

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

Mass Intentions

October	23	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	24	8:00 AM	Coby Hall
October	25	8:00 AM	Sara Zettlemoyer requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
October	26	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
October	27	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzzan Meyer
	28	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
October	29	8:00 AM	John Montgomery requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
		10:30 AM	Pat Mallone requested by John & Rosanne Wheatley

Liturgical Ministries October 28-29

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Dunkelberger	Helena Krieger
10:30 PM	Nicole Wood	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 29	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
November 5	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Exodus 22:20-26 **1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10** **Matthew 22: 34-40**

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,880.35

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,961.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 22nd (World Mission Sunday)

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

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, October 23rd

No Mass

Tuesday, October 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, October 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, October 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 28th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 29th

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Trunk or Treat Halloween Party, 6:00PM

**“Then render to Caesar what belongs
to Caesar, and to God what belongs
to God.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

In the first reading God tells Cyrus, “I have called you by your name.” And Jesus says to repay “to God what belongs to God.” How do we do that? We, who have been called by name by

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WHAT IS GOD'S.”**

- LUKE 20:25

virtue of our baptism, do this by putting God first in our lives. By loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind. And by giving him not the leftovers, but

the first fruits of our talents, our treasure, and our time. Spend some time in prayer with God today and listen to the words he writes upon your heart.

We have been chosen by God to spread his Good News in the world. We are his witnesses. Sound intimidating? Take comfort in the words from Saint Paul in the second reading: “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.” Is it always a “piece of cake” to be Christ’s disciples in the world helping to build his kingdom here on earth? No, certainly not. But the knowledge that we are beloved and valuable in the sight of God, coupled with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit, fortifies us for the task. Are we up to the task? Yes. We belong to God now and forever. Let us strive to act like a child of God in all things and deepen our reliance on the Holy Spirit when things get tough.

Today’s Gospel acclamation, from Philippians, says: “Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.” There is so much darkness in the world. Make an effort to be the “light” in someone’s life this week, whether it be a spouse, a child, a parent, or a co-worker. The missionaries you support through your World Mission Sunday prayers and sacrifices enable them to proclaim the gospel to the furthest ends of the earth. They can go to the missions because you financially support their work and their ministry. Thank you for your faith-filled support.

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, 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!

This 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 thorough 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. 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 parishioners 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 in costume, 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.

K of C Financial Assets Webinar: Our Knights of Columbus invite you to attend a Catholic Asset Advisory Webinar on Thursday, October 26, at 7:30 PM. K of C financial advisor Samuel Connahey will be there to answer your questions. This webinar is open to all who want to learn more about insurance, investments, and charitable solutions that align with our Catholic Faith. There will be light refreshments served.

Just some Thoughts!! As faith in God declines, nihilism, the conviction that life has no meaning, will rise. Faith is a primary source of life’s meaning – it shapes the values people strive for and the way they structure their lives. A world without faith will be a chaotic, living hell. We must never choose the comfort of illusions over the desire for truth. If we do not exercise our freedom vigilantly, those who wish to rule us will do so ardently and devotedly. We will then awaken from our slumber to find ourselves in shackles.

Congratulations to Paul Zelenky and Megan Rill, who were married in our parish church on Saturday, October 21st. May God bless them with many happy and grace filled years together!

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Without both, there would be no missions.