

The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024

Mass Intentions

October	28	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	29	8:00 AM	Vince & Jo Sledzinski
October	30	8:00 AM	Harry & Helen Seebold
October	31	8:00 AM	Ed Cloonan requested by Linday Myers
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	1	8:00 AM	Sean Stewart
November	2	8:00 AM	Holy Souls In Purgatory
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	3	8:00 AM	Holy Souls In Purgatory
		10:30 AM	Holy Souls In Purgatory

Liturgical Ministries November 2-3

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Yvonne DePaulis	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Dunkelberger	Joe Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Rose Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 3

Robin & Mike Chiccini

November 10

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b--34

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,286.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,590.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 27th

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

Monday, October 28th

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, October 30th

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

Thursday, October 31st

Mass, 8:00AM
Vigil Mass for All Saints Day, 7:00PM

Friday, November 1st (Solemnity of All Saints)

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, November 2nd (All Souls Day)

All Soul's Day Mass, 8:00AM
Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM
Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, November 3rd

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

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”

From the Pastor's Desk:

Although today's Gospel recounts the healing of Bartimaeus' physical blindness, the story is a summons for each of us to be healed of our



spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness, an effect of sin, clouds our ability to perceive who we are and who God is.

Paradoxically, Bartimaeus' spiritual eyesight is clear; he recognizes who Jesus is and he sees his own desperate need for Jesus' help. For us, however, sin acts like dust, obstructing our vision and preventing us from perceiving God's presence. We find it difficult to recognize God in other people and in the sacraments; and we

likewise become incapable of perceiving ourselves as God sees us. If we wish to have our spiritual eyesight restored, we would do well to imitate Bartimaeus' humble, confident prayer: "Master, I want to see." Acknowledging our need before God and begging for his help, we invite him to heal our hearts, so that we, like Bartimaeus, may follow Jesus "on the way."

Where can we seek the healing of our "spiritual sight"? We should look for it from the same person from whom Bartimaeus begged to be cured of his physical blindness: Jesus. But whereas Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus took place amid noisy crowds of followers and curious onlookers, our most intimate relations with Our Lord take place in the quiet context of prayer and the sacraments. Above all, confession and Eucharistic adoration offer us opportunities to meet God and petition him for the cleansing of our hearts. In confession, we humbly acknowledge our need for conversion and invite God to heal us. In Eucharistic adoration, we approach Jesus with the faith of Bartimaeus, seeing past the appearance of bread and declaring that the consecrated host is indeed God himself. Through these eyes of faith, the Lord heals any blindness, and we can see "and [follow] him on the way."

Choose a regular time to take advantage of the two opportunities for healing we've discussed – confession and Eucharistic adoration. If you do not already go to confession regularly, consider making it a monthly commitment. Finally, set aside time this week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, either in Eucharistic adoration or before the tabernacle in your church. Try visiting him weekly – and then watch how your time in his presence transforms you.

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 Odat, 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).

Trunk or Treat: As an alternative to the traditional house to house “Trick or Treat,” our parish is hosting a “Trunk or Treat” this Sunday, October 27th from 6-7 PM. This is a fun time for our children, and all are welcome to participate – with or without children.



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 remember your loved ones, 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.** 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.



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.

The Cemetery of the Innocents, remembering the babies who lost their lives by abortion in Perry County, will be dedicated on Sunday, November 3rd at Central Baptist Church, 29 Pines Drive, Millerstown from 2:30-3:30PM. 42 white crosses will be erected, and roses will be placed representing the babies who died in Perry County last year through abortion.



All Soul’s Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2nd at 8:00PM. Let us beseech the Lord to grant a merciful judgment to our beloved deceased and swiftly bring them into the eternal life of heaven.

Note of Thanks from Tara Smith: “I cannot express my full thanks, but hopefully these words are a start. Your love and kindness have been a beacon of hope for me. Your cards and encouraging words lifted my spirits during this challenging time. With your love and support, I have managed to make it through the first hurdle of my journey. Please continue to keep me in your prayers during my radiation treatments and know you will be remembered in my daily prayers. In gratitude, Tara.”

Diocese of Harrisburg Seeks Your Opinion: Our Diocese is coordinating with the Catholic Leadership Institute of Malvern, PA., to offer a



Disciple Maker Survey of all parishioners in the 99 Catholic parishes and missions of central Pennsylvania. The survey will assist our Bishop and diocesan leadership with forming a vision of

what our diocese will need in the future to grow and thrive. You are asked to take a short survey online and contribute to this process so all voices may be heard. If you are a member of the parish and at least 18 years old, you can access the survey on the computer by going to <https://stbernardsnbpa.org/survey/>.



Simply complete the survey and submit it to the Catholic Leadership Institute. You can also access the survey by scanning this QR Code. The survey results will

be collated and given to Bishop Senior so he can set priorities as we go forward in faith and hope. If you do not have computer access, a printed survey is available by asking Father Sharman for the printed copy. Please complete the survey by November 26, 2024.