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| The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time | October 8, 2023 |  |

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| **Mass Intentions** |
| October | 9 | 8:00 AM | **Anthony Ciucci requested by The Fordyce Family** |
| October | 10 | 8:00 AM | **Intentions Of Trudi Heffley requested by Elizabeth Firoozmand** |
| October | 11 | 8:00 AM | **Intentions Of Suzanne Matunis requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst** |
| October | 12 | 8:00 AM | **Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer** |
| October | 13 | 8:00 AM | **Tony Forlizzi requested by Pat & Glenn Harshberger** |
|  | 14 | 5:00 PM | **Maureen Harron Maus requested by Jennifer & Jeff Aro** |
| October | 15 | 8:00 AM | **Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer** |
|  |  | 2:00 PM | **People Of The Parish** |
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| Liturgical Ministries October 14-15 |
|  | **Lectors** | **Extraordinary Ministers** | **Servers** |
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|  5:00 PM | Joe DeFrancesco | Yvonne DePaulis | Dave Suydam |
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| 8:00 AM | Scott Sheaffer | Scott Dunkelberger | Anna & Julia Sheaffer |
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|  2:00 PM |  Bill Davies | Intentionally Blank | The Robinson Family |
|   |   |   | The Hoffman Family |
|  |  |  | Helena Krieger |

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| Schmidt Center Cleaning |
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| **October 15** | Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger |  |
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| **October 22** | Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek |  |
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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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| **Isaiah** 25:6-10a | **Philippians** 4: 12-14, 19-20 | **Matthew** 22: 1-14 |

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| Christian Stewardship  |
| **Last Sunday’s Collection amounted to:** $6,243.00  |
| **The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to:** $3,915.05 |
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| May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!! |

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Church Calendar

***Sunday, October 8th***

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

2nd Grade Parent Meeting, 9:15AM

***Monday, October 9th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Tuesday, October 10th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Wednesday, October 11th***

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

***Thursday, October 12th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Friday, October 13th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Saturday, October 14th***

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

***Sunday, October 15th***

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

Mass, 8:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

75th Anniversary Mass/Reception, 2:00PM

“I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.”

Vineyards were important to the socio-economic structure and well-being of the ancient near east peoples. It would be disastrous for someone to plant and then cultivate a vineyard only for it to be overrun by wild grapes. It would have to be destroyed in order for it to be replanted and recover, which would be financially impossible for most people of that era. So when Isaiah prophesies about God’s plan for his vineyard – that is, his people, Israel – it is attention-worthy for its radical nature. Isaiah says that even with all of the Lord’s care and cultivation, his people have failed to grow, and they have devolved into idolatry and disobedience. So the Lord will bring his vineyard to ruin. Here’s the good news contained (but unspoken in these verses) in that prophecy, however: The Lord will “start over,” with a new covenant. And the Word which he sends forth in his Son will be the vine from which all other branches will arise and flourish. Though he will be killed for his message as prophets and messengers before him were, the Son in his victory over death will be the one who gives us the inheritance other tenants have sought. As Jesus himself says in today’s Gospel “the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” And on this cornerstone is built our salvation.

There is much to love here on our earthly home – fragrant flowers, beautiful sunsets, and compassionate people. Still, it can be a place of great pain and sadness at times. It can be easy to feel angry and resentful when we encounter the imperfections of the world – when we experience heartache, loss, disappointment. Although working in the Lord’s vineyard can be both joyful and heartbreaking, it is up to us to do our best to help it produce fruit until it is time to head to our heavenly home. It is our inheritance, as Christ has made us coheirs with him. St. Paul encourages us to “Have no anxiety at all.” Surely, that is easier said than done, but the great Apostle tells us that by our prayers and petitions, “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

When we pray to God, we should follow the example of the saints who came before us. St. Paul notes: “Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.” Our prayers are a time to make requests of God but also should be used for thanksgiving. As St. Paul directs, we should make note of all those things that are true, just, lovely, or otherwise worthy of praise.

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!

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](http://www.hbgdiocese). org/women for more details.

Schedule of Masses on our Anniversary Sunday: As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 15th, the Mass schedule has been altered. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 14th at 5:00PM. Sunday morning Mass will begin at 8:00AM and CCD classes will follow at the regular time. There will be no 10:30 Mass that Sunday, and the anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 2:00PM. Please note these changes and adjust your Mass schedule for that Sunday accordingly.

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.

Help us keep current on your information!! If your telephone number, email, or address has changed in the past few months, please call the parish office or place a note in the collection to notify the parish secretary. This is important, especially if you use a cell phone as your ordinary contact number.

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 Grace Evangelical Christian Church, Dromgold Corner at Rt 850 and 34 in Shermans Dale from 2:30-3:30PM. White crosses and roses will be placed representing the babies who died in Perry County last year through abortion. Your prayerful presence will stand in solidarity with other county residents for the cause of life.

75th Anniversary Mass and Reception

October 15, 2023

2:00PM