

# The Feast Of The Exaltation Of The Cross

September 14, 2025

## Mass Intentions

September	15	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	16	8:00 AM	Jean Fiotti requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
September	17	8:00 AM	I/O John & Mary Blair requested by Deacon Robinson
September	18	8:00 AM	Sister Augustine Marie Molnar req. by The Morrison Family
September	19	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving requested by The Fordyce Family
September	20	5:00 PM	Connie Krause requested by The Strazisar Family
September	21	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Richard Zettlemyer requested by Mike & Robin Chiccini

## Liturgical Ministries September 20-21

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Intentionally Blank
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Dunkelberger	The Morrison Family
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Nancy Stanton	A. Hoffman, J. Innerst

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 21	Gabby Brandt, Jen Meek
September 28	Kim Lane Marian McCoy

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,422.75

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,929.46

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>*

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM  
CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

### *Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM  
OCIA, 6:45PM

### *Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>*

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM  
Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>*

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM  
CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

**“We adore you, O Christ, and we  
bless you, because of your Cross  
you have redeemed the world.”**

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

Although God had freed our ancestors in faith from their slavery in Egypt, today we find them grumbling against the Lord as they wander in the desert. Even after we've glimpsed so much



of God's goodness, we, too, can begin to grumble in challenging moments of our lives. It's precisely then that we need to cling to faith. After serpents appeared and began to bite those who had grumbled against God, those who had been bitten

only had to look at the serpent mounted on a pole and put their faith in God once again to be healed. Similarly, when we find ourselves in the trials of life, we need only look at the cross of Jesus with faith. “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” Amid the storms of our lives, we are called to put our trust in his cross, for through it we are saved and set free.

Paul tells us that God the Father “greatly exalted” Jesus for his humility in embracing the cross, and that ultimately, all creation will join the Father in glorifying Christ. We who know the gift of what Jesus did for us on the cross are called to praise him with our voices and our lives. We praise and glorify Christ first through our example. How might our day-to-day interactions give others a glimpse of the humble and self-emptying love of Jesus? Finally, think of the ways that knowing Christ's love has made a difference in your life. Has it made you more patient? Has it made you more hopeful? Think of ways that you could share this in conversation. Telling others about what God has done for you or the difference that he has made in your life is one way of exalting Christ.

Today, spend some time thanking and praising God for the gift of the cross and our salvation in Christ. You might wish to use this traditional prayer frequently used during the stations of the cross in Lent: “We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.”

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odat, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Ron Scheib, Camilla Fordyce, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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

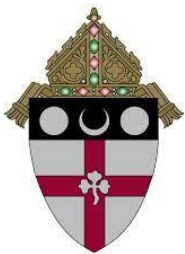
**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com).

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> with a series of prayers, reflections, and instructions in the Catholic Faith for those who may be interested in joining the Catholic Church. We meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call Father Sharman. OCIA registrations are available on the bulletin board.

**Notification of Hospitalization:** If you or a family member are hospitalized or if you know of someone homebound who would like to be visited, please notify the parish office so Father Sharman can make a pastoral visit. Each month Holy Communion is brought to our homebound parishioners.

**Help us keep your information current!!** If your telephone number, email, or address has changed in the past few months, please call the parish office or place a note in the collection to notify the parish secretary. This is important, especially if you use a cell phone as your ordinary contact number.

**Pennsylvania March for Life** will take place on Monday, September 22 at the Capital Building in Harrisburg. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Senior at 9:30AM in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. There is a Rally scheduled for 11:00AM and the March begins at 12 Noon. The Cathedral will remain open throughout the day for confessions and adoration. Another Mass is scheduled for 1:30PM. We will stand in solidarity with every woman and for every child. Please join us!!



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**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will hold the election of new Council officers and discuss some issues important to the life of our parish.

**Lectors Needed:** Our Parish needs additional lectors, especially for the 5:00PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays. If you have ever considered being a Lector at Holy Mass and would like to discuss the possibility, please sign up at the bulletin board.

**Rest in Peace:** In your charity and prayers, please remember the soul of *Kay Dorundo* of our parish. May the angels lead her to heaven and may God be merciful in His judgement, so she may gain the reward promised to the good and faithful servant! Pray also for the consolation and healing of her family. Funeral services for Kay Dorundo will be celebrated on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> with a visitation in the narthex at 10:00AM and a Mass at 11:00AM.

**CCD Parent Meetings:** Parents, please be aware of meetings that will explain your child's CCD participation in preparation for receiving the sacraments.

- **Confirmation Parent Meeting** on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM in Church
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting** on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15AM in Church.
- **Second Grade Parent Meeting** on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM in Church.

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

**Perry County Life-Chain:** On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 affects our state and our nation. Let us pray to end the death of the most innocent among us.

**Caregivers' Annual Day of Prayer and Care** will take place on Saturday, October 25, from 9:00AM to 3:30PM at Saint Katharine Drexel Church in Mechanicsburg. This day is for all family/friend caregivers and support people and for those who recently lost someone under their care. Reservations are required by 10/18/25 at [www.caregiversdayofprayerandcare.org](http://www.caregiversdayofprayerandcare.org). For more information, you can also call Theresa Magg at 717-697-8716(x223).

Pray the rosary for civility  
in our nation!