The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intent	ions		
September	12	8:00 AM	Intention Of Kiersten Lane
September	13	8:00 AM	Joe Barbaretta requested by The Matunis Family
September	14	8:00 AM	Special Intention
September	15	8:00 AM	Ezra & Isaac Woodard requested by Nancy Stanton
September	16	8:00 AM	Harold Miller requested by The Pray Family
September	17	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
September	18	8:00 AM	Judith Mariscano Carey requested by Tom & Louise Polcha
-		10:30 AM	Joe Barbaretta requested by Mary Zimmerman

	Lectors	Liturgical Ministries September 17-18 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Scott Sheaffer	Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Bill Davies	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 18	Robin Chiccini & Bill Seymore
September 25	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Amos 8:4-7	1 Timothy 2:1-8	Luke	16:1-13
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,679.05 The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,786.13

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 11th Mass. 9:00AM Monday, September 12th Mass, 8:00AM Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM Tuesday, September 13th Mass. 8:00AM Wednesday, September 14th Mass, 8:00AM Thursday, September 15th Mass, 8:00AM 75th Anniversary Committee, 7:00PM Friday, September 16th Mass. 8:00AM Saturday, September 17th Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM Mass, 5:00PM Sunday, September 18th Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM CCD. 9:15-10:15AM Knights of Columbus, 7:00PM

"This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

From the Pastor's Desk

Few parables are as well-known as the prodigal son. We see ourselves in that humbled son who trudges back home to be joyously welcomed. What a glorious reunion it would be.



And how indignant we are with the elder brother when he complains about the welcome feast! What a petty, selfish, *human* reaction.

The elder son isn't evil, he just has a bad case of

"keeping tabs." Ever since his younger brother

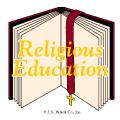
left, the elder has had more responsibilities, more work, more pressure. By now he's got a list of resentments as long as his arm. Every time he felt overwhelmed, he conjured up an image of his younger brother, enjoying a free-wheeling independent life. It wasn't fair. And now when the little brat shows up, empty-handed he gets *a party*? It's a feeling we're all familiar with, if we're honest. But today's gospel reminds us the party is for our Father who found His lost child, not to reward the weaknesses of our brother. As we face the prodigals in our own lives may we remember to celebrate their return with joy, not jealousy.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy and Joe Rich, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Greg Nye, 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: <u>dcnrobin@ptd.net</u>.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

Religious Education: Our School of Religious



Education (CCD program) begins on Sunday, September 11th. Classes begin in the Schmidt Center at 9:15AM and conclude at 10:15AM. Parents are reminded to have their children in class and

ready to begin at 9:10AM so classes are not delayed in starting. Please watch your speed in driving through the parking lot since many of our students exit Mass and walk to the Schmidt Center between the cars. Staff will be available as your children enter the building to direct them to their classrooms.

Fall Schedule of Masses begins this weekend with Saturday evening Mass celebrated at 5:00PM and Sunday morning Masses at 8:00 and 10:30AM.

Parish Historical Pictures Needed: As we prepare to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our parish in October 2023, we need historical pictures from the 1980's, 1990's, and the 50th Anniversary of our parish, which took place in 1998. If you have pictures you would like to share, please put them in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and address. Once scanned, they will be returned to you. Our parish is trying to create a data base of pictures for use on our narthex video display. They will be grouped together and presented throughout the anniversary year. Some pictures may also be used in a commemorative booklet. It would help if you can identity the event or persons depicted on the back of the picture. You can deposit your photos in the box in the narthex. Thank you for your assistance with this project!

PA Pro-Life March: Make plans to join the 2nd annual Pennsylvania March for Life on Monday,



September 19th! The main events include a huge rally at 11 AM followed by the march around the PA State Capitol at 12 noon. March for Life's Jeanne Mancini is one of the confirmed speakers

along with His Excellency, the Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia. More speaker announcements are coming soon! This is an excellent opportunity for anyone to learn about the principles of effective lobbying, the specific and current issues Pennsylvania is facing, and what you can do right now to champion pro-life policies to your PA elected representatives. More details to come!

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, September 12th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will hold the election of new Council officers and discuss some issues important to the life of our parish. If there is a commend or concern you want to bring to the Council's attention for the good of our parish, please feel free to place a *signed* note in the "Suggestion Box" by the front door in the narthex.

Parish Anniversary Committee will meet on Thursday evening, September 15th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. All members are asked to be present as we begin to prepare for next year's 75th Anniversary of our Parish.

Just a Thought! The world will react differently to the present crisis in the Church. The Church's enemies will use the crisis to continue to bludgeon the Church in the hope of finally killing her. Baptized pagans will use the crisis as an excuse to leave the Church. Faithful Catholics will see the crisis as an opportunity to unite themselves to the cross and the suffering Christ to bring glory and honor to the Church. How will you react?

2022 Diocese of Harrisburg Women's Conference:



On Saturday, October 15th, the Diocese will offer our 7th Annual Women's Conference at the Diocesan Conference Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. The day begins with registration at 7:15AM and ends with Mass at 4:00PM. The theme

for this year is *The Eucharist: Jesus in our Midst*. There will be a keynote speaker, workshop sessions, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, and fellowship with hundreds of women that will refresh your soul as we continue to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ. Registration is easy and convenient on the Diocesan Web site. *Come and see what God's love can do in your life*!

A Eucharistic Thought: "Let the souls of Christians be like altars on each one of which a different phase of the sacrifice, offered by the High Priest,



comes to life again, as it were: pains and tears which wipe away and expiate sin; supplication to God which pierces heaven; dedication and even immolation of oneself made promptly, earnestly; generously and and, finally that intimate union by which we commit ourselves and all we have to

God, in Whom we find our rest. (Pope Pius XII: Mediator Dei, 1947)

O Jesus, we adore you in the Sacrament of Your Love!