

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

Mass Intentions

October	4	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	5	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	6	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	7	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	8	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	9	5:00 PM	Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
October	10	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Gertrude Pray requested by The Pray Family

Liturgical Ministries October 9-10

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Karen Kupris	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Intentionally Blank	The Robinson Family Alexander Fordyce
10:30 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Bill Davies	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 10	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
October 17	Gwen Pray

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$2,741.95

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,287.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 3rd

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, October 4th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 5th

No Mass

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, October 6th

No Mass

Thursday, October 7th

No Mass

Friday, October 8th

No Mass

Saturday, October 9th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, October 10th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15 – 10:15AM

**“...and the two shall become
one flesh.”**

Mark 10:8

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we continue to read from the



Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of

conversations

between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these

private

moments to teach his

disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. Immediately, the Pharisees

approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. (From Loyola Press Commentary)

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.

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 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.

The 30th annual Perry County Life Chain will be held in New Bloomfield on the square along



Routes 34 & 274 on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. The Life Chain of Perry County will

provide a visual statement to all that abortion is grievously wrong and that the church Christ founded is opposed to the unmerciful killing of pre-born children. Let us stand up for life whenever it is threatened!!

No Morning Mass at Saint Bernard's this week! Because of the annual Priest's Education Workshop, Father Sharman will be away from the Parish this week. **Father Dijo, Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Marysville will be responsible for any pastoral emergencies. You can reach him at 717-992-0114.** His parish in Marysville will also celebrate morning Masses this coming week on *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:30AM. Mass on Wednesday is at 6:30PM.*

"The main tenet of socialism, namely, the community of goods, must be rejected without qualification, for it would injure those it pretends to benefit, it would be contrary to the natural rights of man, and it would introduce confusion and disorder into the commonwealth." (Pope Leo XIII Rerum Novarum, May 1891)