

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

Mass Intentions

September	30	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	1	8:00 AM	James Hugney
October	2	8:00 AM	John Kapp requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
October	3	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	4	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	5	5:00 PM	Stephen Kocis, Sr. & Helen Kocis requested by Stephen Kocis
October	6	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Barbara Harvey requested by Reid & Judy Wilson

Liturgical Ministries October 5-6

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Joe Morrison Helena Kreiger
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Rosanne Wheatleyq	Austin Hoffman, Zoey Lowe Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 6 Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

October 13 Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 2: 18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,990.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,466.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 29th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

7th Grade Parent Meeting, 9:15AM

Monday, September 30th

No Mass

Funeral Mass for John Kapp, 11:00AM

Tuesday, October 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, October 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 3rd

No Mass

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, October 4th

No Mass

Saturday, October 5th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, October 6th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Perry County Life Chain, 2:30-3:30PM

From the Pastor's Desk:

Experience, education, and brainpower give parents wisdom and foresight. They can see the bigger picture and determine, for example, that eating an entire box of cookies will make their

child sick – no matter how appetizing the cookies appear.

God, likewise, has a perspective that is infinitely broader and deeper than our own. This divine perspective is the lens through which we must understand the strong language Jesus uses in



today's Gospel. God is a Father who loves us unconditionally and who, like the parent who refuses a child unlimited sweets, knows the harm

that sin causes his children in this life and in eternity. "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." These words, meant to drive home a point for Jesus' disciples, remind us that God desires our good infinitely more than we do, and that this good is ultimately to be united with him for eternity. God hates sin in our lives because he loves us. If we believe this, no sacrifice will be too great for us as we strive to root out sin, grow in virtue, and follow Jesus with undivided hearts.

Moses' exclamation in the first reading, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" remind us of the mission, given to us at baptism, to permeate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our words and example. This is what it means for us to be "prophets." But how do we become prophets? And how do we accomplish our task effectively? We begin by engaging in the process described above: leaving sin behind at all costs and embracing lives of virtue. As this process brings us closer to God – especially through prayer, but also through works of mercy – we become increasingly capable of seeing as God sees, making judgments according to his wisdom, and ordering the world around us according to his desires. Our words likewise become more powerful in leading others to Christ because they flow from our ever-deepening friendship with him.

What corner of your life have you hesitated to give to God? What attitudes or habits have you been reluctant to invite him to transform? Ask him for the courage and perseverance to give these things over to him and, if needed, to bring them to confession. If you allow him, he will draw you closer to himself and you will become a "prophet" for others in the true sense of the word.

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@analogypologetics.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.

- 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.*

Sacred Heart Devotions will be celebrated on Thursday evening, October 3rd with a holy hour at 7:00PM. Please note there will be no confessions before the holy hour.

First Saturday Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will not be celebrated on Saturday, October 5th. If you are making the five first Saturdays as a personal devotion, please remember to pray the rosary that day to fulfill the spirit of the devotion.

Knights of Columbus Appreciation Lunch: On Sunday, October 13th, our Knights of Columbus are hosting a luncheon for all parishioners who assisted them with the Perry County Fair Ice Cream Stand. The luncheon begins at 2:00PM at the parish pavilion or in case of inclement weather in the parish hall.

