

The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

Mass Intentions

October	30	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer
October	31	8:00 AM	NO MASS
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	1	8:00 AM	Paul Thomas
November	2	8:00 AM	Souls In Purgatory
November	3	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer
November	4	8:00 AM	Souls In Purgatory
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	5	8:00 AM	Souls In Purgatory
		10:30 AM	Souls In Purgatory

Liturgical Ministries November 4-5

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Gwen Pray	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Scott Dunkelberger	Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 PM	Bill Davies	Nancy Stanton	The Robinson Family Jacob Innerst

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: \$4,690.00

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 29th

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

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, October 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, October 31st

No Mass

Vigil Mass for All Saints, 7:00PM

Wednesday, November 1st (Feast of All Saints)

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, November 2nd (Feast of All Souls)

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, November 3rd (First Friday)

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, November 4th

Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 5th

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Cemetery of the Innocents, 2:30PM

From the Pastor's Desk:

Sometimes people stop paying attention to the news for a period of time. There seems to be little that's "new" in the daily barrage of natural disasters and the countless ways we humans hurt each other. Some people have even stopped using social media. Which brings us to today's Gospel: Sometimes it seems overwhelming to want to love as Christ commands, and we feel that there's little, if anything, we can do for people outside of our social circle, let alone on the opposite side of the world. Hearing of the struggles with compassion fatigue, you should be reminded of some wise words that have been attributed to St. Mother Teresa: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." We love as Christ commands by willing the good of the other. And it is not trite or cliché to say at times, "honestly, all I can do right now is pray." After all, as the Lord says, "If he

cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." When our compassion is exhausted, let the Lord carry it, for he never tires. And then, when it is possible, practical, and seems to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can do more – whatever that may be.

If you're like me and somewhat daunted by the second greatest commandment, I encourage you to take another look at today's readings. "You shall love your neighbor..." (emphasis added). Surely the world is far too large for us to make a difference? Therefore, remember that "God so loved the world" – and what he asks of us is to love our neighbor. So leave the world to God; pray for and give alms for those bigger world issues when we're able. When our circumstances change and we have more time and energy to take on more, such as participate in ministry, even better! But until then, when we walk out our front door in the morning, we go forth knowing that we are "imitators ... of the Lord," and that this smaller, much more manageable part of the world is what we are called to tend. Let our most active role in being the body of Christ extend to what is immediate to us – our neighbor and community – because that is where we will have the most influence for Christ in the world.

When you feel overwhelmed with the world, reflect upon today's responsorial psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength." Let God's love for the world and his strength flow into your heart, and know that you can call on him to help you bear the burden of love.

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, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, 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!

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.

Sacred Heart Devotions: Friday of this week, November 3rd is the first Friday of the month of November. Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin Thursday evening with Confessions at 6:15PM and a Holy Hour at 7:00PM.

First Saturday Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, November 4th at 8:00AM.

All Souls Intentions: You are reminded to list the names of your deceased relatives and friends on your All Souls envelope and place them in the collection so they can be prepared for the altar.



During the month of November, nine Masses will be offered for your All Souls intentions. In addition, these intentions have a separate and special remembrance in all the Masses celebrated in Saint Bernard's

Church during the month, which is the reason your All Souls envelopes remain on the Altar for

the entire month. From the earliest days of the Church, we have commemorated the faithful departed by offering prayers for them. Please remember to pray for the Souls in Purgatory since our prayers and good works can help our deceased relatives and friends overcome tribulation and reach eternal happiness in the company of God. Prayer for the deceased is a blessed act of charity and a way of keeping those we loved and who have loved us in our minds and hearts.

Solemnity of all Saints: Wednesday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. A vigil Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00PM. Mass on the feast day will begin at 8:00AM.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, November 13th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have commendations or recommendations for the life of our parish, please call Bill Davies or drop them in the Suggestion Box



in the narthex.

We are Grateful: Our parish is most grateful to Terry and Jen Meek for coordinating our annual Trunk or Treat this year. Over 100 parishioners and friends gathered for this fun event, and all had a great time, especially our children.

Thank you, Anniversary Committee Members: There are parishioners who helped plan and execute our Anniversary Mass and Reception. They selflessly gave of their time, talent, and advice over the course of a year and a half so we could celebrate our life and love together as a parish and mark our 75 years as a family in faith. Special thanks to: *Heidi Good, Phyllis Kreiger, Edwin Wilkinson, Yvonne DePaulis, Pat and Gwen Pray, Judy Wilson, Mary Rice, and Deacon Michael Pray.* Thanks also to Suzanne Dell and Olney Innerst for taking pictures of the event for our archives.

