

The Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

Mass Intentions

November	6	8:00 AM	Souls In Purgatory
November	7	8:00 AM	Souls In Purgatory
November	8	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	9	8:00 AM	Souls In Purgatory
November	10	8:00 AM	Souls In Purgatory
November	11	5:00 PM	Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
November	12	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries November 11-12

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Dunkelberger	Helena Krieger
10:30 PM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 5

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

November 12

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Malachi 1:14b, 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-2

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,181.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,660.63

October Parish Contingency Collection amounted to: \$1,138.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 5th

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

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Cemetery of the Innocents, 2:30PM

Monday, November 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, November 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, November 8th

No Mass

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, November 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, November 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, November 11th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 12th

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

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

From the Pastor's Desk:

We all want to feel special and be noticed. We see it in Adam and Eve's decision to eat the fruit in the garden after the snake promises “your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods.” (Gen 3:5) The scribes and the Pharisees in today's Gospel certainly appear to fall into this category of wanting to be noticed: “All their works are performed to be seen,”

Jesus says. To be clear, we ARE each unique children of God: chosen by him and called by name. We are “wonderfully made” by the Lord (Ps 139:14), and that alone makes us valuable beyond measure. The problem arises when we begin to see our value as something we are responsible for on our own. We no longer give



glory to God and acknowledge him as the fount of all good things. Instead, we are tempted to take credit for ourselves – that was the error of the scribes and the Pharisees, and it is one against which we should guard ourselves.

Today's readings are instructive and, frankly, a good reminder that as God's beloved children baptized into Christ, we are called to a higher standard. What is this higher standard? First, it entails “[giving] thanks to God unceasingly,” as St. Paul said in today's reading. It also involves practicing what we preach in a way the Pharisees do not. At the heart of Jesus' message today is telling us, his followers, how we are meant to live. We are to follow Jesus' words and strive to imitate his actions with humility and love. Does this mean loving unconditionally? It does. Does this mean not seeking places of honor but rather having a servant's attitude? It does. Are these postures and attitudes that come naturally to us as human beings? As descendants of Adam and Eve? Perhaps not. But if we wish to make Jesus the master of our lives, let us discern where we can be serving others better and putting our energy into the work of building God's kingdom.

The Catechism calls humility the “foundation of prayer.” (CCC 2559) Let us pray this week for the humility to do God's will without any praise or recognition. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to know what the Lord wants from us and to joyfully fulfill that call even if it means working in the shadows where no one will notice.

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, 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.

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.

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.



Eucharistic Reflection: "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. It will make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven. A Holy Hour of adoration helps bring everlasting peace to earth. It brings us personal peace and strength. It brings us a greater love for Jesus, for each other, and for the poor." Every holy hour deepens our union with Him and bears much fruit. (Blessed Teresa of Calcutta)



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 for confessions to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.

