

The Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Mass Intentions

September	8	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	9	8:00 AM	Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family
September	10	8:00 AM	I/O Deacon Robinson and Family
September	11	8:00 AM	I/O Joe Risner requested by Ken & Beth Risner
September	12	8:00 AM	Regina Fiotti requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
September	13	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
September	14	8:00 AM	Rachel Scheib requested by The Harshberger Family
		10:30 AM	Josephine Ogden

Liturgical Ministries September 13-14

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	David Pray	Patty Suydam	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	William Aldrich	A. Sheaffer, J. Morrison
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family, N. Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 14	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
September 21	Gabby Brandt, Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Numbers 21:4b-9	Philippians 2:6-11	John 3:13-17
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,545.00
The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,312.00
August Parish Contingency amounted to: \$1,290.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 7th

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

Monday, September 8th

No Mass
Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, September 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, September 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, September 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 13th

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

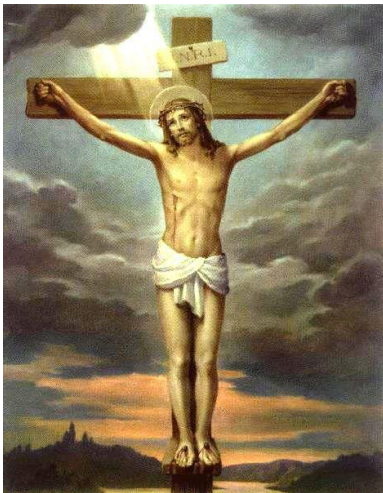
Sunday, September 14th

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

**“Let your face shine upon your
servant; and teach me
your laws.”**

From the Pastor’s Desk:

I am particularly struck by this line from Solomon’s prayer in today’s first reading from the Book of Wisdom: “Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent



your holy spirit from on high?” Solomon doesn’t seem to be seeking direct answers to the questions he presents today, but rather, uses them as a sort of poem of praise to honor God in all his glory. In modern language,

we could rephrase his questions: What do we know that God has not instilled into our minds? What wisdom do we have that was not infused by the Holy Spirit? There are many things that we cannot understand without the wisdom God gives

us. May we, like Solomon, praise and thank God for this gift. Let us trust that where our feeble, corruptible humanity falters, our heavenly Father is our refuge in every age.

Today’s Gospel is certainly one that we need God’s wisdom to understand. This reading always makes me do a double take or a read-over. “What did Jesus just say?!” His words today are stark and can feel disconcerting. “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” When I encounter a challenging Scripture such as this one, I try to immediately root myself in concrete truths about the Lord. First, I acknowledge that he is good and desires my good. He is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving. After centering on those realities, I can look at this Gospel again, but this time through a clearer lens. Ultimately, this Gospel is a piercing reminder of the radical renunciation desired by the Lord. It is a rubric for the narrow road and for sanctity. Jesus does not mince his words, nor does he seek to confuse or confound: to follow Jesus is to release our hearts from earthly attachments, to embrace our cross and to set our lives in proper order. Clear and direct? Certainly. Easy? Not at all. But doing this in union with Jesus? Absolutely possible.

Today, consider reflecting on your attachments – the places you cling to anything that is not Christ. As you go into these tender places, invite Jesus to gently reveal where he wants to grant you his freedom.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, 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).

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

Fall Schedule of Masses will begin on the weekend of September 6/7. Mass on Saturday will be celebrated at 5:00PM and Masses on Sunday mornings begin at 8:00 and 10:30AM. Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:00-4:45PM and on Sunday mornings from 7:00-7:45 and 9:45-10:15AM.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will begin on September 16th 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 7:00 – 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call Father Sharman. OCIA registrations are available on the bulletin board.

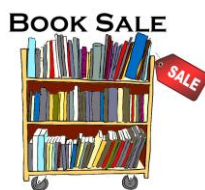
CCD Begins September 7th: Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious Education begins this Sunday, September 7th. Classes start at 9:15 and conclude at 10:15 for all registered students (Pre-K through high school). Please



have your children to the Schmidt Center by 9:10AM at the latest so classes can begin on time and will not be disrupted by students arriving late. Please be mindful of your speed while driving in the parking lot. Many students run between parked cars on their way to the Schmidt Center.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, September 8th 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.



Knights of Columbus Book Sale: Our Parish Knights of Columbus are planning their annual book sale on September 11/12 (9AM-5PM) and September 13

(9AM-2PM) in the parish hall. There will be thousands of books for sale: religious, history, non-fiction, fiction, military, children's, etc. The Knights are offering both hardbound and softback books of every kind at low prices. Come and See!

Thank you, Saint Bernard Garden Club: Our parish is indebted to the many individuals and families who have kept our parish grounds looking their best throughout the summer. Your hard work in mowing the lawn and weeding the flower beds did not go unnoticed by all who visited our church. Our parish family is most grateful for your willingness to serve our parish.

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 current on your information!! 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!!

Pray the rosary for
Vocations to Priesthood and
Consecrated Life