

# The Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024

## Mass Intentions

November	11	8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
November	12	8:00 AM	<b>Holy Souls In Purgatory</b>
November	13	8:00 AM	<b>Holy Souls In Purgatory</b>
November	14	8:00 AM	<b>Diana Prowell requested by Joseph &amp; Suzann Meyer</b>
November	15	8:00 AM	<b>June Shaeffer requested by The Shaeffer Family</b>
November	16	5:00 PM	<b>Sister Augustine Marie Molnar</b>
November	17	8:00 AM	<b>Ed Herr</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>

## Liturgical Ministries November 16-17

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Dunkelberger	Joseph Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	Jacob Innerst Zoey Lowe

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

**November 17**

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

**November 24**

Kim Lane & Marion McCoy

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

**Daniel 12:1-3**

**Hebrews 10:11-14.18**

**Mark 13:24-32**

## Christian Stewardship

**Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,498.00**

**The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,726.51**

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

### *Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>*

NO MASS

Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

### *Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### *Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the Kingdom.”**

### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

“Give it your all! Leave it all on the field! Trust in your training/preparation/coaches.” We’ve all heard a version of this type of exhortation. It requires a great amount of confidence and trust – faith, if you will – to let go of our doubt and fears. The two widows of today’s readings had such confidence, as they offer us heroic examples of faith. The widow of Zarephath



uses her only remaining food to cook for Elijah. She did this after receiving God’s promise that, “The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.”

The widow had the assurance that God would sustain her, and she lived by it – trusting she could give her all, because with God’s help there would be more.

Likewise, the widow in the Gospel could make an offering to the temple treasury because of her limitless confidence in God: she gave “her whole livelihood.” From that moment, she would have nothing to sustain her but God’s providential care. By their unreserved acts of generosity, both women consented to rely on God in the most absolute sense. And in so doing, they silently proclaimed their faith in the personal and unconditional love that God had for each of them.

So deeply did these two women believe in God’s goodness that they were able to act without fear. Confident in his love, they could give to the point of having nothing left. They, literally, “gave it all that they had.” Rather than being burdensome, however, their surrender was the basis of their relationship with God and therefore, it was a much greater treasure than material goods. This message is clearly at odds with the notion that possessions and wealth are the basis of happiness. By rejecting this idea, giving generously of ourselves and trusting God to sustain us, we gain more than we could ever give up. Like the widow whose jar never runs dry, when we fill our lives with what God offers and not what the world offers, we live with abundance.

Choose one aspect of your life you can mentally “reframe” in order to see it not as a lack but as an opportunity to cast yourself more fully on God. Spend 15 minutes this week speaking to God about this. If you can, thank him for the chance to draw closer to him. If it is too difficult to thank him for your trial, ask him to help you see and appreciate how he is leading you along this path of greater intimacy with him.

**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](mailto:deacon.robinson@analogypologetics.com).

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

**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.



**All Souls Intentions:** You are reminded to list the names of your deceased relatives and friends on your All Souls envelope and place them in the collection so they can be prepared for the altar. During the month of November, nine Masses will be offered for your All Souls intentions. In addition, these intentions have a separate and special remembrance in all the Masses celebrated in Saint Bernard's Church during the month, which is the reason your All Souls envelopes remain on the Altar for the entire month. From the earliest days of the Church, we have commemorated the faithful departed by offering prayers for them. 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** will meet on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

**Thanksgiving Mass Reminder:** Our Parish will gather to celebrate Mass for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Church. As a Parish, we have so many things to give thanks to God for, especially His abundant blessings and graces.

**Advent Penance Service:** As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again in glory, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM. Four additional priests will be present to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.



**Just a Thought on Christian Persecution:** During a period in church history from A.D. 100 to 314, literally thousands of courageous Christian men, women and



even children sealed their fate with their blood. Secular historians agree that there were ten great persecutions against the Church, ten major attempts to wipe out Christianity, starting with the wicked Caesar Nero and ending with Diocletian. Believers were fed alive to wild animals. They were taken to Roman arenas for sport. They were torn apart. They were tortured. They were burned at the stake. In a way, persecution will separate the genuine from the fake. If you are a true follower of Jesus, you won't back down if a little persecution comes your way. And if God allows it in your life, he will give you the strength to face it. Some things in life are worth fighting and suffering for and our faith in Jesus Christ is certainly at the top of the list, along with our families and our country.

*"When the world goes wrong, it proves that the Church is right. The Church is justified, not because her children do not sin, but because they do."*  
G.K. Chesterton: The Everlasting Man