

The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024

Mass Intentions

September	2	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	3	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	4	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Father James Peak
September	5	8:00 AM	Jon Ford requested by John & Mary Blair
September	6	8:00 AM	Catherine Shulna requested by The Raugh Family
September	7	8:00 AM	Megan Moyer Seiber requested by The Moyer Family
		5:00 PM	Rolland & Dorothy Kennedy requested by Stephen Kocis
September	8	8:00 AM	Helen Hayden requested by Tom Hayden
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 7-8

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Helena Kreiger
8:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Dunkelberger	The Robinson Family
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Nancy Stanton	Joe Morrison

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 8

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

September 15

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,660.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,364.00

The Parish Contingency Collection for August amounted to: \$1,495.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 1st

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day)

No Mass

Tuesday, September 3rd

No Mass

Wednesday, September 4th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, September 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, September 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 7th

Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, September 8th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

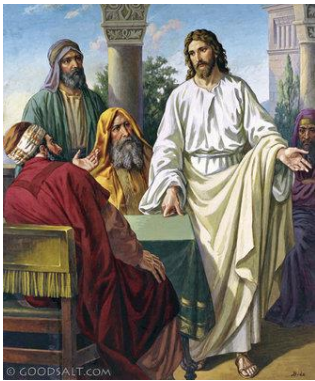
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“Humbly welcome God’s Word!”

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Traditions are so important to us! They help define and preserve our heritage and our communities while also offering comfort and stability. They shape our human world as we see and live it. But in today’s Gospel, Jesus scolds the Pharisees and scribes for allowing “the tradition of the elders” to drive them to hypocrisy: “In vain do they worship [the



Lord], teaching as doctrines human precepts.” He accuses them, saying “You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.” How could this be? Were the laws of ritual purity not important? They were,

insofar as they were observed for the right reason: glorifying and honoring God and being mindful of their covenantal relationship. We know, historically, that those who had questioned Jesus, leading to his response, were interested more in

legalities, religious control, pride, and power. There was little “love for their neighbor” and a fair amount of “love for themselves.” Therefore, Jesus is instructive when he tells them, “Nothing that enters one from the outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” In other words: Ritual actions don’t make us pure; the purity or impurity of our heart is what matters.

What does it mean to be pure or impure of heart? Intentions matter; motivations matter. Jesus, quoting Isaiah, tells the Pharisees and scribes that they are honoring him with their lips but not their hearts; in other words, they were paying him “lip-service.” “Oh, those Pharisees!” we might say. They are easy to criticize and pontificate upon, aren’t they? But how about us? It is worth looking at ourselves and honestly asking whether there might be times when we, too, are simply offering lip service to God? Are we truly offering him our hearts when we engage in our traditions and our activities? Our goal, as Jesus’ disciples, is to be “doers of the word and not hearers only,” as James puts it so succinctly in his letter. We are to hear God’s word and commandments and then act on them in love.

“From within people ... come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice...,” Jesus says. Pray specifically this week for the grace to see where God may want to purify your heart. Meditate on Psalm 51:10: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me

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, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Joe Rich, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

Carlisle Area Family Life Center Autumn-Fest 2024:

The Carlisle Area Family Life Center will be holding their annual Autumn-Fest on Friday, September 13th from 6-9 pm at the pavilion behind the LeTort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks. The theme this year is “Historic Carlisle.” Come and enjoy a Fried Chicken and Italian Sausage dinner, listen to music provided by Bluestone Bluegrass Band, and visit with friends! Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at CAFLC, by calling 717-243-6544 or online at www.carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org. Ticket price includes dinner and two drinks. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible and before August 30th since we need to provide a guest list to the LVCC two weeks before the event. Hope you can join us and support Carlisle’s only pro-life pregnancy and family resource center.

Fall Schedule of Masses will begin on the weekend of September 7/8. Mass on Saturday will be celebrated at 5:00PM and Masses on Sunday mornings begin at 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD Begins September 8th: Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious

Education begins on Sunday, September 8th. Classes start at 9:15 and conclude at 10:15 for all registered students (Pre-K through high school). Please have your children to the Schmidt

Center by 9:10AM at the latest so classes can begin on time and will not be disrupted by the tardiness of the students arriving late. Please be mindful of your speed while driving in the parking lot. Many students dart between parked cars on their way to the Schmidt Center.

Diocese of Harrisburg 2024 Women’s Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th from 8:30AM to 5:30PM at the Diocesan Center. The theme of the conference is: Hope and Healing at the Foot of the Cross and features keynote speaker, Ann Koshute.

Workshops, confession, and Mass will be offered during the day. To register, please go to the Diocesan website: hbgdiocese.org.



First Friday/First Saturday Devotions: On Thursday, September 5th, devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin 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, September 7th at 8:00AM.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, September 9th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will hold the election of new Council officers and discuss some issues important to the life of our parish.

Change in morning Mass this week: Morning Masses this week will be celebrated Wednesday through Friday at 8:00AM. Please note that morning Mass will not be celebrated on Monday or Tuesday this week.

BOOK SALE



Knights of Columbus Book Sale:

Our Parish Knights of Columbus are planning their annual book sale on September 12/13 (9AM-5PM) and September 14 (9AM-2PM) in the parish hall). The Knights are offering both hardbound and softback books of every kind.

A Eucharistic Thought: “Let the souls of Christians be like altars on each one of which a different phase of the sacrifice, offered by the High Priest,



comes to life again, as it were: pains and tears which wipe away and expiate sin; supplication to God which pierces heaven; dedication and even immolation of oneself made promptly, generously and earnestly; and, finally that intimate union by which we commit ourselves and all we have to God, in Whom we find our rest. (Pope Pius XII: Mediator Dei, 1947)

Fall Schedule of Sunday Masses September 7/8th

**Saturday Evening Vigil Mass
5:00PM**

**Sunday Mornings
8:00 and 10:30AM**

CCD also begins on September 8th at 9:15AM