia requested by Bernadette Potetz
September	19	8:00 AM	Crystal Groff requested by Scott & Joan Dunkelberger
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 18-19

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Karen Kupris	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Scott Sheaffer	Owen Jenkins
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 19

The Rickard Family

September 26

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16 – 4:3

Mark 9:30-37

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,511.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,868.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 12th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 13th

No Mass

Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, September 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, September 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Pro-Life Meeting, 6:30PM

Friday, September 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 18th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, September 19th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15 – 10:15AM

Youth Group Luncheon, 11:30AM

“Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.”

From the Pastor's Desk

It is sometimes easy to romanticize faith: the post-retreat high, the inspirational homily, even the motivational podcast you might listen to daily. But keeping the faith can be hard sometimes. And living it out? Even harder. Today's readings both

challenge and encourage us, as they so often do. The Letter of James pulls no punches: Faith without works is “dead.” And in today's Gospel, right after Peter says, “You are the Christ,” Jesus tempers that Good News, telling him that even the Son of Man must suffer greatly.

We who follow Jesus must also be willing to take

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up our cross. This is a daily challenge to choose life over death; to choose the transformative power of Jesus over sin that creeps into our lives; to make the choice to put others' needs before our own. None of this is easy. But as the prophet Isaiah reminds us, we don't have to do it alone; indeed, the Lord God is our help. We can choose well.

I'm inspired when the young people in our parish assist with the Sunday liturgy and do service projects in the community. As we listen to today's readings, wherever we may be in life and faith, what stands out? Is it James' entreaty to pair faith with works? Or Jesus' words that “whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it”? Or the prophet Isaiah's rock-solid faith? Today's readings give us many ways to witness to our faith in Jesus – through prayer, service, generosity, perseverance, works, and words. We can ask the Holy Spirit to show us which of these gifts we can share with others this week.

Brainstorm new ways to witness to your faith. It could be as simple as picking up extra food for the pantry in the back of church or changing up “Grace” at dinner to add prayers for others.

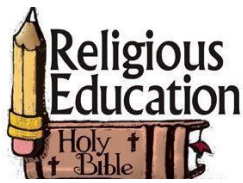
Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Jim Oakley, Suzanne Matunis, 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: denrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

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. *Since the Governor has made masks mandatory for schools, at this point, the Diocese is requesting that masks be worn by all catechists, staff, and students.* 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 your child will need to complete the requirements and advance to the next grade.

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 welcome to submit commendations and recommendations in the Suggestion Box in the narthex.



Youth Group News: The Youth Group is hosting a luncheon for youth members and their families in the Parish Hall at 11:30 on Sunday, September 19th. Any family with students in grades 7-12 is welcome to attend to meet other members



and learn about the program. Pizza and drinks will be provided and families are welcome to bring snacks, salads, or desserts. It is important that you RSVP by Sunday, September 12th to Matthew Morrison (717-636-2145, emorrison0527@gmail.com.) so sufficient food can be ordered. Thank you.

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.

Pro-Life Meeting: The next St. Bernard's Prolife meeting will be held on Thursday September 16th at 6:30 PM. All parish members are invited. We will view a short video and an update on prolife activities, current legislation, and area abortion facilities. Light refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please call Mary Blair at 582-7662.



Meals for Parishioners: Our parish is trying, under the leadership of Phyllis Kreiger, to put together a list of parishioners who would be willing to make a meal for other parish families in need. This is one way we can pull together and be of benefit to fellow parishioners and families who might find themselves in a difficult position because of illness or other circumstances. If you would be willing to be on the list, please sign up at the bulletin board.

**The Fall Schedule of Masses
begins September 11th/12th
Saturday, 5PM; Sunday, 8 & 10:30AM**

"Life Quotes" The facts about abortion victims: From the moment of conception, all 46 chromosomes are present, gender is determined, and a new unrepeatable human being comes into the world. By the third week, the heart begins to beat. Brain waves can be recorded in the second month. By eight weeks, all body systems are present. 70% of women choosing abortion believe that abortion is morally wrong. They are choosing against their consciences because of some pressure, from others or circumstances, which make them feel they have no other choice.

Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers, please remember the soul of Charles Wheatley, brother of John Wheatley. Let us pray also for the consolation of his family.

Pray the Rosary to end abortion,
increase vocations,
and for peace in our world!!