

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

Mass Intentions

September	22	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	23	8:00 AM	I/O Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
September	24	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving requested by The Fordyce Family
September	25	8:00 AM	Beatrice Noyalis requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
September	26	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Suzanne Meyer
September	27	5:00 PM	Emory Galic requested by The Galic Family
September	28	8:00 AM	Sister Charles Catherine
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 27-28

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	David Pray	Betty Berry	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Jory Harlan	C. Harlan, A. Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Evan Ticehurst	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 28

Kim Lane Marian McCoy

October 5

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,540.73

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,620.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 21st

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

Monday, September 22nd

No Mass
Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 23rd

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

Wednesday, September 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, September 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, September 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 27th

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

Sunday, September 28th

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

**“Praise the Lord
Who lifts up the poor.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

As Catholics we understand that none of our actions are truly isolated. Every virtue we practice or sin we commit affects others because we are all members of the body of Christ. Today's readings from the Old and New Testaments highlight our interconnectedness and offer



guidance for how to order the life of the community according to God's will. The key to tranquil communal life is to consider the needs of others as important as

our own. In the first reading, the prophet Amos decries those who exploit the poor for personal gain, putting profit over the common good. In the

second reading, St. Paul begs the community to pray not only for themselves and for their close relatives, but to offer prayer and supplication for everyone. It's tempting to buy into the perspective that we need only focus on our own life. But the Lord invites us into authentic community where we intercede, sacrifice for and build up the kingdom together.

We all like to think of ourselves as trustworthy people. But as the Lord convicts our hearts with today's Gospel reading about those who are trustworthy or untrustworthy in big and small matters, we should hear the Holy Spirit inviting us personally to ponder deeper questions: Perhaps I don't intentionally deceive people and I aim to keep my word, but when someone's name or reputation comes up in conversation, can I be trusted to build them up? Do I fall prey to petty gossip, or simply sit idly by as others fall? I am true to scheduled commitments I make, but am I trustworthy with how I spend all my time? Do I use the gift of time for God's greater glory, or do I squander it with excessive scrolling or mindless TV shows? The Spirit doesn't want us to be scrupulous, and everything must be understood through God's merciful gaze. But the Lord does intend to purify us so that we can live more fully in communion with him.

Today, consider how you are invited to live in community and contribute to the building of a Christ-like culture. How are you called to more trustworthy stewardship of the gifts and time God has given you so that you can use them for building up the body of Christ?

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

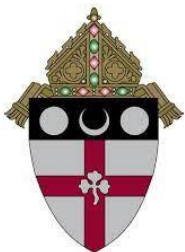
Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Appreciation Luncheon: The Knights of Columbus are hosting an appreciation picnic for all who volunteered and helped with the Ice Cream Stand at the Perry County Fair. The picnic is scheduled for October 5th at 1PM at the pavilion. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Thank you.

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!!

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, September 22nd 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.

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

- **7th Grade Parent Meeting** on Sunday, September 21st at 9:15AM in Church.
- **Second Grade Parent Meeting** on Sunday, September 28th 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 Vilk to arrange a private conference. Thank you.

Perry County Life-Chain: On Sunday, October 5th, 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. For more information, you can also call Theresa Magg at 717-697-8716(x223).

Children and Mass: Parents are the first educators of their children in the ways of faith, and they bear a sacred responsibility, assumed at baptism, to raise them to keep the commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and neighbor. Their



participation at Holy Mass enables children to worship God, be nourished by Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and take their rightful place as members of the Church. What they learn in religious education class is reinforced at home by parental example and celebrated in the Sacred Liturgy with their parish family. Please make sure your children attend Mass on Sundays, confess their sins often by going to confession, and so mature in their life of faith. Our religious education program can only assist parents in passing along a living faith – but we cannot do so without parents' conscious decision to fulfill their sacred obligation to raise their children as faith-filled, practicing Catholics.