

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

Mass Intentions

September	14	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	15	8:00 AM	I/O Father Sharman requested by Deacon Robinson
September	16	8:00 AM	Karen Peters requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
September	17	8:00 AM	Michael Matunis requested by John & Mary Blair
September	18	8:00 AM	Connie Krause requested by The Strazisar Family
September	19	5:00 PM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
September	20	8:00 AM	Sharon Ford requested by Saint Bernard K of C
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries September 19-20

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Jessica Grindle	Reed Kreider	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	William Aldrich	Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Bill Davies	Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 13

Robin & Mike Chiccini

September 20

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,991.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$3,540.73

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 13th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 14th

No Mass

Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

OCIA, 6:45PM

Wednesday, September 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, September 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, September 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 19th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, September 20th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

***“If today you hear His voice,
Harden not your hearts.”***

From the Pastor's Desk

It should be most striking that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. “Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?” Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others’ wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher

standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical



forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today’s Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful

to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, “There but for the grace of God, go I.” When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul’s example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God’s grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is “kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.”

Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Jeff Galgon, Dawn Lowe, Mary Schoedel, Matt Morrison, Glenn Harshberger, Joe Rich, Yolanda McMillan, Lois Morningred, Maureen Mullen, 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.

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) to begin in the fall of 2026: If you registered to attend the OCIA program this year, please note sessions will begin this Tuesday, September 15th at 6:45PM in the Parish Hall.



Deacon Robinson will coordinate this program, a series of basic instructions in the Faith. This program

of prayer and study is designed to assist you in growing in knowledge and love for the Lord and His Church. At the completion of the program, you will have the opportunity to join the Catholic Church, if you are not already a Catholic.

Fall Schedule of Masses will begin on the weekend of September 12/13. 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.

CCD Begins September 13th: Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious



Education begins this Sunday, September 13th. 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 so classes can begin on time and will not be disrupted by the tardiness of the 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.



The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Monday, September 14th 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.

Autumn Fest 2026: The Carlisle Area Family Life Center invites you to their annual Autumn Fest on Friday, September 18, 2026, from 6:00-9:00PM. It will be held outdoors at the LeTort View Community Center Pavillion, 313 Lovell Avenue, Carlisle Barracks. Tickets are \$40 and include dinner and 2 drinks. You can purchase tickets by calling 717-243-1918 and deadline for ticket purchase is September 8th.

Soup Bowl Fundraiser: Our Youth Group will host its annual Soup Bowl on Saturday, October 24th from 6:00-8:00PM in the Parish Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Family Homeless



Shelter in Harrisburg. Bowls cost \$15, children 10 and under \$10, 2 and under \$5. This entitles you to unlimited soup,

bread, salad, beverage, and dessert. Keep the bowl as a reminder to pray for the homeless. Seating limited to the first 100 participants. For more information, please call Phyllis Krieger at 717-379-1135.

Volunteers Needed to Clean the Schmidt Center:

During the CCD school year, groups of volunteers do light cleaning of the Schmidt Center each week. These teams rotate every five or six weeks, so it does not become a burden on any one team of parishioners. If you would like to volunteer a few times a year for this important service, please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you for your consideration of this request.



New Telephone System: A few weeks ago, a lightning storm disrupted our telephone system and damaged some of the internal components. Since the system is over 23 years old, the company that services it no longer supports our current telephones or technology. Some people may have had problems getting through to the office. A new system will be installed in late September which should solve the problem. In the meantime, please feel free to call Father Sharman on his mobile phone: 717-571-7619.