

## The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

### Mass Intentions

|           |    |          |                                                             |
|-----------|----|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| September | 28 | 8:00 AM  | NO MASS                                                     |
| September | 29 | 8:00 AM  | Michael Matunis requested by The Matunis Family             |
| September | 30 | 8:00 AM  | I/O Carol Minns requested by Deacon Robinson                |
| October   | 1  | 8:00 AM  | Reid Wilson requested by The Galgon Family                  |
| October   | 2  | 8:00 AM  | Deceased Of The LoBrutto Family req. by The Rosselli Family |
| October   | 3  | 8:00 AM  | Nancy Montgomery requested by Dave & Patty Suydam           |
|           |    | 5:00 PM  | People Of The Parish                                        |
| October   | 4  | 8:00 AM  | Nancy Montgomery requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst        |
|           |    | 10:30 AM | Giuseppe Neve requested by The Rosselli Family              |

### Liturgical Ministries October 3-4

|          | Lectors         | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers        |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 5:00 PM  | Joe DeFrancesco | Mary Zimmerman          | Terry Meek     |
| 8:00 AM  | Jory Harlan     | Tom Jenkins             | Helena Krieger |
| 10:30 AM | Bill Davies     | Nancy Stanton           | Austin Hoffman |

### Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 27

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

October 4

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

### Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21: 33-43

### Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,627.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,360.31

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

## Church Calendar

### ***Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>***

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### ***Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>***

No Mass

### ***Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>***

Mass, 8:00AM

OCIA, 6:45PM

### ***Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>***

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### ***Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>***

Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

### ***Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Mass, 8:00AM

### ***Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>***

Mass in Honor of Immaculate Heart, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### ***Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>***

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Perry County Life-Chain, 2:30-3:30PM

## From the Pastor's Desk

Ask any long-time educator, and they'll tell you they often learn more from their mistakes than from doing it perfectly from the start. Today's Gospel also seems to send the same message: Jesus tells us that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God



before the chief priests and elders. Perhaps this is because they – having lived a sinful life – know firsthand the

emptiness of not following God's ways. Having gotten it wrong, they now earnestly seek what is right. The mystic Julian of Norwich writes, "First the fall, and then the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God." Even in our wanderings, God is at work, drawing us to return to him. Ezekiel tells us that when we respond to that grace and turn from the wickedness we have

committed, doing what is right and just, we will surely not die, but receive the gift of eternal life from the God who is Mercy itself.

Speaking to the Christian community at Philippi, St. Paul reminds them to have "the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." The previous lines offer a glimpse of what that attitude entails: encouragement, love, compassion, mercy, unity, humility, regarding others as more important than ourselves. These attitudes should shape our way of relating to those whom we are trying to evangelize. Rather than judging them or thinking of ourselves as more important, we are called to serve them with humility, offering them our encouragement to seek the Lord who loves them so much that he gave his life for them.

Today's Gospel includes the story of a son who initially says no to his father's request but then changes his mind and does it. The Gospel ends with a line about how the chief priests and elders did not change their minds even when they saw tax collectors and prostitutes responding to John's call to repentance. Indeed, the Greek word for conversion is *metanoia*, which has been defined as "a change of mind that leads to a change in action." Take time today to do an examination of conscience, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of thinking or acting that need conversion and change. What might the Holy Spirit want to change your mind about this day?

**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, 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](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)).

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com](mailto: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!

**Soup Bowl Fundraiser:** Our Youth Group will host its annual Soup Bowl on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### **Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast**

will take place on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>,



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](http://www.caregiversdayofprayerandcare.org). For more information, you can also call Theresa Magg at 717-697-8716(x223).

**CCD Parent Meetings:** Parents, please be aware of upcoming parent meetings that will explain your child's CCD participation, especially in preparation for receiving the sacraments.

**Seventh Grade Parent Meeting:** September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 in the church.

**Second Grade Parent Meeting** is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM in Church.

**Notification of Hospitalization:** If you or a family member is hospitalized or if you know of someone homebound who would like to be visited for the Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion, please notify the parish office so Father Sharman can make a pastoral visit. Each month Holy Communion is brought to our homebound parishioners.



#### **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!!