

The Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

Mass Intentions

November	13	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	14	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by The Fordyce Family
November	15	8:00 AM	June Shaeffer requested by The Shaeffer Family
November	16	8:00 AM	Olga Bekelja
November	17	8:00 AM	Mickey Peters
November	18	5:00 PM	Sara Zettlemoyer requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
November	19	8:00 AM	Russel Montrose requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries November 18-19

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Pat Pray	Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 PM	Julie Richelderfer	Rosanne Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 12

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

November 19

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,726.51

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,973.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 12th

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

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, November 13th

NO Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, November 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, November 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, November 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, November 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, November 18th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 19th

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

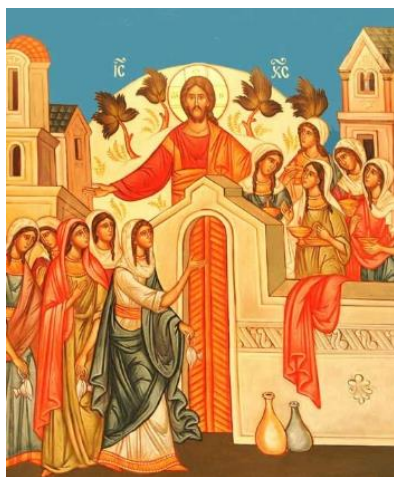
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“Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”

From the Pastor's Desk:

When someone you love deeply has left this world in death, you probably begin to think



more about the resurrection of the dead and the promise of eternal life with Christ. It is because of Christ's sacrifice that we can go to paradise, someplace where we will hopefully be reunited

someday in the communion of saints. I believe that's what St. Paul is talking about in today's second reading. We do "not grieve like the rest,

who have no hope." We have hope! We have hope for our family, for our friends – for our very selves! – that we will rise again and spend eternity with the Lord and with those we love. Paul writes elsewhere, "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, Paul says, but Christ has won the victory over it. In being baptized into Christ, we share in that victory, and we are inheritors of the promise of eternal life that comes from death's defeat.

The parable in today's Gospel is a reminder that while Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us, we must be ready to accept that gift and walk through them. In the parable of the ten virgins, we see how all fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. When he did show up, five were ready with oil for their lamps while five were sent scurrying to buy some. As a result, those who were not ready missed the opening of the doors and were locked out of the wedding feast. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour," Jesus admonishes us. Are you awake? Will you be ready to enter the wedding feast when the door is opened to you? There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's creation and gifts here on earth, but we must guard against getting so caught up in the things of this world that we forget to prepare for the next. We cannot be like the traveler who got so caught up in the beauty of a field that he forgot where he was going.

The ten virgins needed oil for their lamps to be ready for the bridegroom, but we need a clean heart and a steadfast spirit, as Psalm 51 tells us. We get that by setting aside regular time for prayer and making a point to regularly receive the sacraments, including the reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and His forgiveness within the sacrament of Penance. Making time for the Lord now will mean we are ready for his return later.

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, Joni Lawrence, Don Shaeffer, 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.

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.

Thanksgiving Mass Reminder: Our Parish will gather to celebrate Mass for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00PM in the Church. As a Parish, we have so many things to give thanks to God for, especially His abundant blessings and graces.

Advent Wreath Materials: As we prepare for the Advent Season in spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ, all the materials you will need for creating a home Advent Wreath will be available in the narthex on the weekend of December 2/3. Our parish



will supply the oasis, ribbon, and candles. All you will need, in addition, is a waterproof container and some evergreens to complete your wreath. This is one way we can keep Christ in Christmas as we prepare to celebrate His birth.

Christmas Widows/Widowers Dinner: The Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting its annual dinner for widows and widowers of Saint Bernard's Parish on Saturday, December 2nd in the Parish Hall after the 5 PM Mass. The youth of our parish extend a

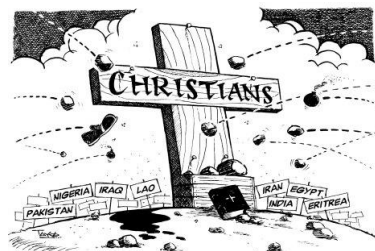
warm invitation to all those who can attend. Please look forward to a night of fun, conversation, service, and entertainment given by our youth. We look forward to joining you that night and always in prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. *Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can attend. Please feel welcome to bring a friend or family member, especially if they are your means of travel. Also, please note the number of people attending when you sign up.*

Advent Penance Service: As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again in glory, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, December 4th beginning at 7:00 PM. Four additional priests will be present to help us celebrate this



Sacrament of God's mercy and love.

Just a Thought on Christian Persecution: During a period in church history from A.D. 100 to 314, literally thousands and thousands of courageous Christian men,



women and even children sealed their fate with their blood. Secular historians agree that there were ten great persecutions against the Church,

ten major attempts to wipe out Christianity, starting with the wicked Caesar Nero and ending with Diocletian. Believers were fed alive to wild animals. They were taken to Roman arenas for sport. They were torn apart. They were tortured. They were burned at the stake. In a way, persecution will separate the genuine from the fake. If you are a true follower of Jesus, you won't back down if a little persecution comes your way. And if God allows it in your life, he will give you the strength to face it. Some things in life are worth fighting for and suffering for and our faith in Jesus Christ is certainly at the top of the list, along with our families and our country.

"When the world goes wrong, it proves that the Church is right. The Church is justified, not because her children do not sin, but because they do."

G.K. Chesterton: The Everlasting Man