

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Mass Intentions

September	21	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	22	8:00 AM	Reid Wilson requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
September	23	8:00 AM	Deceased of The LoBrutto Family req. by The Rosselli Family
September	24	8:00 AM	I/O Farren & Tom Rossman req. by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
September	25	8:00 AM	Ron Scheib requested by John & Mary Blair
September	26	5:00 PM	Dennis Haag requested by Glenn & Pat Harshberger
September	27	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Dr. Jack Henderson requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst

Liturgical Ministries September 26-27

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Pat Pray
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	David Pray	Joe Morrison
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Olney Innerst	Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 20

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

September 27

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21: 28-32

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,186.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,898.20

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 20th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, September 21st

No Mass

Tuesday, September 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

OCIA, 6:45PM

Wednesday, September 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, September 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, September 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, September 26th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, September 27th

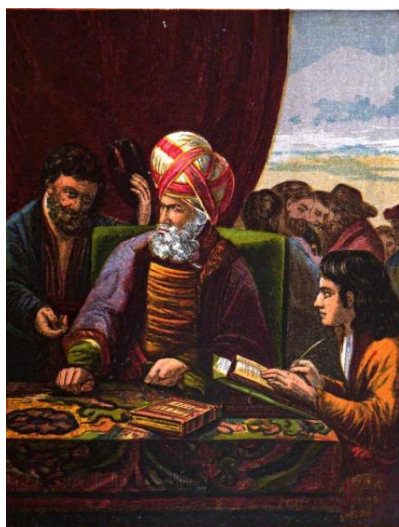
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**“The Lord is near
to all who call upon Him.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Writing to the Philippians while in prison, St. Paul feels complete peace about his fate. To stay on this earth means fruitful labor for him; to die means entering eternal life with God. Having lived apart from God in the past, he finds immense



joy at being able to labor for the Lord, despite the suffering it entails. Upon first glance, the parable St. Matthew recounts in his Gospel offers a glimpse of God's generous mercy. But reading the parable

alongside Paul's letter reveals another layer of meaning: Those who have more time to labor in the vineyard of the Lord are given a great gift – the chance to bear immense fruit. Our long hours laboring in the Lord's vineyard are not something we're meant to merely suffer through on our way to our eternal reward. Rather, they are an opportunity to be drawn into communion with the Lord. As with St. Paul, the joy that comes from realizing that we share in the very life and work of God is available to us now, not only in the life to come.

Each of the vocations to which God calls us requires sacrifice and includes challenges. Living in humble obedience to the will of God is not easy, but it is full of peace. To focus only on the eternal reward offered after death disregards the love, peace, and joy of the kingdom that we are gifted now. We are invited to be laborers in the vineyard, co-creators with the Master of the universe. As we creatively and compassionately allow God's love to flow through us, we infuse new life and love into the world around us. When we truly believe that a life lived in Christ is the most abundant life, we stop asking what is fair and we begin to eagerly invite others to join us in the vineyard. Doing the will of God in this life is a reward unto itself.

This week, return to the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. As you reflect on his call to “seek the Lord while he may be found,” consider the gift of God's love and presence in your life right now. And as we labor in the vineyard, keeping our eyes on the ultimate reward of eternity with our Creator, may we also recognize the immense gift of knowing, loving, and serving God in this life.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odatto, 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, Kathy Dubois, 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@analogypapologetics.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!

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.

Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 11th at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit Lourdeshouse Maternity Home and Carlisle Area Family Life Center.



Speakers for Lourdeshouse and Carlisle Area Family Life will be there. CCD

Students 6 through 12 Grade attend at no cost with a parental permission slip. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and free for children under 12. Menu will be posted on the bulletin board. The Knights are also collecting baby items to be donated with a list of suggested items available at the Pack and Play in the vestibule. Thank you.

Perry County Life-Chain: On Sunday, October 4th,



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 24, 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 10/18/26 at www.caregiversdayofprayerandcare.org. For more information, you can also call Theresa Magg at 717-697-8716(x223).

Pennsylvania March for Life will take place on Monday, September 21 at the Capital Building in Harrisburg. The Rally is scheduled for 11:00AM and the March begins at 12 Noon. Let us stand in solidarity with every woman and for every child. Please join us!!