

The Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

Mass Intentions

September	11	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Linda Myers requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
September	12	8:00 AM	Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family
September	13	8:00 AM	Gerald Ford requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
September	14	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Suzanne Meyer
September	15	8:00 AM	Grant Wood requested by Faith Zarichansky
	16	5:00 PM	Carl DePaulis requested by The DePaulis Family
September	17	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Suzanne Meyer
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 16-17

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffely	Scott Sheaffer	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family Jacob Robinson

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 17

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

September 17

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,863.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,329.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 10th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM and 9:30-10:15AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, September 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, September 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, September 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 16th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 17th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM and 9:30-10:15AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“Praise God from Whom all
blessings flow.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Proper communication and what it means to love in relationship are what come to mind when I hear



the start of today's Gospel. Jesus is instructing us on what to do when another angers, hurts, or offends us. Not surprisingly, it doesn't include calling our sister or best friend to vent, or posting about it on social media, regardless of how vaguely we word the situation. Instead, we are to go to that person directly and "tell him his fault between you and him alone." If they listen, we

have won them over. How many times have others hurt us, but we never bother to tell them? How often do we simply assume the other person

knows they have done us wrong? We owe it to one another to be honest and upfront – to give the other person a chance to apologize and us a chance to extend forgiveness. We also owe it to one another to be willing to receive them in charity, open-hearted, when they come to us to speak of our faults.

In the same way that the Gospel addresses speaking truth to another and "winning them over," the prophet Ezekiel recounts the Lord's instruction to him that he has a duty to "speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way." This, of course, was the role and mission of the prophets. To make known the word and law of God and call the people to respond. A prophet warned, counseled, taught, and encouraged. They called the people to obedience to God, denouncing idolatry, injustice, and empty rituals. Jesus himself came as priest, prophet, and king and by our baptism, "the whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them." (CCC 783) Through the centuries, people have tried to do this in various ways – from passing laws to standing on street corners with signs. But let's remember that even as we are meant to "speak out," we are also meant to listen. We too must be re-converted to the truth when we sin; we too must be dissuaded from our wicked ways. This is how we best fulfill our prophetic mission.

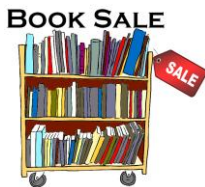
Witnessing to Christ in today's world sometimes feels overwhelming or hopeless. Spend some concerted time in prayer with the words from today's psalm: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

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 Odat, 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!



Knights of Columbus Book Sale:

The Knights are planning their annual book sale on September 28/29 (from 9AM-5PM) and September 30 (from 9AM to

2PM in the parish hall). There will also be a table of statuary objects that can be purchased for a donation.

A Mass for Hope & Healing will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, Harrisburg. During this Mass, we will pray for and with survivors of clerical sexual abuse. All are encouraged to attend.

CCD Begins September 10th: Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious Education begins on Sunday, September 10th. Classes start at 9:15 and conclude at 10:15 for all registered students (Pre-K through high school). Please have your children to the Schmidt Center by 9:10AM at the latest so classes can begin on time and will not be disrupted by the tardiness of the students arriving late.

Fall Schedule of Masses begins the weekend of September 9/10th with Saturday evening Mass celebrated at 5:00PM and Sunday morning Masses at 8:00 and 10:30AM.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, September 11th 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.

Altar Servers Needed: Our parish needs additional altar servers for service at Holy Mass. If you believe God may be calling you to assist your parish and pastor in this important role, training sessions are being formed by Deacon Robinson



for October. There will be an altar server training starting Oct 22. The training will include three one-hour Sunday sessions after the 10:30 Mass here in the Church. If you would like to serve at the altar and are age nine or over, please see the sign-up on the bulletin board. Dates for all sessions are on the sign-up.

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.

The 2023 Pennsylvania March for Life will take place on Monday, October 16, 2023, on State Street in Harrisburg. Holy Mass will be offered at 9:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 1:30 pm at Saint Patrick Cathedral (212 State St., Harrisburg). Confessions will be available. Everyone in the Diocese of Harrisburg and the greater Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is invited and strongly encouraged to attend. We will unite in prayer and number to support protecting the sanctity of human life in Pennsylvania.

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, generously and earnestly; 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)