

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026

Mass Intentions

October	19	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	20	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	21	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	22	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	23	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	24	5:00 PM	Don Shaeffer requested by Karen Gochenaur & Kathy Heller
October	25	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Lorenzo Badala Mente requested by The Rosselli Family

Liturgical Ministries October 24-25

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Sheaffer	Helena Kreiger
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Rose Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 18

Tonya Sands

October 25

Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Exodus 22:20-26

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22: 34-40

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,279.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,645.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 18th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

K of C Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast, 9:00AM

Monday, October 19th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 20th

No Mass

OCIA, 6:45PM

Wednesday, October 21st

No Mass

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 22nd

No Mass

Friday, October 23rd

No Mass

Saturday, October 24th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Youth Group Soup Bowl, 6:00PM

Sunday, October 25th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

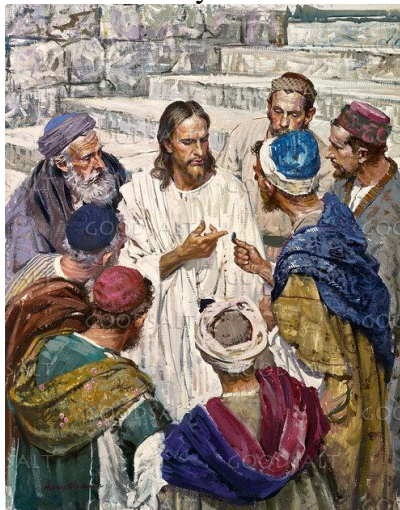
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Trunk or Treat, 6:00PM

“Render to God what belongs to God.”

From the Pastor's Desk

We feel good when someone knows our name and calls us by our name. It communicates that one is seen, known, and cared for. We read in Isaiah today that God has chosen Cyrus and has called him by name. In the Letter to the



Thessalonians, Paul and his followers “give thanks to God always” for all in the community, knowing that each brother and sister is “loved by God” and “chosen.” And although these words are written about

Cyrus and the Thessalonians, we trust that God speaks these words to us as well. We have each been chosen. Our Father calls each of us by name.

It is sometimes difficult to believe that God desires me and chooses me individually. It is a love that I often fail to reciprocate, despite my desire to do so. But that does not diminish the love God has for me. I am not lost in the crowd of history and humanity. Each of us was created with love and rejoiced over by our heavenly Father.

When Jesus is asked in today's Gospel about the taxes due to Caesar, He does not falter with his response. We must live the truth of our faith in the world, but ultimately, what the world asks of us is not the same as what our Creator desires. Taxes are paid out of obligation, but God asks for our love. In using the talents God has given us in caring for others, we acknowledge the fullness of the majesty and wonder of our Creator. We do not have to isolate ourselves from this world, but we must remember that we were not created for this world. We have already been chosen and claimed by our loving Father. And it is to Him that we offer the gift of our heart, which is infinitely more valuable than coins.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ also says, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (6:21) In light of today's Gospel, we must also consider whether our participation in society in any way prevents us from offering ourselves totally to God. Spend some time reflecting on what it is that you truly treasure. Do you reserve the offering of your heart for God? Or are you giving to the world what should be reserved for God?

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, 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.

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).

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.

World Mission Sunday: This Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday in the universal Church. It is our opportunity to grow in an awareness of our missionary vocation as Christians to proclaim Christ "to the ends of the earth." Through prayer and sacrifice, we also assist missionaries in their



work of bringing the love of Christ to people who long to hear of God's love and salvation. There will be a second collection this weekend so we can financially support the work of missionaries in over 1150 mission dioceses throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means allow!

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 25th 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 wear a costume, 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.*

Help us stay current with your contact information:

There are many households that no longer have land lines for their telephone contact. Mobil phones have replaced the land lines for so many families. If you have a Mobil phone and use it as your primary point of contact, please make sure the parish has that number in our file. You can call the parish office and leave a message, or you can drop a note into the collection basket. Thank you.

Priests Continuing Education Conference: Morning Mass will not be celebrated this week. Father Sharman and the priests of the Diocese will be present for their annual Continuing Education Conference in Maryland. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office and a priest will be contacted for you. Also, please remember our diocesan priests in prayer this week, especially as they gather with Bishop Senior for spiritual and intellectual development.

No servant can serve two masters!