

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

Mass Intentions

October	16	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	17	8:00 AM	Grant Wood requested by John & Mary Blair
October	18	8:00 AM	John Montgomery requested by Mary Zimmerman
October	19	8:00 AM	Tamara Perry
October	20	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by Her Family
	21	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
October	22	8:00 AM	Nancy Woods requested by John & Mary Blair
		10:30 AM	Jean Taylor requested by Joe & Judy Rich

Liturgical Ministries October 21-22

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Dave Suydam	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 PM	Nicole Wood	Nancy Stanton	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 22

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

October 29

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22: 15-21

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,612.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,606.55

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 15th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

75th Anniversary Mass, 2:00PM

Monday, October 16th

No 8:00AM Mass

Helen Hayden Memorial Mass, 2:00PM

Tuesday, October 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

New Usher Training, 6:45PM

Wednesday, October 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, October 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 21st

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 22nd (World Mission Sunday)

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Why would anyone refuse a grand invitation to a wedding feast? Who doesn't love a feast? As we



know, however, with parables, as in today's gospel, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today He uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God's abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving

generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we

always gracious recipients of God's love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or gad about in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God's loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

We learn from today's readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, "The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines." Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God's generosity in the proper manner, so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the [spiritual] garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession, if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.

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, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, 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!

Welcome Bishop Timothy Senior: Our parish is honored this weekend to welcome our new Bishop, Most Reverend Timothy Senior for his first visit to our community. Bishop Senior is the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg and was installed on June 21, 2023. A native of Philadelphia and former rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Bishop has helped train many of our diocesan priests who attended the Philadelphia seminary. This is his first visit to our Church, and we are honored by his visit.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday! Each year on this occasion we – and Catholics of the whole world – are reminded that we are to be Christ's witnesses, not only day by day in our own surroundings, but to the ends of the earth. We tend to forget that every baptized Christian is a missionary for Christ, called to spread the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. As we gather next week to pray for the Church's missionary work and to support it through the *Propagation of the Faith*, we will affect the lives and faith of people in Bangladesh...in Ethiopia...in Haiti and Ecuador and Fiji. The world! Our financial sacrifices enable missionaries to call the world's poorest people to the riches of Christ: His **love**, as abandoned children are sheltered; His **peace**, as the suffering are comforted; His **life**, as all are invited to the divine life of Baptism. We know what our faith



means to us, especially in times of difficulty and distress. Please be as generous as your means allow in the second collection next week. Many are depending on your prayerful support and your financial sacrifice to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus in our world.

Trunk or Treat: As an alternative to the traditional house to house "Trick or Treat," our parish is hosting a "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday evening, October 29th from 6-7 PM. This is a fun time for our children and all are welcome to participate –



with or without children. Cars will be parked in the lot with the trunks open so candy or treats can be given out to the children. You can decorate your trunk or dress up yourself if you desire. Parents (and trunkers) are asked to sign-up their children at the bulletin board so the "trunkers" will know how many children to anticipate. If you are unable to attend, you can still donate candy or treats by dropping them off in the narthex over the next three weeks. *Children should seriously consider dressing up as "saints or Catholic historical figures" to keep the Christian spirit of the holiday.*

The Cemetery of the Innocents, remembering the babies who lost their lives by abortion in Perry County, will be dedicated on Sunday, November 5th at River of Life Community Church, 717 Pine Grove Road, New Bloomfield from 2:30-3:30PM. White crosses and roses will be placed representing the babies who died in Perry County last year through abortion.

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.

**Welcome to Bishop Timothy Senior
for the celebration of our
75th Anniversary Mass
October 15, 2023
2:00PM**