

The Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

Mass Intentions

September	9	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	10	8:00 AM	Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family
September	11	8:00 AM	Deceased Of The Montrose & Harshberger Families
September	12	8:00 AM	Helen Hayden requested by Kathy Heller
September	13	8:00 AM	Connie Krause requested by John & Mary Blair
September	14	5:00 PM	Deceased Of The Kaylor Family requested by Sue Cover
September	15	8:00 AM	Deceased Of The Charlton & Robinson Families
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 14-15

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Austin Hoffman
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Christopher Harlan Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Nancy Stanton	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 15

The Raugh Family

September 22

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 50:4c-9a

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,681.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,087.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 8th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 9th

No Mass

Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, September 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, September 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

K of C Book Sale, 9:00-5:00

Parish Finance Council, 7:00PM

Friday, September 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

K of C Book Sale, 9:00-5:00

Saturday, September 14th

K of C Book Sale, 9:00-2:00

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, September 15th

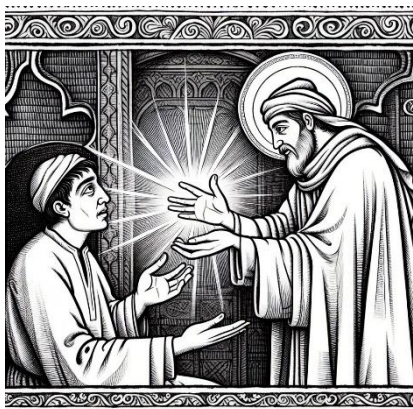
Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

From the Pastor's Desk:

My first thought upon reading today's Scriptures is that by healing the deaf man, Jesus is fulfilling what God had said he was going to do since the time of the prophet Isaiah: "making the eyes of the blind see and opening the ears of the deaf," as we heard in the first reading. And indeed this is what Jesus did. But when I re-read the Gospel I was intrigued by the line: "[Jesus] took



him off by himself away from the crowd." Jesus had a reputation as a healer and a teacher, so it stands to reason that he healed people in front of the crowds often. Why, then, does Jesus remove the man from the crowd? In a commentary on this passage, Bishop Robert Barron suggests that Jesus removed the man from the crowd as a way of demonstrating that the loud

and boisterous voices of the crowd could make it hard to hear when God is speaking to us. Even though this man was deaf and was not able to hear Jesus' words, the crowds were a distraction, and a barrier to intimacy and communion. Doesn't this same thing happen to us from time to time? The voices in our world that compete for our attention can make it difficult to hear God's word. But it can be done, and the rewards are great. God is present with us; let's make an effort this week to focus in on the things in our lives that point us toward God and ready ourselves to receive his grace.

Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears and looked up to heaven before healing the deaf man. By this action, Jesus is doing the will of the Father, which is to bring healing. Let's consider the question about competing voices in our lives and what we can do about it. For starters, we can carve out a time every day to quiet our hearts so we can hear the "still, small voice of God." Away from the crowd, we can put our whole being into truly hearing God's voice and asking for the help we need to be in right relationship with him. He longs to give us what we need but we must be open to receiving his gifts and his peace. If we are "tuned into" God, we can hear his Word clearly and speak that Word to others with conviction.

For me, there is no better way to spend quiet time with our Lord than Eucharistic adoration. Prayer and devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament transforms and heals. Give it a try.

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.

CCD Begins this weekend, September 8th: Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious Education begins this 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.

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. If there is a commend or concern you want to bring to the Council's attention for the good of our parish, please feel free to place a *signed* note in the "Suggestion Box" by the front door in the narthex.

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.

Children and Mass: Parents are the first educators of their children in the ways of faith, and they bear a sacred responsibility, assumed at baptism, to raise them to keep the commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and neighbor. Their participation at Holy Mass enables children to worship God, be nourished by Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and take their rightful place as members of the Church. What they learn in religious education class is reinforced at home by parental example and celebrated in the Sacred Liturgy with their parish family. Please make sure your children attend Mass on Sundays, confess their sins often by going to confession, and so mature in their life of faith. Our religious education program can only assist parents in passing along a living faith – but we cannot do so without the parent's conscious decision to fulfill their sacred obligation to raise their children as faith-filled, practicing Catholics.

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 13th 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 Vilks to arrange for a private conference. Thank you.