

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

Mass Intentions

September	27	8:00 AM	Thomas Frank
September	28	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Athan Robinson
September	29	8:00 AM	Rose LaVia requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
September	30	8:00 AM	Mark Whitmoyer requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
October	1	8:00 AM	Kevin Penn requested by The Penn Family
October	2	8:00 AM	John Harshberger requested by The Harshberger Family
		5:00 PM	Mary Dell requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
October	3	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Harold Miller requested by The Pray Family

Liturgical Ministries October 2-3

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Lillian Otstott	Intentionally Blank	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Rosanne Wheatley	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 3	Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt
October 10	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 2: 18-24 **Hebrews** 2: 9-11 **Mark** 10: 2-16

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,875.05

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,669.73

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 26th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, September 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, September 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, September 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 7:00PM

Friday, October 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Blessed Sacrament Exposition, until 12 Noon.

Saturday, October 2nd

First Saturday Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, October 3rd

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15 – 10:15AM

“A nation of sheep begets a government of wolves!”

(Edward R Murrow)

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's graphic Gospel passage always sounds a bit jarring: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Upon first reading that passage, our response

might be, "What?" But upon further reflection, it strikes me that Jesus is challenging us to attend to what causes us to sin: the vices we have acquired, the temptations we do not ignore, the sinful thoughts and behaviors we entertain or in which we engage. It is also important to identify where we might be



culpable in leading others astray. In all of this,

Jesus is asking us to be honest with ourselves and to take the necessary steps to "cut" out of our lives the things that lead us away from the Lord, rather than allowing us to move toward him. Lest we get discouraged, we need only remember that we are not alone: We belong to Christ whose word is truth, whose precepts "give joy to the heart," and who tells us "whoever is not against us is for us." Like Moses in the first reading, we can ask that the Spirit descend upon us and give us strength.

Amazing feats we see on TV or read in the news can't help but capture our imagination. Our rich Catholic faith can be a little like that: just take a look at the lives of the saints. That's why I find the other passage in today's Gospel so encouraging. Jesus reminds us that even the smallest things we do matter – actions to help others grow in their faith: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." As the Lord's spirit moves us to be a prophet to others – that is, to perform deeds in his name (mighty or not-so-mighty) – we have the ability to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ in very real and concrete ways. As St. Teresa of Ávila said: "Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

Prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation by asking Jesus to help you identify what causes you to sin or drives a wedge between you and others or between you and God. Then participate in this beautiful sacrament and pray for the grace to make changes.

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.

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.

Cremation and Proper Handling of Cremated Remains: Sadly, all of us at some time will deal with the death of a loved one. Many have chosen to have their loved one's remains cremated, whether by choice or necessity. Keep in mind, the Church's teaching recommends cremated remains be given the same respect and reverence as the full body, as cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form and should be given the same respect. Cremated remains should be buried or interred on sacred ground in a cemetery. The dignity of the deceased body, even in cremated form, demands a proper burial in a designated sacred place. If you are unsure about what to do about cremation, please speak with your pastor or another catholic priest. *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself so that where I am you also may be."* John 14:3

7th Annual Diocesan Women's Conference is scheduled for October 16 at McDevitt High School in Harrisburg. The theme this year is Catholic Motherhood: Life giving Love, featuring Dr. Theresa Farnan and other outstanding speakers, Adoration of MBS with benediction, confession, and Mass with Bishop Gainer. Light Breakfast fare and lunch is included in the \$35 registration fee. For more information or to register visit: www.hbgdiocese.org/women.

Devotions to the Sacred Heart will begin this Thursday, September 30th with confessions at 6:00PM and a holy hour at 7:00PM. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will extend from after Mass on Friday morning, October 1st until noon. There will be Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the First Saturday, October 2nd at 8:00AM.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord
for His love is eternal
and His mercy endures
forever!!**