

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

Mass Intentions

September	18	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Patricia Shaw requested by Rich & Kathy Dubois
September	19	8:00 AM	John Zarichansky requested by Faith Zarichansky
September	20	8:00 AM	Pat Lambert
September	21	8:00 AM	Martin & Judith Flaherty requested by Dorothy Flaherty
September	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce req. by The Fordyce Family
	23	5:00 PM	Carl DePaulis requested by The Knights of Columbus
September	24	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Edward Kirk requested by The Rich Family

Liturgical Ministries September 23-24

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Dave Suydam	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Mark Ticehurst	The Robinson Family Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 24

The Raugh Family

October 1

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,916.15

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,568.75

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 17th

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, September 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, September 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, September 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, September 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 23rd

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 24th

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

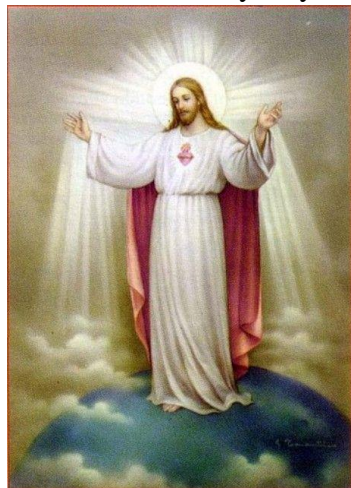
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**“The Lord is kind and
merciful, slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Forgiveness. It seems like a relatively simple concept, doesn't it? We ask our merciful Father for it every day when we pray the Our



Father: "... forgive us our trespasses..." Then reality hits, as we remember the second part of that phrase: "...as we forgive those who trespass against us ...” As we forgive others. Oh, that long, hard road of forgiveness! Easier said than done. Sometimes those old sayings have some merit, don't they? And when we look at today's readings, there is nothing

cryptic about them: forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times, let go of wrath and anger, forgive your brother and sister from your heart. Yes, forgiveness is a simple concept, but it's not easy. Perhaps the answer is to re-read today's Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to put in the hard work if there is someone in our lives to whom we need to offer our heartfelt forgiveness.

Each of us can probably become a better forgiver. One way to do this is immediately "forgive offenses quickly." Don't let them fester and "settle deeply into your heart." This seems like very sage advice because we can all have a tendency to "stew" about things that are bothering us, which rarely makes them better. You might also pay attention to your own sins, go to confessions regularly, and offer forgiveness through a concrete act or sign. Which brings us back to the simplicity of it all: God will always forgive us, so we must always forgive others. Doesn't it make sense that to live in the house of our merciful Father, we must emulate him and have loving hearts rather than vengeful hearts?

Examine your heart and take a hard look at whether you are holding on to a wrong that was committed against you. Take it to God in prayer. The more we open our hearts to forgive others, the more at peace we can be. Ponder the last words of today's reading from Sirach: *Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.*

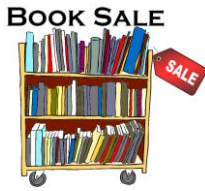
Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Mike and Kathleen Brennan, Gene Odat, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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.

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.



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.

Children and Mass: Parents are the first educators of their children in the ways of faith, and they bear a sacred responsibility, assumed at baptism, to raise them to keep the commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and neighbor. Their participation at Holy Mass enables children to worship God, be nourished by Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and take their rightful place as members of the Church. What they learn in religious education class is reinforced at home by parental example and celebrated in the Sacred Liturgy with their parish family. Please make sure your children attend Mass on Sundays, confess their sins often by going to confession, and so mature in their life of faith. Our religious education program can only assist parents in passing along a living faith – but we cannot do so without their conscious decision to fulfill their sacred obligation to raise their children as faith-filled, practicing Catholics.

<p>75th Anniversary Mass and Reception October 15, 2023 2:00PM</p>
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