

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

## Mass Intentions

September	16	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	17	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	18	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Frank & Alice Vilk req. by Dave & Patty Suydam
September	19	8:00 AM	Connie Krause requested by Pat Harshberger
September	20	8:00 AM	Ed Sichler requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
September	21	5:00 PM	David Raugh requested by The Raugh Family
September	22	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Tate Michael requested by Antoinette Scotta

## Liturgical Ministries September 21-22

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Austin Hoffman
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Joe Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Rosanne Wheatley	Jacob Innerst Zoe Lowe

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 22	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands
September 29	Robin & Mike Chiccini

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20	James 3:16 - 4:3	Mark 9: 30-37
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## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,164.05

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,916.15

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM  
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM  
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

### *Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

### *Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM  
Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### *Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>*

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM  
Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM  
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM  
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

*“Whoever wishes to come after me  
must deny himself, take up your cross,  
and follow me.”*

### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel don’t leave much room for “secondary interpretation.” Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus. At first glance this may sound intimidating, but let’s



think about it in the light of today’s readings.

By denying ourselves, we are

able to turn more fully toward God and toward others. Isn’t that what James is asking of us in his letter? He says this of faith: “if it does not have works, [it] is dead.” He even uses an example that might sound like something we would hear in a homily today: he asks, if you see someone who doesn’t have proper food or clothing and you

simply wish them well without offering assistance, what good are you doing?

Certainly, when we help and serve others, we are working concretely to build the kingdom of God on earth. We are, quite literally, being Christ’s hands and feet in the world and following in our Lord’s footsteps. By thinking and acting with this mindset, we are turning toward God; we are seeking to lighten the loads of others – helping them to carry their crosses. In today’s Gospel passage, although Peter’s words, “You are the Christ” were faith-filled and seemed to imply understanding, he was not able to embrace the fullness of Christ’s mission. He rebukes Jesus for “setting himself up” to suffer greatly and be killed. In response, Jesus rebukes Peter and says he is not thinking as God does. As human beings, we know we are not able to think as God does. But we are made in God’s image, and the more we love one another, the more we reflect him in what we do.

Peter’s mistake was thinking he knew better than God how to do what needed to be done. Is there anything in your life that makes you think you might be like Peter? Choose a corporal or spiritual work of mercy and spend some time listening to God in prayer as to how he might desire you to perform it.

**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, Tara Smith, 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](mailto:deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com).

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

**Thank you, Saint Bernard Garden Club:** Our parish is indebted to the many individuals and families who have kept our parish grounds looking their best throughout the summer. Your hard work in mowing the lawn and weeding the flower beds did

not go unnoticed by all who visit our church. Our parish family is most grateful for your willingness to serve our parish.

**Diocese of Harrisburg 2024 Women's Conference** is scheduled for Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://hbgdiocese.org).



**CCD Parent Meetings:** Parents, please be aware of meetings that will explain your child's CCD participation in preparation for receiving the sacraments.

- Confirmation Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15AM in Church
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM in Church.
- Second Grade Parent Meeting on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM in Church.

Please be aware that these meetings are important and at least one parent should be present. If you are unable to attend, please call Alice Vilk to arrange for a private conference. Thank you.

**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.

**Perry County Life-Chain:** On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, the annual Life-Chain is scheduled in the square of New Bloomfield from 2:30-3:30PM. This hour of silent prayer will witness to the precious gift of life and draw attention to the fact that the

scourge of abortion still inflicts our state and our nation. Let us pray to end the death of the most innocent among us.

**Annual Diocesan Priests Education Workshop:** Our diocesan priests will be at their Annual Continuing Education Conference in Hunt Valley, Maryland for the week of September 29 through October 4<sup>th</sup>. For sacramental emergencies in any of the parishes in Cumberland and Perry Counties (which includes Saint Bernard Parish), as well as emergencies at UPMC West Shore Hospital and Penn State Health Hampden Medical Center, a priest will be available for pastoral needs in our deanery. Please call our parish office for an emergency phone number, if you need a priest.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Pennsylvania March for Life** will take place on Monday, September 23 at the Capital Building in Harrisburg. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Senior at 9:30AM in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. There is a Rally scheduled for 11:00AM and the March begins at 12 Noon. The Cathedral will remain open throughout the day for confessions and adoration. Another Mass is scheduled for 1:30PM. We will stand in solidarity with every woman and for every child. Please join us!!

