

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

Mass Intentions

October	11	8:00 AM	Mark Whitmoyer requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
October	12	8:00 AM	Charlotte Smith requested by Joe Oltheten
October	13	8:00 AM	Intentions of Deacon Robinson
October	14	8:00 AM	Intentions of Cole Robinson
October	15	8:00 AM	Connie & Charlie Dunkelberger req. by The Dunkelberger Family
October	16	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
October	17	8:00 AM	W. Michael Greany Sr. requested by The Morrison Family
		10:30 AM	Dave Minns requested by Teresa Warlow

Liturgical Ministries October 16-17

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Dave Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Intentionally Blank	Owen Jenkins
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Nancy Stanton	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 17

Gwen Pray

October 24

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,845.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,287.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 10th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, October 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, October 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, October 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, October 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, October 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 16th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, October 17th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15 – 10:15AM

“Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two edged sword.”

Hebrews 4:12

From the Pastor's Desk

In the Old Testament, wealth was considered a sign of God's favor. So imagine the rich young



man's surprise when he approached Jesus, only to find out that he would need to sell what he had and then give to the poor in order to follow Jesus. His face fell and he walked away. His demeanor highlights the fundamental error of equating what we

have, and what we do, with salvation – of relying on earthly things, rather than God, for our deepest comfort and security. In contrast, the Book of

Wisdom speaks of the richness and worth of divine wisdom over that of any precious gem or gold. We understand that divine wisdom to be manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. Therefore, true wisdom means having faith in Jesus Christ rather than in our own efforts and whatever we might have earned in our lifetime. Otherwise, we are like a camel trying to squeeze through the eye of a needle. Jesus truly offers us the only way. I like to think that the young man came around eventually. After all, as Jesus says, “all things are possible for God.” As we reflect, we can ask Jesus what we need to “let go of” to turn our sights, our minds, and our lives over to God, knowing that following his will is the surest path to the Kingdom.

Just a few days ago, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The behavior of the rich young man in today's Gospel – daring, enthusiastic, confident – brings the young Francis to mind. Born into wealth, he relished his carefree lifestyle and sought to become a knight. His dreams of glory, however, quickly became a nightmare as his comrades fell and he was imprisoned in a dank cell for a year. After his release, he fell seriously ill, and God spoke to him. He cast aside the trappings of wealth, choosing instead to seek God's will in all things. His example invites us to pray about our priorities: What things or attitudes get in the way of our relationship with God and one another? What is the Lord asking of us and how can we respond? How can we give witness to our belief that all things are possible with God?”

Perhaps try a “consumption fast” for the next couple of weeks, purchasing only what you need – food and other necessities. Use time and energy spent shopping to deepen your relationship with God and others through practices such as Eucharistic adoration, confession, visiting an elderly relative, or writing/calling an old friend.

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

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.*

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.

7th Annual Diocesan Women's Conference is scheduled for October 16th 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.

Cemetery of the Innocents: This year's dedication of the Cemetery of the Innocents commemorating the children aborted in Perry County in 2021 will take place at Bethel Church, on Rt 850 at Grier Point Road in Marysville on



November 7th beginning at 2:30PM. If you would like to sponsor a cross for \$5.00, please sign up at the bulletin board. Special thanks to Tom Polcha and Mary Blair for coordinating these pro-life activities each year.

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 — Secretary

Our Council meets on the second Monday of every other month. If you have any commendations or recommendations to share with our Council for the general welfare of our parish, please call any member to share your concerns.

Need Help with Your Debt? One of our parishioners, Phyllis Krieger, is a Financial Coach, who is offering a confidential consultation to see if she can help you manage your debt and finances. Her long-term plan includes: review of your current financial situation; customize a money management plan identify the causes of your debt and make a plan to eliminate it; implement ways to increase your income. If you believe Phyllis might be of assistance to you, contact her at 717-379-1135.

“Communism is by its nature anti-religious. It considers religion the ‘opiate of the people’ because the principles of religion which speak of a life beyond the grave dissuade the proletariat from the dream of a soviet paradise which is of this world.” (Pius XI)