

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

Mass Intentions

October	6	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	7	8:00 AM	Janet Flickinger requested by Kathy Landis
October	8	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
October	9	8:00 AM	Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
October	10	8:00 AM	Amber Lawrence requested by The Wilkinson Family
October	11	5:00 PM	Bertha Niedzwiecki requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
October	12	8:00 AM	Maureen Maus requested by The Aro Family
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries October 10-11

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Reed Kreider	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Matthew Morrison	The Morrison Family
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Rosanne Wheatley	The Robinson Family Ellis Wilson

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 12 Tonya Sands

October 19 Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

2 Kings 5:14-17 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,872.00

The September Contingency Fund amounted to: \$4,381.96

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

Church Calendar

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)

Monday, October 6th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 7th

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

Wednesday, October 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, October 9th

Mass, 8:00AM
Finance Class, 6:30PM

Friday, October 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 11th

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

Sunday, October 12th

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" I think what Jesus is drawing us to see is the humility we need as his disciples. It's easy to get



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puffed up, thinking, "Well, I've done this" or "I've done that" in service of God. We can even start to feel that God owes us. But we are called to love God for God's own sake, not for the accolades or even the reward that comes from faithfully serving him. St. Ignatius of Loyola

penned a beautiful prayer called the Prayer for Generosity that expresses the sentiment that I feel is at the heart of our Scriptures today: "Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost . . . to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will." Let's ask God to help us to serve him with generous hearts.

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul calls us to "bear [our] share of the hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Serving the Lord requires that we rely on the gift of the Spirit within us who empowers us to serve courageously and generously. The good news, Paul tells us, is that "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." In our efforts to serve God and to share our faith with others, let's remember that it is God's grace that is at work within us, equipping us and strengthening us. Let's remember Jesus' promise that even if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, we can still do great things for God. Indeed, through the gift of faith and the gift of his Holy Spirit, God has truly given us immense spiritual power.

Take a moment to examine your own heart. Is your discipleship fueled more by a hope of reward (heaven), or, by pure love of God? Take some time to pray with St. Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity, asking the Lord to increase your generosity in serving him.

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 this Sunday, October 5th at 1PM at the pavilion. The Knights always appreciate your assistance.

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.*

A Thought about Faith: Faith is the virtue by which we firmly believe all the truths God has revealed, on the word of God revealing them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Divine Faith is belief in a truth or mystery known only because God revealed it. It is grace that helps us attain faith and persevere in it, to take God's word for it. Faith is supernatural because we cannot acquire it by ourselves. It is entirely God's free gift to us. Our Faith, however, can be increased by prayer and continual exercise. "Lord, increase our Faith." (Luke 17:5)



Catholic Radio Channel for Harrisburg Area: Holy Family Radio is broadcast in Central Pennsylvania. You can find it on AM channel 720. There are many excellent Catholic programs scheduled throughout the day – so give it a try!!

Pro-Life: "The life issues (abortion, euthanasia, embryonic cell research) put us in touch with one aspect of humanity: They show what we are capable of when we lose our moorings, when we are not guided by clear thinking on right and wrong." (Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the US Bishop's Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities)