

The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

Mass Intentions

November	15	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	16	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	17	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Deacon Robinson
November	18	8:00 AM	In Gratitude To Parishioners requested by Dave & Shirley Jenkins
November	19	8:00 AM	Intentions Of The Robinson Family
November	20	5:00 PM	John Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
November	21	8:00 AM	Edward Albright, Sr. requested by The Ken Morrison Family
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries November 20-21

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Intentionally Blank	Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Mark Ticehurst	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 21	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
November 28	The Hoffman Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Daniel 7:13-14	Revelation 1:5-8	John 18:33b-37
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,708.96
The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,249.00
October Parish Contingency Collection amounted to: \$1,060.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 14th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, November 15th

No Mass

Tuesday, November 16th

No Mass

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, November 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, November 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Friday, November 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, November 20th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, November 21st

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15 – 10:15AM

“The Son of Man will send forth His angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.”

From the Pastor's Desk

We do not like to think about death, and the same can be said for some references to the end times, particularly those like we hear in the Book of



Daniel: “Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.” Give me a comforting psalm any day! However, in today’s Gospel, Jesus assures us that we who believe need not fear the Second Coming, for at that time the Son of Man shall “gather his elect.” Yes, “heaven

and earth will pass away,” but the words of Jesus

never shall. It is true, we don’t know the time or the hour of his return and so we prepare for it by remaining focused on Jesus’ words and turning our lives over to him in and through the sacramental life of the Church. Strive to live well on earth, following the path to eternal life that our loving and merciful Savior has paved for us.

It’s easy to become complacent in that striving. I notice that tendency in everyday life – taking my spouse for granted, not being mindful of how what I say and do serves as an example (either good or bad!) for another. It’s like moving through the day with blinders on. In today’s Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about his return in glory, and how those who follow him will be able to sense its approach. “Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near.” In other words, “pay attention; be observant” – the opposite of complacency. To counter this within ourselves, we can ask God to open our eyes to the signs of his love all around us – our spouses and dear friends, our families, and all the gifts we have been given. Just as importantly, we can accompany one another as we seek to grow in holiness and prepare for the day we meet Jesus, living as an example in word and deed. As the Book of Daniel so eloquently tells us, “The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

Read the obituaries! Many of them contain inspiring examples of lives well lived. Take a moment in this month of November to pray for all who have died. Make a conscious effort to be a specific example to another of Christ’s love in the world that they, too, might be better prepared for Christ’s return.

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 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 Parish Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00PM in the Church. Mark your calendars now and plan to join your parish family as we give thanks for the many blessings God has showered upon our families, our parish, and our nation.

Advent Wreath Get-Together: will be held Sunday, November 28th at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All you need to bring is scissors, greens, and a round waterproof container. Oasis, ribbon, and candles will be provided along with refreshments.



For more information, please contact the DeFrancesco Family at 582-9149. **Mark your calendars now!**

Advent Penance Service: As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again in glory, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, November 29th beginning at 7:00 PM. Three



additional priests will be present for confessions to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.

Hymnal Replacement: Your gracious assistance is needed on Saturday, November 27th at 8:00AM to replace our hymnals for the new liturgical year. You can sign up at the bulletin board if you can spare an hour of your time.

March for Life January 2022: The St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring and subsidizing a bus down to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday, January 21st. As in prior years, we will have Mass at 7:15 AM and then board the bus to

depart St. Bernard by 8 AM. Please feel free to invite all pro-life people you know to join us on the large 59 passenger bus. Let's fill the bus! Those not attending Mass should plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. The cost this year is again \$20 per adult, and \$10 per youth 16 and under. Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Youth Group Dinner for Widows and Widowers: The Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting its annual dinner for widows and widowers of Saint Bernard's Parish on December 4th in the parish hall after the 5 PM Mass. The youth of our parish extend a warm invitation to all those who can attend. Please look forward to a night of fun, conversation, service, and entertainment given by our youth. We look forward to joining you that night and always in prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can attend. Please feel free to bring family as well, especially if family or friends are your means of travel. Please note the number of people attending when you sign up.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards: Our Knights are offering Christmas cards for sale. They were designed by the children in our CCD program. Cost is \$15 for a pack of 15 cards and can be purchased after Mass at the kitchenette.

Before every Confession, we should:

1. Make a good examination of conscience
2. Excite in our hearts sincere sorrow for sin
3. Have a firm purpose to amend our lives

The Wisdom of the great Philosophers:

Strong minds discuss ideas.
Average minds discuss events.
Weak minds discuss people.
(Socrates)

If you do not master yourself,
you will always be a slave.
(Seneca)

Farewell to Suzanne Reed: Suzy Reed, long time director of our parish Latin Choir, has moved into an assisted living residence in Hershey. Since the move happened so quickly, many did not have an opportunity to say "good-bye". You can send Suzy a card to:

Mrs. Suzanne Reed
Apartment 2001
75 East Canal Street
Hershey, PA 17033