

The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

Mass Intentions

October	26	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	27	8:00 AM	Butch Landis requested by Kathy Landis
October	28	8:00 AM	I/O Pat & Gwen Pray requested by Deacon Robinson
October	29	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
October	30	8:00 AM	Special Intention requested by MaryJane & Bob Moyer
October	31	5:00 PM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
November	1	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Ava Grace Holland requested by Nancy Stanton

Liturgical Ministries October 31 – November 1

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Derek Puchalsky	Shelby Aldrich	Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Bill Davies	Austin Hoffman

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 25

Robin & Mike Chiccini

November 8

The Rough Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,289.09

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,108.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 25th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, October 26th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

OCIA, 6:45PM

Wednesday, October 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, October 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 31st

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, November 1st (Solemnity of All Saints)

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**"Whoever loves me will keep my word,
says the Lord, and my Father will love
him and we will come to him."**

From the Pastor's Desk

Sometimes people stop paying attention to the news for a period of time. There seems to be little that's "new" in the daily barrage of natural disasters and the countless ways we humans hurt each other. Some people have even stopped using social media. Which brings us to today's Gospel:

*And you shall love the
Lord your God with
all your heart and with
all your soul and with
all your mind and with
all your strength.
The second is this:
'You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.'
There is no other
commandment greater
than these."*

Mark 12:30-31

Love

should be reminded of some wise words that have been attributed to St. Mother Teresa: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time

Sometimes it seems overwhelming to want to love as Christ commands, and we feel that there's little, if anything, we can do for people outside of our social circle, let alone on the opposite side of the world. Hearing of the struggles with compassion fatigue, you

and always start with the person nearest you." We love as Christ commands by willing the good of the other. And it is not trite or cliché to say at times, "honestly, all I can do right now is pray." After all, as the Lord says, "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." When our compassion is exhausted, let the Lord carry it, for he never tires. And then, when it is possible, practical, and seems to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can do more – whatever that may be.

If you're like me and somewhat daunted by the second greatest commandment, I encourage you to take another look at today's readings. "You shall love your neighbor..." (emphasis added). Surely the world is far too large for us to make a difference? Therefore, remember that "God so loved the world" – and what he asks of us is to love our neighbor. So leave the world to God; pray for and give alms for those bigger world issues when we're able. When our circumstances change and we have more time and energy to take on more, such as participate in ministry, even better! But until then, when we walk out our front door in the morning, we go forth knowing that we are "imitators ... of the Lord," and that this smaller, much more manageable part of the world is what we are called to tend. Let our most active role in being the body of Christ extend to what is immediate to us – our neighbor and community – because that is where we will have the most influence for Christ in the world.

When you feel overwhelmed with the world, reflect upon today's responsorial psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength." Let God's love for the world and his strength flow into your heart and know that you can call on him to help you bear the burden of love.

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!

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.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Leadership: The Parish Pastoral Council leaders are the following:

Bill Davies: Chairman

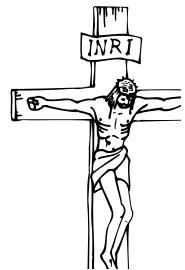
Terry Meek: Vice-Chairman

Yvonne DePaulis: Recording Secretary

If you have concerns you want to bring to Council's attention, please contact one of the members of Parish Council. The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

November – the Month of the Holy Souls

From the earliest days of the Church, we have commemorated the faithful departed by offering prayers for them on All Souls Day (November 2nd) and throughout the month of November. A Novena of Nine Masses will be offered during this month. To have your loved ones remembered, you may place their names on your 'All Souls Day' envelope which will rest upon the Altar for the month. ***Your envelopes can be returned in the collection next Sunday, November 1st.*** Please remember to pray for the Souls in Purgatory -- since our prayers and good works can help our deceased relatives and friends overcome tribulation and reach eternal happiness in the company of God. Prayer for the deceased is a blessed act of charity and a way of keeping those we loved and who have loved us in our minds and hearts.



Eucharistic Reflection: "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. It will make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven. A Holy Hour of adoration helps bring everlasting peace to earth. It brings us personal peace and strength. It brings us a greater love for Jesus, for each other, and for the poor." Every holy hour deepens our union with Him and bears much fruit. (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

