

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

Mass Intentions

October	7	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	8	8:00 AM	Jon Ford requested by Kathy Heller
October	9	8:00 AM	Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
October	10	8:00 AM	Ed Sichler requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
October	11	8:00 AM	Richard Flickinger requested by Kathy Landis
October	12	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
October	13	8:00 AM	Maureen Maus requested by The Aro Family
		10:30 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer

Liturgical Ministries October 12-13

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Pat Pray	Christopher Harlan Anna & Julia Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 13	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
October 20	The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,315.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,998.00

September Parish Contingency Collection amounted to: \$1,434.00

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

Church Calendar

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

Monday, October 7th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, October 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, October 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 12th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

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Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Knights of Columbus Volunteer Picnic, 2:00PM

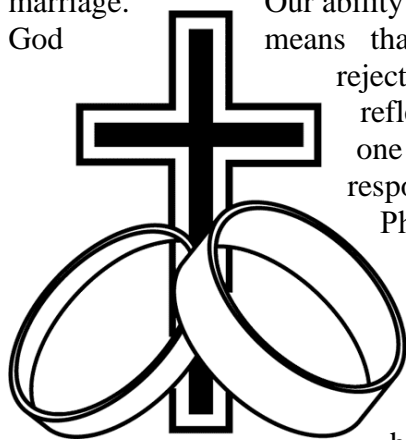
May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!

From the Pastor's Desk:

Everything in God's creation is intended to reflect his goodness and proclaim his glory. It's not hard to understand this idea when we behold the majesty of the sea. It can be more difficult, however, to remember this is also present in each of us and in our relationships – including that relationship God designed for man and woman: marriage.

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Our ability to turn away from means that we sometimes reject, rather than reflect, him. This is one reason why Jesus responds to the Pharisees' question by revoking Moses' allowance for divorce. Jesus' statement might be unsettling



because, in our time, divorce has affected nearly everyone in one way or another. But his words

indicate the strength of the covenant the Lord has made with us: his love is permanent and unbreakable. We learn that the unbreakable bond between spouses reflects, in an imperfect way, God's perfectly faithful love for us.

We find this truth about love in the wisdom of the Church. Love is not a "feeling." It is an action – a virtue – in which we consistently will the good of another. After all, this is who and what God is: a continuous outpouring of love. Our triune God is a relational community of love, and Jesus offers us the preeminent example of this: As the Son and out of love for the Father, he chose to remain on the cross, regardless of how he felt. Such was his love for us that he willed our redemption and sent us the Spirit to help us remain with him. Marriage, designed by God to mirror this triune communal, covenantal love, likewise requires a decision to love that is firm and constant, despite how we might feel. If we wish to be capable of the fidelity required for marriage, family life, or simply for our relationship with God, we must make the deliberate choice to love – and we must do it over and over. With time and with God's grace, the habit of choosing another's good becomes easier, and we experience the joy of a stable and authentic love.

We can reflect God's faithful love by becoming faithful ourselves. Choose one or two ways to exercise fidelity in little things this week. Examples might be getting up at the same time every morning without hitting the "snooze" button; spending five extra minutes in prayer each day; or offering a prayer of thanksgiving to God every time you are tempted to check your phone unnecessarily.

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@analogyapologetics.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 Meeting: Parents, please be aware of 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 Vilks 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.

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.

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.

Health Care Institution Visitations: Since hospitals and nursing facilities no longer contact the parish to report parishioners who are hospitalized or residents in nursing homes, it is important that you call the parish if you are going into the hospital or a family member in a nursing home needs a pastoral visit. Father Sharman is more than willing to bring Holy Communion to the sick and infirmed.

A Thought about Faith: Faith is the virtue by which we firmly believe all the truths God has revealed, on the word of God revealing them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Divine Faith is belief in a truth or mystery known only because God revealed it. It is grace that helps us attain faith and persevere in it, to take God's word for it. Faith is supernatural because we cannot acquire it by ourselves. It is entirely God's free gift to us. Our Faith, however, can be increased by prayer and continual exercise. "Lord, increase our Faith." (Luke 17:5)



Catholic Radio Channel for Harrisburg

Area: Holy Family Radio is broadcast in Central Pennsylvania. You can find it on AM channel 720. There are many excellent Catholic programs scheduled

throughout the day – so give it a try!!

Pro-Life: "The life issues (abortion, euthanasia, embryonic cell research) put us in touch with one aspect of humanity: They show what we are capable of when we lose our moorings, when we are not guided by clear thinking on right and wrong." (Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the US Bishop's Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities)