

# The Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024

## Mass Intentions

November	4	8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
November	5	8:00 AM	<b>Holy Souls In Purgatory</b>
November	6	8:00 AM	<b>Holy Souls In Purgatory</b>
November	7	8:00 AM	<b>Holy Souls In Purgatory</b>
November	8	8:00 AM	<b>Holy Souls In Purgatory</b>
November	9	5:00 PM	<b>Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci</b>
November	10	8:00 AM	<b>Thomas Zarichansky requested by Faith Zarichansky</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>

## Liturgical Ministries November 9-10

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Austin Hoffman
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Scott Sheaffer	Christopher Harlan Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Nancy Stanton	The Robinson Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

**November 10**

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

**November 17**

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

**1 Kings 17:10-16**

**Hebrews 9:24-28**

**Mark 12:38-44**

## Christian Stewardship

**Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,734.10**

**The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,181.00**

**The October Parish Contingency amounted to: \$1,631.00**

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>*

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

### *Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>*

NO MASS

### *Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### *Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

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

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

**“Whoever loves Me will keep my word, says the Lord.”**

### **From the Pastor’s Desk:**

It is not surprising that we hear both Moses and Jesus speak the same words in today’s Scripture. After all, Truth and Good News bear repeating! The Lord our God is Lord alone! “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” In these words, Moses is

instructing the people to fear the Lord and keep all his commandments and in turn God would give them “a land flowing with milk and honey”

(Canaan). He is telling them the way to live. When Jesus repeats these words around 1,400 years later, the reason and message are the same, but he also adds to them: “love your neighbor as yourself.” The two commandments are inseparable. He tells us the way to live, and how



to live. It’s not enough to know what God asks of us, we must do what God asks of us: love him and one another. When God is the source and reason for all our thoughts and actions, we too will not be “far from the kingdom of God.”

How do we put God first in our lives, ensuring he is that source and reason? When he is everything? Not a short order, right? He is everything when our heart, soul, mind, and strength are united with his – when Jesus is the lens through which we see the world. The psalm today reveals that it is the Lord, himself, who is our strength. When we surrender to Jesus, he gives us the strength to love him with everything within us. And when we truly love him, we cannot help acting on that love in how we care for and love our neighbor. How will we know he is first in our lives? Jesus’ words in today’s Scripture tell us how: by accepting God’s love for us, by loving him back, his love will overflow to those around us. Think of those whom your life touches daily: your colleagues at work, the barista at the café, those who hit the gym the same time as you and yes, those who live right next door – your neighbors. In your prayers, ask Jesus, “how can I love and serve them better?”

This week, find a particular and concrete way to love someone who needs it, or who lacks what you have: be a listening ear for someone who has no one to talk to; help a neighbor with physical house or yard work; buy groceries for that person who just lost their job. The opportunities are endless, if we just look for them.

**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@anologyapologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.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

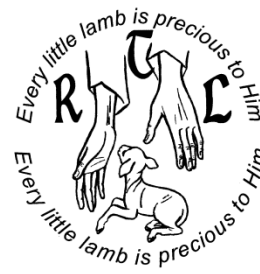


collection so they can be prepared for the altar. During the month of November, nine Masses will be offered for your All Souls intentions. In addition, these intentions have a separate and

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.

**The Cemetery of the Innocents**, remembering the babies who lost their lives by abortion in Perry



County, will be dedicated on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Eucharistic Reflection:** "Adoration of the Blessed



Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. It will make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven. A Holy Hour of adoration helps bring everlasting peace to

earth. It brings us personal peace and strength. It brings us a greater love for Jesus, for each other, and for the poor." Every holy hour deepens our union with Him and bears much fruit. (Blessed Teresa of Calcutta)

**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.

**Just a Thought!** "The premises of Christian theology are revealed truths, accepted on the word of the teacher who reveals them. Consequently, its typical method is an appeal to authority. This does not impair its scientific dignity, for though to cite human authority is the poorest form of argument, the appeal to divine authority is the highest and most cogent." (Saint Thomas Aquinas)