

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

Mass Intentions

September	23	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	24	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by Her Family
September	25	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer
September	26	8:00 AM	Ralph Leon requested by Father Pray
September	27	8:00 AM	Deceased Of The Montrose & Harshberger Families
September	28	5:00 PM	John Kirsch requested by The Raugh Family
September	29	8:00 AM	Ralph Leon requested by Father Pray
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 28-29

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Bill Davies	Christopher Harlan Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 29

Robin & Mike Chiccini

October 6

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,450.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,245.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 22nd

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

Monday, September 23rd

No Mass
PA March for Life, 9:30AM

Tuesday, September 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, September 25th

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

Thursday, September 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, September 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 28th

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

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*“If anyone wishes to be first,
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and the servant of all.”*

From the Pastor's Desk:

How often does ambition get in the way of holiness? In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells his death, and the Apostles respond by arguing over who among them is most important. But the Apostles' aspirations and motivation stand in stark contrast to the humility necessary for

discipleship; their lack of understanding signals a need for instruction. “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all,” Jesus explains. Those who follow him are to be humble peacemakers who serve others instead of seeking power and accolades. We are to model Jesus, who humbled



himself to the point of death on a cross! (Cf., Phil 2:8) Having goals and ambitions is not a bad thing, but they must grow from the seeds of virtue (humility, charity, faith, and hope) rather than as spores of sin (pride, opportunism, and greed). As

James wrote in our second reading, “Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits.” Seeking to serve, rather than be served, then, is the hallmark of faith well-lived.

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” The path of humility Jesus models for us is not just one of compassion and kindness, but one which allows us to grow in relationship with the Lord. As we serve and attend to each other, we embrace God who dwells within each of us and in whose image we are made. We become more like him in following his example. If we cultivate the virtues of humility, charity, faith, and hope in ourselves by practicing them with our families and friends, we will become souls steeped in God's peace. Furthermore, our peace will be unshakeable because it will not be based on our emotions but on our faith in God's love. “Behold, God is my helper,” our responsorial psalm declares. “The Lord sustains my life.” If I am convinced that God sustains my life, what do I have to fear?

We can't live in peace if we don't turn to God to guide us in peace. This week take 15 minutes every day to pray for peace – in your life, in your family, in our nation, and in the world. When you hear news of war and conflict, take a minute to recite a prayer for peace in the hearts of all those involved.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: 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, Jim Steely, 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.

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

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.

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 22nd at 9:15AM in Church
- 7th Grade Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 29th at 9:15AM in Church.
- Second Grade Parent Meeting on Sunday, October 22nd 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.

Perry County Life-Chain: On Sunday, October 6th, 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 4th. 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 27th 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!!

Tara's Address: So many parishioners have asked to have my sister's address to send her a note of prayerful support as she begins her journey of surgery and recuperation. You can address any correspondence to:

Tara R. Smith
1448 Cranleigh Lane
Williamstown, NJ 080094-3638

A Thought To Consider: More and more the government has taken over areas that have been traditionally operated by Churches and charities in caring for the poor, marginalized, and needy. They do this by using our tax money for 'entitlements.' Because of this we now have a situation where donors give without love and recipients receive without gratitude.