

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

Mass Intentions

September	25	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Josh Nel requested by Mark & Joanie Achenbach
September	26	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer
September	27	8:00 AM	John Montgomery requested by Faith Zarichansky
September	28	8:00 AM	Monsignor Edward F. Mullen
September	29	8:00 AM	Marie Bowser
	30	5:00 PM	Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
October	1	8:00 AM	John Montgomery requested by Kathy Heller
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 30-October 1

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Sean Romano	Rosanne Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 1	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands
October 8	Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,245.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,345.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 24th

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, September 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Financial Planning Session, 6:30-8:30PM

Wednesday, September 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, September 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

K of C Book Sale, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Friday, September 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

K of C Book Sale, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Saturday, September 30th

K of C Book Sale, 9:00AM-2:00PM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 1st

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

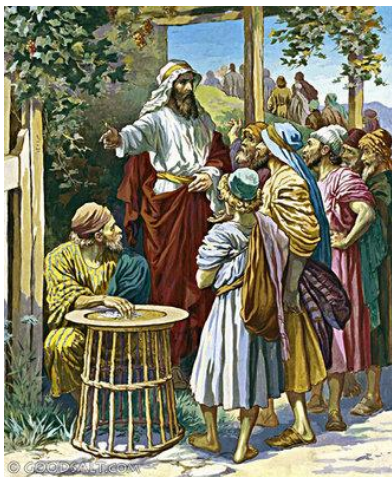
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

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

“Are we jealous because God is generous with His mercy, compassion, and grace?”

From the Pastor's Desk:

Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also “generous in



forgiving” and “near to all who call upon him.”

In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the

same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward – whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those

who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course, we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to “depart this life and be with Christ,” he knows that staying here on earth means “fruitful labor for me.” Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

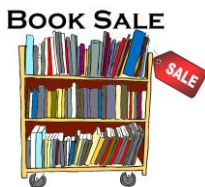
The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to “conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

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

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.

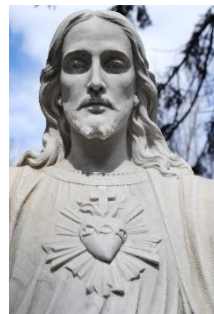
2023 Women's Conference: Saturday, October 21st, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Women's Conference, *Close to His Sacred Heart*, at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Speakers include Lindy Wynne, Sister GERALYN Schmidt, SCC, and Melissa Maleski.

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.



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.

Life happens, are you prepared? Banking-Bills-Wills-Debt-Birth Certificates-Marriage License-Insurance-Retirement-Investments-Assets-Social Media-Contacts. Where to start? Attend this free workshop Tuesday, September 26th, 6:30-8:30pm and learn how to leave a legacy for your spouse, children or loved ones. You'll get the tools you need to be financially prepared for doing the important things now so they don't become urgent later. Couples encouraged to come together. Sign up on bulletin board. Questions?? Contact Phyllis Krieger (717) 379-135 Or email: Phyllis@perfectcents.services

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