

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

Mass Intentions

October	2	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	3	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	4	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	5	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	6	8:00 AM	Deceased Of The Harshberger & Montrose Families req. by Glenn & Pat Harshberger
	7	8:00 AM	John Montgomery requested by John & Mary Blair
		5:00 PM	Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
October	8	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Kim Berna requested by Rich & Kathy Dubois

Liturgical Ministries October 7-8

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Gwen Pray	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Scott Sheaffer	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 8

Robin & Mike Chiccini

October 15

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4: 6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,466.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,144.29

September Parish Contingency Collection amounted to: 1,018.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 1st

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM and 9:45-10:15AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

New Usher Training, 9:15AM (in church)

Monday, October 2nd

No Mass

Tuesday, October 3rd

No Mass

Wednesday, October 4th

No Mass

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 5th

No Mass

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, October 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 7th

First Saturday Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 8th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM and 9:45-10:15AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Our bodies would never be healthy if we followed a diet of Snickers bars, cotton candy, M and M's and ice cream. God created the body to

be nourished with good nutrients and a balanced diet, despite what our personal cravings are! It's what God intends for my body. Similarly, God intends for our souls to follow the laws He has

ordained. But sometimes life gets tough, and we suffer terrible wrongs or are grieving, and we feel like the Israelites in today's first reading, calling out, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Well, thank God for that! How lost would we be if God treated us



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“fairly.” Instead, he treats us with love and mercy, with justice. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross,” for us. If there is any encouragement in Christ, as Paul says, and we know there is, then being of the same mind and heart – attitude – of Christ, gets us through those moments of “unfair!” And we can follow Christ’s commands, knowing he loves us more than anyone else could love us, and more than we can ever love him.

It's easy to talk a good game as Christians. We can all agree that it is right to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead, as the Corporal Works of Mercy instruct us. But when it comes to actually doing those things – “humbly regard[ing] others as more important than [ourselves], each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others” – we can find all sorts of reasons not to. Maybe our days are too busy or maybe we feel just the tiniest bit resentful at the idea of sharing something we've worked hard to earn. However, our words don't mean much without action. Jesus says as much in today's Gospel. If we are like the son who says yes but then does not go to work in the vineyard, we are not doing our Father's will. We are like the chief priests who are being bypassed on the way to heaven by “tax collectors and prostitutes” who heard the word of God and believed.

This week, let us look for ways to live out our faith. Rather than pray only with our words, let us pray with our actions. If you aren't sure where to start, pay special consideration to the verses from the second reading, highlighted above: “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.”

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Mike and Kathleen Brennan, Gene Odatto, 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 (602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at www.stbernardsnbpa.org.

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!

2023 Women's Conference: Saturday, October 21st, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual

Women's Conference, *Close to His Sacred Heart*, at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Speakers include Lindy Wynne, Sister GERALYN Schmidt, SCC, and Melissa Maleski. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass celebrated by Bishop Senior, opportunities for Confession throughout the day, and fellowship are all part of this annual event. Walk in registration is available. Please visit www.hbgdiocese.org/women for more details.

Annual Diocesan Priests Education Workshop: Our diocesan priests will be at their Annual Continuing Education Conference in Hunt Valley, Maryland for the week of October 1-6. For sacramental emergencies in any of the parishes in Cumberland and Perry Counties (which includes Saint Bernard Parish), as well as emergencies at UPMC West Shore Hospital and Penn State Health Hampden Medical Center, Father Richard O'Nyanwaro, A.J. will be available. Please call Saint Joseph Parish at 717-766-9433. If outside of business hours, press "2" and leave a message if no one answers.

New Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: As you drive onto our parish grounds, you are now greeted with a white marble statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This statue, purchased from memorial gifts to commemorate our 75th Anniversary, will stand for years to come as a reminder that in our Church and parish all



who come to us will meet the mercy and compassion of the Heart of Jesus. Each time we pass Him, let us be reminded of His great love for us and how we can make a return by our lives lived in love of Him and our neighbor.

Schedule of Masses on our Anniversary Sunday: As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 15th, the Mass schedule has been altered. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 14th at 5:00PM. Sunday morning Mass will begin at 8:00AM and CCD classes will follow at the regular time. There will be no 10:30 Mass that Sunday, and the anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 2:00PM. Please note these changes and adjust your Mass schedule for that Sunday accordingly.

Notification of Hospitalization: If you or a family member are hospitalized or if you know of someone homebound who would like to be visited, please notify the parish office so Father Sharman can make a pastoral visit. Each month Holy Communion is brought to our homebound parishioners.

Help us keep current on your information!! If your telephone number, email, or address has changed in the past few months, please call the parish office or place a note in the collection to notify the parish secretary. This is important, especially if you use a cell phone as your ordinary contact number.

Perry County Life-Chain: This Sunday, October 1st, the annual Life-Chain is scheduled in the square of New Bloomfield from 2:30-3:30PM. This hour of silent prayer will witness to the precious gift of life and draw attention to the fact that the scourge of abortion still inflicts our state and our nation. Let us pray to end the death of the most innocent among us.

"Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourself, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." (Philippians 2:5)

75th Anniversary Mass and Reception
October 15, 2023
2:00PM