“The rule of justice is plain, namely, that a good man ought not to swerve from the truth, not to inflict any unjust loss on anyone, nor to act in anyway deceitfully or fraudulently.” (Saint Ambrose, 4th Century)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Peters	November 1
Sean Romano	November 1
David Jenkins Jr.,	November 2
Deacon Robinson	November 2
Michelle Sheaffer	November 3
Maryann Cully	November 4
James Schoedel	November 4
Virginia Ticehurst	November 4
Steph Trispagonas	November 4
Annie McKinley	November 6
Nicholas Morrison	November 6
Reed Kreider	November 6
Jeffrey Martzall	November 7
Paul Zelenky	November 7
Fregrick Cabel	November 8
William C. Kaufell	November 8
Michelle Ashman	November 9
Doreen King	November 9
Ken Druckenmiller	November 10
Lynsey McKinley	November 11
Evelyn Morrison	November 11
Doreen King	November 9
Ken Druckenmiller	November 10
Lynsey McKinley	November 11
Evelyn Morrison	November 11
Yvonne DePaulis	November 12
Caitlyn Rickard	November 12
Clinton McKinley	November 14
Ken Morrison	November 15
Nadia Zurenko	November 18
Sarina Zurenko	November 18
Crescentia Boden	November 19
Nicholas Raugh	November 19
Cheryl Blow	November 20
Jason Innerst	November 20
Joyce Brong	November 22
Grace Horn	November 22
Kathy Odat	November 22
Annamarie Casner	November 23
Karen Gochenaur	November 23
Annetta Round	November 24
Dale Steiner	November 24
Kateri Robinson	November 25
William Aldrich	November 26
Holly Cabell	November 26
Robert Moyer	November 27
Shelby Aldrich	November 29
Sean Cully	November 30
Blaise Robinson	November 30
Monica Robinson	November 30

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 11, 2023

The meeting of the Parish Council began with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Pat Pray, Bill Davies, Yvonne De Paulis, Father Sharman, Karen Kupris, Erin Jenkins, Linda Myers, Scott Shaeffer, Dave Suydam, Olney Innerst, Terry Meek, Mary Blair and Nancy Stanton.

Election of officers was held. Officers for this year are Bill Davies, President; Terry Meek, Vice President; Yvonne De Paulis, Recording Secretary.

Missions Reports were given:

Mission for Pastoral Administration (Pat Pray)- Budget and Finance – Pat Pray will make a report on the parish finances under new business. **Buildings and Grounds** – Special thanks to all the individuals who participated in the Garden Club and kept our parish property weeded throughout the summer. We are also indebted to seven parishioners who keep the lawns mowed throughout the summer. **Parish Census Information** – 5 new families were registered since our last Council meeting in May 2023. One family was put on the inactive list.

Mission for Pastoral Ministry (Scott Sheaffer)- Pastoral Visitations (hospitals, prisons, Nursing Homes, Communion Calls, etc.) - Father made 163 visits to homes, hospitals, and nursing homes since June 2023.

Bereavement Committee – a luncheon was served to the Prowell Family following the funeral for Diana Prowell. They were most grateful for the hospitality extended by our parish. **Knights of Columbus** – Our Knights hosted another successful Fishing Derby for our Youth in June 2023. We also thank the Knights for hosting our annual parish picnic on August 6. There were over 100 parishioners who participated. **Youth Ministry** – Our youth continued to meet monthly throughout the summer month. We are most grateful to Matt and Liz Morrison for coordinating our Youth Group. **Parish Vocations** - two young men are in discernment with Father Sharman trying to decide if God is calling them to the priesthood. A reception was hosted by our parish for Deacon Michael Pray on Sunday, May 21st. Special thanks to Yvonne DePaulis and fellow parishioners who helped make this a festive occasion for this proud moment in the life of our parish. Michael will be ordained to the Priesthood in June 2024.

Mission for Liturgy and Worship (Dave Suydam)- Liturgical Music – Father Sharman continues to plan the liturgical music for our Masses and celebrations with the assistance of Justin Myers, who records the music for our weekend Masses. Justin also makes himself available for weddings and funerals. **Prayer Group** – Our Prayer Group continues to meet on Wednesdays throughout the year. There are about 10 parishioners who participate in this spiritual activity. **Lectors** – Bill Davies trained 2 new lectors this past Sunday. He will also schedule another training course for a third lector. **Altar Servers** – Our parish has been advertising additional altar servers. Deacon has scheduled training in October. **Ushers/Greeters** – Ten parishioners signed up to be trained as ushers. Tom Polcha will schedule a training session at the end of September.

