

# The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

## Mass Intentions

October	18	8:00 AM	Jon Bubs requested by Ken & Beth Risner
October	19	8:00 AM	Intentions of Siena Robinson
October	20	8:00 AM	Rose LaVia requested by Tom & Louise Polcha
October	21	8:00 AM	Mark Whitmoyer requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
October	22	8:00 AM	John Lysak requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
October	23	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
October	24	8:00 AM	Kevin Penn requested by The Penn Family
		10:30 AM	John Lane requested by John & Mary Blair

## Liturgical Ministries October 23-24

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Intentionally Blank	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	The Robinson Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 24

The Raugh Family

October 31

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,511.75

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$2,949.00

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

### *Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

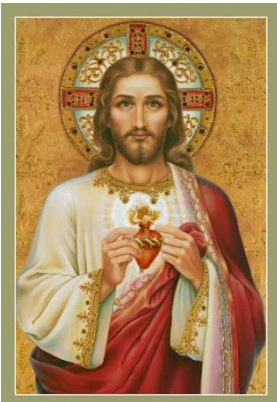
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**“Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace for timely help.”**

Hebrews 4:16

### From the Pastor's Desk

What do we do best? Some of us might be math whizzes, others can send a golf ball exactly where we intend. How do we get there? Practice, natural talent, and a good coach or teacher. Following Jesus, though, is another matter entirely. As today's readings remind us, we grow as Christians not by building ourselves up but by giving ourselves away. In Isaiah, we hear about the suffering servant who “did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” That suffering servant is Jesus, who admonishes the Apostles as



they jostle for position as his right-hand man. Ultimately, the greatest among them will be “a slave of all,” Jesus reminds them. His words challenge us to put as much energy and prayer into finding ways to better serve others as we do other areas of our lives. We can look to Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints as role models.

I bet most of us can think of a friend who seems like a natural “giver.” He shovels the neighbor's walk without being asked. She sends flowers or a meal during a difficult time. Serving others can take so many forms, from a simple hug or phone call to volunteering at a soup kitchen. In today's readings, Jesus invites us to bear witness to his sacrifice through humble service. It may not come naturally for all of us all the time, but that's where God's grace and the Holy Spirit come in. We can ask for the strength, creativity, flexibility – whatever we may lack – to recognize the needs around us and respond. Before we know it, our generosity will overflow and encourage others as they, too, seek to grow in Christian service.

Watching the news or even scrolling your social-media feed can be overwhelming at times. Instead of tuning out, find a small way to help – through prayer, a donation to a Catholic organization, or a phone call or card to a friend going through a difficult time.

**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](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**Online Bulletin:** [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chairperson needed:** Our Parish will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

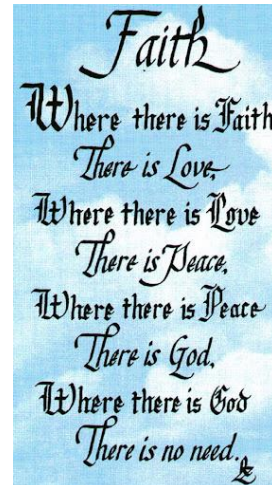


**World Mission Sunday:** Next weekend we will have an opportunity to reflect upon our baptismal commitment to be Christian missionaries and spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth in response to the Lord’s mandate to “Go and preach the gospel to every nation.” World mission Sunday allows us to pray for and financially support the universal missionary outreach of our Church. “Some give to the missions by going; some go to the missions



my giving; without both there would be no missions!”

**A Thought about Faith:** Faith is the virtue by which we firmly believe all the truths God has revealed,



on the word of God revealing them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Divine Faith is belief in a truth or mystery known only because God revealed it. It is grace that helps us attain faith and persevere in it, to take God’s word for it. Faith is supernatural because we cannot acquire it by ourselves. It is entirely God’s free gift to us. Our

Faith, however, can be increased by prayer and continual exercise. “Lord, increase our Faith.” (Luke 17:5)

**All Souls Intentions:** You are reminded to list the names of your deceased relatives and friends on your All Souls envelope and place them in the collection for the weekend, October 31<sup>st</sup> so they can be prepared for the altar. During the month of November,



nine Masses will be offered for your All Souls intentions. In addition, these intentions have a separate and special remembrance in all the Masses celebrated in Saint Bernard’s Church during the month, which is the reason your All Souls envelopes remain on the Altar for the entire month. From the earliest days of the Church, we have commemorated the faithful departed by offering prayers for them. Please remember to pray for the Souls in Purgatory since our prayers and good works can help our deceased relatives and friends overcome tribulation and reach eternal happiness in the company of God. Prayer for the deceased is a blessed act of charity and a way of keeping those we loved and who have loved us in our minds and hearts.

Pray the Rosary for Peace,  
Vocations to Priesthood,  
And to end abortion!!