

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

Mass Intentions

October	21	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	22	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	23	8:00 AM	Fred Streler requested by The Wilkinson Family
October	24	8:00 AM	Intentions of Kay Dorundo requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
October	25	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Tom Polcha requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
October	26	5:00 PM	John Kapp requested by John & Mary Blair
October	27	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Deceased Of The Miller & Pray Families req. by The Pray Family

Liturgical Ministries October 26-27

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Christopher Harlan Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Bill Davies	Jacob Innerst Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 27

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

November 3

Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5: 1-6

Mark 10:46-52

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,307.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,978.35

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 20th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

2nd Grade Parent Meeting, 9:15AM

Monday, October 21st

No Mass

Tuesday, October 22nd

No Mass

Wednesday, October 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, October 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 26th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, October 27th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

Trunk or Treat Halloween Gathering, 6:00PM

**“So let us confidently approach
the throne of grace....”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Our world lays down rules for greatness: wealth, accomplishment in the performing arts, beauty, business acumen. Hmmm. I don't recall hearing any of these attributes in the Scripture passages today. What I do remember is Jesus saying that whatever authority the disciples

exercise must be rendered as service rather than for personal gain: “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.”

Jesus, as we heard in the second reading, can “sympathize with our weaknesses” and understands that, as humans,

we may be tempted to seek power and authority. And yet Jesus calls us to service. Does our service



have to be something spectacular that the world would deem “great”? I believe that God's grace allows us to embrace the role of Christian servant in whatever way is most fitting for us, and that makes it great in God's eyes.

On earth, we are told again and again the most powerful people are the toughest. Strength is measured by prestige and how many people serve you. Weakness will get you crushed. Jesus turns this message inside out and reminds us we must find strength in our weakness and use that strength to serve other people. Of course, being a servant to others may involve self-sacrifice and foregoing worldly cares and aspirations. But the more we take care of others, the happier we will be. Let us ask God to lift us up when we feel weak. As we heard in the second reading: “Confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” Continuing the work of Jesus here on earth can transform our corner of the world.

This week, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family to help people in need. Prepare food for a soup kitchen, do yard work tasks for an elderly or ill neighbor, sign up to take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners in your parish, or offer tutoring services through a local school or library. Bring the gift of Jesus to others through your family's service. God wants us to use the gifts he gave us to care for others and create his kingdom here on earth.

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@analogypapologetics.com.

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

CCD Parent Meeting: Parents, please be aware of a meeting that will explain your child's CCD participation in preparation for receiving

the sacraments.

- Second Grade Parent Meeting on Sunday, October 20th at 9:15AM in Church.

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

World Mission Sunday: This Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday in the universal Church. It is our opportunity to grow in an awareness of our missionary vocation as Christians to proclaim Christ “to the ends of the earth.” Through prayer and sacrifice, we also assist missionaries in their work of bringing the love of Christ to



people who long to hear of God’s love and salvation. There will be a second collection this weekend so we can financially support the work of missionaries in over 1150 mission dioceses throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means allow!

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

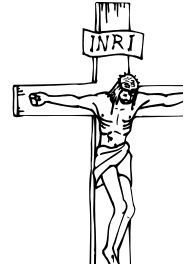
welcome to participate – with or without children. Cars will be parked in the lot with the trunks open so candy or treats can be given out to the children. You can decorate your trunk or dress up yourself, if you desire. Parents (and trunkers) are asked to sign-up their children at the bulletin board 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.*

Help us Contact You!! If your telephone number or address has changed in the past few months, please call the parish office or drop a note in the collection to notify the parish secretary. Many

people have dropped their land lines for cellular telephone service and now have only cell phones. It would be helpful for the parish to keep current with your contact information. Thank you!!

November – the Month of the Holy Souls

From the earliest days of the Church, we have commemorated the faithful departed by offering prayers for them on All Souls Day (November 2nd) and throughout the month of November. A Novena of Nine Masses will be offered during this month. To have your loved ones remembered, you may place their names on your ‘All Souls Day’ envelope which will rest upon the Altar for the month. *Your envelopes can be returned in the collection on Sunday, October 27th.* Please remember to pray for the Souls in Purgatory -- since our prayers and good works can help our deceased relatives and friends overcome tribulation and reach eternal happiness in the company of God. Prayer for the deceased is a blessed act of charity and a way of keeping those we loved and who have loved us in our minds and hearts.



Parish Pastoral Council Leadership: The Parish Pastoral Council has elected the following members:

Bill Davies: Chairman
Terry Meek: Vice-Chairman
Yvonne DePaulis: Recording Secretary

If you have concerns you want to bring to Council’s attention, please contact one of the members of Parish Council. The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

All Saints Day: Friday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated Thursday, October 31 at 7:00PM. Mass on the Feast Day begins at 8:00AM. Let us gather at Mass to celebrate our spiritual heroes who inspire us to follow Christ more faithfully.