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| The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time | September 3, 2023 |  |

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| **Mass Intentions** | | | |
| September | 4 | 8:00 AM | **Intentions Of The Brndjar Family requested by Christine Gray** |
| September | 5 | 8:00 AM | **Intentions of Julia Gray requested by Christine Gray** |
| September | 6 | 8:00 AM | **Diana Prowell requested by John & Mary Blair** |
| September | 7 | 8:00 AM | **Carl DePaulis requested by Gene & Kathy Odato** |
| September | 8 | 8:00 AM | **Wilma Urban** |
|  | 9 | 5:00 PM | **Carl DePaulis requested by Joyce Galice** |
| September | 10 | 8:00 AM | **People Of The Parish** |
|  |  | 10:30 AM | **Sister Charles Catherine** |
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| Liturgical Ministries September 9-10 | | | |
|  | **Lectors** | **Extraordinary Ministers** | **Servers** |
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| 5:00 PM | Sue Guarducci | Yvonne DePaulis | Dave Suydam |
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| 8:00 AM | Joe Dailey | Scott Dunkelberger | Helena Krieger |
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| 10:30 AM | Bill Davies | Nancy Stanton | The Morrison Family |
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| Schmidt Center Cleaning | | |
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| **September 10** | Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek |  |
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| **September 17** | Kim Lane & Marian McCoy |  |
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| Next Sunday’s Readings | | |
| *Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures* | | |
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| **Ezekiel** 33:7-9 | **Romans** 13:8-10 | **Matthew** 18:15-20 |

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| Christian Stewardship |
| **Last Sunday’s Collection amounted to:** $4,364.00 |
| **The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to:** $5,679.05 |
| **August Parish Contingency amounted to:** $1,166.00 |
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| May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!! |

From the Pastor’s Desk

Church Calendar

***Sunday, September 3rd (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)***

Confession, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

***Monday, September 4th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Tuesday, September 5th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Wednesday, September 6th***

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

***Thursday, September 7th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Friday, September 8th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Saturday, September 9th***

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

***Sunday, September 10th (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)***

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“[His word] became like burning fire in my heart.”

Jeremiah’s prayer in our first reading reflects frustration and hurt, and even a little bit of disgust at how he has been treated because of the Lord: “I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more.” But then, even in his discontent and disillusion, he holds on to the truth. For right after this rebellious admission, he confesses that the need to prophesy “becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.” He knows he was never really duped – there was no lie from the Lord. And the fact is, he believes and trusts in the Lord enough to pray to him in the first place; even in his prayer of lament he is praising the Lord as God and redeemer. Jeremiah’s example is a good one for us: Never lose sight of the Lord as our God. Pray to him; give over our frustrations to him; and allow him to be the fire burning in our heart that we cannot quench.

Reading today’s Gospel can leave us feeling awkward and even embarrassed for St. Peter. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, calling the first pope Satan and telling Peter to get behind him – super embarrassing, especially when Peter had good intentions in trying to protect Jesus. What’s the old saying, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions”? There’s another axiom, a little less dire but just as pointed: “People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.” Intentions matter – but how we enact and employ those intentions are important, too. Christ tells us in today’s Gospel, *“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”* Faith in God, believing in his promises, and wanting to obey his commandments are wonderful and essential – and they are the foundation of a life lived for Christ. But they are not the entirety of it, and while denying ourselves and taking up our cross is never easy, it is necessary. *“What profit would there by for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”* Christ asks. Let’s pray for the grace of pure intentions and the strength to live them in service to the Lord.

Heavenly Father, uncover my eyes and reveal any obstacles keeping me from thinking as you do. Give me the courage to overcome these obstacles and grant me the strength to take up my cross and follow you, even in the face of difficulty. I ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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 Odato, 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**](mailto: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.

Carlisle Area Family Life Center Autumn-Fest 2023: The Carlisle Area Family Life Center will be holding their annual Autumn-Fest on Friday, September 15th from 6-9 pm at the pavilion behind the LeTort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks. Come and enjoy a Pulled Pork and Italian Sausage dinner, music provided by Bluestone Bluegrass Band and visit with friends under the stars! There will also be bidding on silent and live auction items! Tickets are $35 each and can be purchased at CAFLC, by calling 717-243-6544 or online at www.carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org. Ticket price includes dinner and two drinks. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible and before September 1st since we need to provide a guest list to Carlisle Barracks two weeks before the event. Hope you can join us and support Carlisle’s only pro-life pregnancy and family resource center.

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.

Thank you, Saint Bernard Garden Club: Our parish is indebted to the many individuals and families who have kept our parish grounds looking their best throughout the summer. Your hard work in mowing the lawn and weeding the flower beds did not go unnoticed by all who visit our church. Thanks, also, to Jim Albert and all who assisted him in placing the new “name bricks” in the walk that leads to the pavilion. All your hard work has beautified our property. God bless and reward you!

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.