

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

Mass Intentions

October	5	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	6	8:00 AM	Ron Scheib requested by Pat & Glenn Harshberger
October	7	8:00 AM	Janet Flickinger requested by Kathy Landis
October	8	8:00 AM	Reid Wilson requested by Joe & Judy Rich
October	9	8:00 AM	Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
October	10	5:00 PM	Reid Wilson requested by Tom & Louise Polcha
October	11	8:00 AM	Maureen Maus requested by Jennifer & Jeff Aro
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries October 10-11

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Jessica Grindle	Betty Berry	Pat Pray
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Jory Harlan	Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Evan Ticehurst	Cole Robinson

Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 4	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
October 11	The Rough Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 25:6-10a	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20	Matthew 22: 1-14
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,412.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$7,285.00

The Parish Contingency for September amounted to: \$2,187.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 4th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Second Grade Parent Meeting, 9:15AM

Cooper Baptism, 11:30AM

Life-Chain at New Bloomfield Square, 2:30PM

Knights of Columbus, 7:00PM

Monday, October 5th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

OCIA, 6:45PM

Wednesday, October 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, October 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, October 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, October 10th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, October 11th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

"It is Your face, O Lord, I seek!"

From the Pastor's Desk

Did you ever think about what it would have been like to hear Jesus' teachings as a first-century Jew. When Jesus calls out the current tenants of the vineyard as being unfaithful, disobedient servants, however, it may have left the crowd feeling a bit anxious. And really, Jesus



could say this to each of us at times because, like the wild

grapes in the vineyard, when left to our own devices we also have a tendency to fall into sin and produce unsavory fruit. But we also know that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he wants our lives in his vineyard to be characterized by that peace. Christ is not condemning, but he is the Son sent to call the tenants back into communion with the Father. He does the same with us too. In acts of great mercy, Christ continues to call us again and again – even after we reject him and turn away

from him. Through the Church, the sacraments, the intercession of the saints, and the holy men and women who proclaim the Gospel today, God continues to seek us out so we might know the peace of fruitful service in his vineyard.

Christ longs to give us peace that surpasses all of our fears and anxieties, and he does so by inviting us to be good stewards of his created world and the community of believers. He invites us to work in the vineyard – to offer our gifts and talents to bring forth the fruits of love and joy that overflow from the work of the Holy Spirit within us. We do so with the assurance that salvation is not dependent on us. Our Father has sown the seeds and has prepared the vineyard; we are simply called to reap and preserve what he has brought into being. And so we trust in the overwhelming mercy of God and humbly accept the love and communion that we do not deserve.

Just as the landowner sent messengers to the tenants of the vineyard, God sends people to us to proclaim the Gospel. Who are those people in your life who are calling you to a deeper relationship with God? How can you open your heart to hear the message of love and peace that they are proclaiming?

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).

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!

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.

Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 18th 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).

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.

Second Grade Parent Meeting is scheduled for October 4th 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Leadership: The Parish Pastoral Council has elected the following members:

Bill Davies: Chairman

Terry Meek: Vice-Chairman

Yvonne DePaulis: Recording Secretary

If you have concerns, recommendations, or commendations 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. Other Council members include Linda Myers, Dave Suydam, Karen Kupris, Scott Shaeffer, Erin Jenkins, Mary Blair, Nancy Stanton, Pat Pray, and Joe Dailey.

"A man should fear no other man more than himself – because his greatest enemies live within him."