

The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021

Mass Intentions

October	25	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	26	8:00 AM	Intentions of Monica Robinson
October	27	8:00 AM	John & Giovanna Zimmerman requested by Mary Zimmerman
October	28	8:00 AM	Manuela Traxler requested by The Harshberger Family
October	29	8:00 AM	John Harshberger requested by The Harshberger Family
October	30	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
October	31	8:00 AM	Sister Kathleen Carroll requested by Mary Smith
		10:30 AM	William Flarety requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst

Liturgical Ministries October 30-31

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Lillian Otstott	Scott Dunkelberger	Dominic Failor
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Rosanne Wheatley	The Mson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 31

Jen Meek

November 7

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,324.36

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,115.95

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 24th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Trunk or Treat, 5:00-6:00PM

Monday, October 25th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, October 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, October 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, October 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 30th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

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**“For the Son of Man did not come to
be served, but to serve.”**

Mark 10:45

From the Pastor's Desk

How often do we pray with abandon? Perhaps when turbulence makes us wonder if our plane's



going down, when a friend or loved one faces a difficult diagnosis or life-threatening injury, when we face a setback, a major decision, or a heartbreak. On some days, though, have we been guilty of just going through the

motions when we pray? Not so for Bartimaeus. “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me,” he repeatedly implores, ignoring the shushing of the

crowd. When Jesus asks him what he wants, the blind man doesn't beat around the bush. “I want to see.” Recognizing his faith, Jesus heals him. Bartimaeus could not see, yet he had recognized Jesus as the Messiah and persisted in prayer. His example reminds us to be persistent in prayer, holding nothing back from Jesus who desires to make us whole.

While Bartimaeus faced physical blindness, this did not prevent him from recognizing Jesus as the Son of David, the Messiah. In our modern-day world so filled with distractions, we can become blind to the face of Jesus, or simply take his abundant love for us for granted. As the psalmist reminds us, “The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy.” Looking back on our lives, we can probably see a few miracles – the birth of a child, the stunning beauty of a sunrise over the mountains or the arborvitae in our backyards, the friends who walk alongside us through each chapter of life. Today's readings encourage us to open our eyes to the face of Jesus in our lives, and in turn to reflect his steadfast love to those we encounter.

Read today's psalm response: “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Reflect on the people and experiences that have brought you closer to God – friends, family, a priest, for example. Write them a note or say a prayer of thanksgiving.

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:

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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.

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.



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 31st 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.

Today is World Mission Sunday! Each year on this occasion we – and Catholics of the whole world – are reminded that we are to be Christ’s witnesses, not only day by day in our own surroundings, but to the ends of the earth. We tend to forget that every baptized Christian is a



missionary for Christ, called to spread the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. As we gather today to pray for the Church’s missionary work and to support it through the **Propagation of the Faith**, we will affect the lives and faith of people in Bangladesh...in Ethiopia...in Haiti and Ecuador and Fiji. The world! Our financial sacrifices enable missionaries to call the world’s poorest people to the riches of Christ: His **love**, as abandoned children are sheltered; His **peace**, as the suffering are comforted; His **life**, as all are invited to the divine life of Baptism. We know what our faith means to us, especially in times of difficulty and distress. Please be as generous as your means allow in the second collection this week. Many are depending on your prayerful support and your financial sacrifice to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus.