

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

Mass Intentions

September	20	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	21	8:00 AM	Charlie Dunkelberger requested by John & Mary Blair
September	22	8:00 AM	Rose LaVia requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
September	23	8:00 AM	Connie & Charles Dunkelberger req. by The Dunkelberger Family
September	24	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Blaise Robinson
September	25	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
September	26	8:00 AM	Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
		10:30 AM	Ruth Herman requested by John & Mary Blair

Liturgical Ministries September 25-26

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Scott Dunkelberger	Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 26

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

October 3

Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,786.13

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,022.00

August Parish Contingency Collection amounted to: \$1,215.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 19th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM
Youth Group Luncheon, 11:30AM

Monday, September 20th

No Mass

Tuesday, September 21st

Mass, 8:00AM
RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, September 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, September 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, September 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 25th

Confession, 4:00PM
Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, September 26th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15 – 10:15AM

**“Whoever receives one child
such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever
receives me receives Him who
sent me.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Most of us have a competitive nature. We strive to place first in any competition. Oh, to be first! There is nothing inherently wrong with healthy competition. However, constantly striving to be the “best” or the “first” in other areas of life – career, parenting, even holiness – can quickly lead to frustration and burnout. As the disciples jostled for “first place” in today’s gospel, Jesus gently but directly corrected them: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last



of all and the servant of all.” Like the Apostles, we tend to focus on our achievements as a measure of our worth, forgetting why we are here: to serve others. We can ask Jesus to help us gain the “wisdom from above” and the characteristics so beautifully described by Saint James: pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits.

Reading today’s Gospel from Mark, reflect on the image of Jesus embracing a child: “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” Most of us picture our own children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, or nephews. Of course, we would embrace them! However, Scripture scholars point out that for Jesus, the child symbolized the *anawim*, a Hebrew word for the poor, the lowly, the vulnerable, the oppressed. Picture, then, not just children but those we might be less eager to immediately embrace, not just children: ragged men on the corner, the neighbor’s son with schizophrenia, prisoners or ex-convicts. Jesus challenges us not to avert our eyes but to “embrace” them – whether that means offering a cup of coffee, becoming a pen pal, stopping to chat, or finding another way to accompany them. Scholars tell us that the *anawim* share a total dependence upon God, something we all have in common regardless of our life’s circumstances. Seek “wisdom from above” at the beginning of each day. In the evening, reflect on the ways God has held you in his loving embrace through the kindness of others, moments in nature, simple pleasures. Say thank 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, Suzanne Matunis, Judy and Jessica Rich, 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



The Pennsylvania Family Institute has partnered with the National March for Life to organize the first ever official Pennsylvania March for Life on Monday, September 27, 2021, in Harrisburg, PA. That date will be the PA House of Representative's first day back in session. Marchers will rally at the steps of the state capitol to call on legislators to protect unborn children. There will be many great speakers. More information can be found at the following link: <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/>.

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 24th 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.*

Meals for Parishioners: Under the leadership of Phyllis Kreiger, our parish is trying 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.

Emergency Exits in Church: Many of our parishioners are not aware that there are two emergency exits in our church. One is next to the Children's Chapel and the other is near the shrine of the Sacred Heart. Please familiarize yourself with these exits in case an emergency arises and you need to use them.

Just a Thought on the Cross and 9/11: This past weekend, we marked the 20th Anniversary and 9/11 and this week the Church around the world celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Both commemorations invite us to reflect deeper on the cross of Jesus Christ.

In the rubble of the two towers a steel cross was found standing. While the 9/11 Cross is a testament to all people, it is particularly meaningful to Catholics because we understand that each sacrifice when united to the Mass and to the cross, brings us back to Calvary to discover anew the cross of Jesus Christ.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th celebrates the finding of the true cross by St. Helena. Ultimately it celebrates the triumph of the cross after feeling like all is lost. It can't be a coincidence that in God's time and in the Church's calendar these two events fall so closely together. May God bless you all and may he give us courage to take up our crosses.

75th Anniversary Chairperson needed: Our Parish will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in October 2023. We are looking for a parishioner willing to coordinate the Anniversary celebration. If you are computer savvy with good organizational skills and are interested, please contact Father Sharman.

Email Solicitation Scam: Please be aware that you will never be contacted through email or social media messages requesting you to provide the parish or pastor with gift cards or assist financially in a crisis. It was brought to my attention that an email with a message "I need a favor from you" is sent to parishioners' email. If you receive such an email or a message, which is seemingly sent by a priest or a staff member requesting financial assistance of any kind, please do not respond to it but report it to the parish office. Thank you very much!