

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

Mass Intentions

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| September | 29 | 8:00 AM | NO MASS |
| September | 30 | 8:00 AM | I/O Gene Odatto requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst |
| October | 1 | 8:00 AM | I/O Greg Antonik requested by The Fordyce Family |
| October | 2 | 8:00 AM | I/O Jerry & Karen Kupris requested by Deacon Robinson |
| October | 3 | 8:00 AM | Lucy Smeal requested by Bob & Kathy Luckie |
| October | 4 | 8:00 AM | Rudy Paladino requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris |
| | | 5:00 PM | Goodwin & Elizabeth Kupris requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris |
| October | 5 | 8:00 AM | Rosemary Anderson requested by Dave & Patty Suydam |
| | | 10:30 AM | People Of The Parish |

Liturgical Ministries October 4-5

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers |
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| 5:00 PM | Joe DeFrancesco | Yvonne DePaulis | Dave Suydam |
| 8:00 AM | Derek Puchalsky | Tom Jenkins | J. Morrison, A. Sheaffer |
| 10:30 AM | Nicole Wood | Mark Ticehurst | A. Hoffman, Z. Lowe |

Schmidt Center Cleaning

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| October 5 | The Raugh Family |
| October 12 | Tonya Sands |

Next Sunday's Readings

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

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| Havakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 | 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 | Luke 17:5-10 |
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,898.20
The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,332.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 28th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM
2nd Grade Parent Meeting, 9:15AM
CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 29th

No Mass

Tuesday, September 30th

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

Wednesday, October 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, October 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM
Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 7:00PM

Friday, October 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 4th

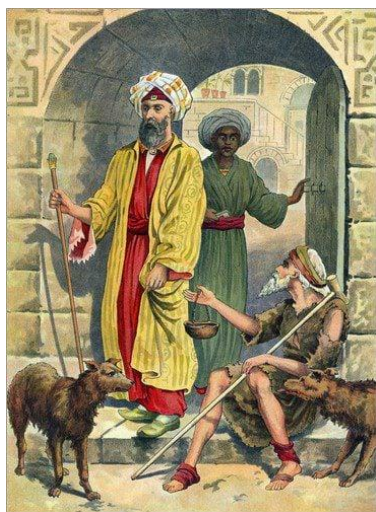
Mass in honor of the IHM, 8:00AM
Confession, 4:00-4:45PM
Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, October 5th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM
CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM
K of C Appreciation Luncheon, 1:00PM
Life Chain, 2:30-3:30PM (at N.B. square)

From the Pastor's Desk:

Have you ever had a moment when you felt yourself to be the underdog, and wished that there were some champion who would come and



defend your cause? Today, we see God described in those terms. Our psalm tells us that the Lord “raises up those who are bowed down,” that he “protects strangers,” and “the fatherless and the widow he sustains.” But God doesn’t stop there.

He wants us to

become champions for the poor. Notice that our Gospel reading depicts the poor man named Lazarus in such a way that we cannot help but feel compassion for him. Here is a man who is in dire

need, covered in sores, right outside the door of a rich man who has more than enough to provide for his own needs and those of Lazarus – but does nothing to help him. In fact, the rich man’s dog shows more compassion toward Lazarus (by licking his sores) than the rich man! The story is meant to prick our consciences and move us to have the same kind of response that God has – of compassion – leading us to become champions for those in need.

Throughout our history, the Church has been particularly effective at spreading the faith during those times when we’ve put care for the poor and vulnerable at the center of our action. Before the advancements of modern medicine, members of the early Church risked their lives to care for those sick with contagious diseases. Their selfless example led many to faith in Christ. While our situation is much different today, we are called at the beginning of the first reading to not be complacent in our efforts to care for the poor. As we serve those most in need, our witness will likewise draw others to seek to know and follow the God of compassion whom we serve.

One of the ways we can fight against complacency is to engage in service. Check your parish or local charitable organizations for opportunities to serve those in need in your community. No matter what kind of service you choose to engage in, do everything with “love, patience, and gentleness,” as Paul reminds us today. Then we will be models of God’s own care for the poor.

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.

CCD Parent Meetings: Parents, please be aware of meetings that will explain your child's CCD participation in preparation for receiving the sacraments. *Second Grade Parent Meeting* is scheduled for Sunday, September 28th at 9:15AM in Church.

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).

Financial Planning Workshop: Join us for a powerful 6-week financial workshop series designed to renew your mindset, equip you with practical tools, and empower you to be a wise

steward of your money. The Wise Steward Workshops, Thursdays, October 9th -November 13th, 6:30-8:30pm. Classes include Money Transformation, Budgeting & Planning for emergencies, Tackling Debt, Benevolence, Fraud and Scams and Legacy planning. Know others that would benefit? Please invite your friends and family. Free to Saint Bernard Parishioners, Guests \$20 for all 6 sessions. Sign up to register on bulletin board or for questions call or text Phyllis Krieger (717) 379-1135

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 26th 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 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.*

Get-Well for Gene Odató: As Gene seeks treatment at Hershey Hospital for several weeks and cannot have visitors, you can send him prayerful best wishes and get-well greetings at:

Mr. Gene Odató
154 Polecat Road
Landisburg, PA 17040

Why do Catholics genuflect? Genuflection is a physical act of devotion, involving briefly bending the right knee to the ground. This is done in reverence for the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, acknowledging Christ's presence in the tabernacle with profound respect and adoration. This act symbolizes submitting to God's greatness with devotion, respect, and humility.