Mission for Christian Education (Olney Innerst) - Pre-Cana Mentor – Bill and Theresa Davies mentored three couples this year. Two couples married in the spring and early summer. The last couple will be married at the end of October. **RCIA Program** – While there is no formal RCIA program this year, Father Sharman has two people under private instruction to explain the faith in preparation for their joining the Church. **School of Religious Education CCD** – Our CCD program began on September 10th with 25 adults and 85 students participating. **Bible Study** -- Past Bible study sets have been added to the parish

library and available to borrow. A binder listing the eighteen studies and a description of each is on the shelf. The cards to sign out the study can be found in the box in the cabinet below the shelf. The study materials for each study are contained in a plastic bag and contain a DVD or DVD's depending on the study, and study guide and student book. Parishioners may borrow a study but must sign it out. Borrowers are not permitted to write in or on any of the materials.

Mission for Social Welfare and Justice (Mary Blair)- Pro-Life Activities - In late May St. Bernard's Parish held a drive for parishioners to spiritually adopt a baby, name it, and pray for it every day for 9 months. Archbishop Fulton Sheen started this program in 1973 asking people to pray for the children being aborted in the country. Seventy-one parishioners signed up to adopt a baby and are participating in the program. Babies that were spiritually adopted are "due" in late February and early March 2024. Prayer brochures were provided for everyone to participate. Brochures are still available and can be picked up in the Narthex. A baby can be spiritually adopted at any time. Just count out 9 months from the date you adopt the baby for a "due date" and then pray daily for the child and its birth parents.

OLD BUSINESS- Father gave a brief update on our 75th Anniversary Mass and reception which will be held on Sunday, October 15th. An additional 57 bricks were added to the brick walkway leading to our pavilion.

NEW BUSINESS- A new statue of the Sacred Heart will be delivered and placed near the entrance to our church property by mid-September. The cost of the statue was covered by memorial/funeral donations to the church. No church funds were used. Dedication and unveiling will take place as soon as the statue is placed.

Father Sharman was advised by the Diocese that the purchase of the land for our church property was never completed. It was detected during the audit of the Diocese financials. We paid \$76,000 out of savings to complete the purchase; we were not charged any interest.

As a result of the recent burglary, a new security camera system was installed with multiple cameras now in place. Also, the computer and laptops were replaced with insurance monies.

Our parish met its goal for the Diocesan Annual Campaign; however, \$11,000 in pledges has not been collected yet. The Parish Management software, used in the parish office, was replaced with a more updated system which will have an annual maintenance fee.

Heavy winds, during one of our storms, blew off several of the roof shingles over the baptismal font in the church. Our roof has reached its age of 20 years old and will need to be replaced. Bids will be obtained for a metal roof. As the roofs on the other buildings on our church property need to be replaced, they will be replaced with metal roofs as well.

All the light bulbs in our church have been changed to LED which can be adjusted to different brightness. They last much longer than traditional bulbs and will help with electricity costs.

The Parish budget update was presented and was included in a church bulletin. Our income exceeded what was budgeted while expenses were over budget because of \$100,000 being transferred to savings.

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

There were no suggestions in the suggestion box. Father was thanked for adding kneelers for use during the Holy Eucharist. It was asked why parishioners are not bringing up the gifts which was eliminated during COVID. Father said there would be no change in the current method that is being used. And the Sign of Peace is at the discretion of parishioners.

The next council meeting will be held November 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne De Paulis



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October 3, 2023

Dear Father Sharman,

Please forgive my long delay in responding to the invitation of celebrating 75 years of St. Bernard there in Perry County.

I wish I could be present for this wonderful celebration. It would have been nice to see the new church and to see many older and newer parishioners. I have looked at the church on the website. It is wonderful to see the growth of the church in Perry County that has taken place since I was there in the late 60s.

Most of our Glenmary priest who served there has since died. Father Bob Dalton is no longer able to travel and I find it difficult traveling as well.

Please know that I will be praying for all of you leading up to this wonderful celebration. I have so many happy memories from the time I was missioned there in New Bloomfield. The old rectory was built during my time there. I remembered all the work involved with the grass around the rectory. Pass on my regards to the parishioners and my regret not being able to be part of the celebration.

On another note, Father Vic Subb told me all about his mission appeal there and how wonderful it was to see an old Glenmary mission. He really enjoyed coming there.

Sincerely in Christ


(Rev) Dominic Duggins