The Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time November 8, 2026

Mass Intentions

November	9	8:00 AM	**The Holy Souls In Purgatory**
November	10	8:00 AM	**NO MASS**
November	11	8:00 AM	**NO MASS**
November	12	8:00 AM	**Roberto Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci**
November	13	8:00 AM	**The Holy Souls In Purgatory**
November	14	5:00 PM	**Ron Scheib requested by Mary Miller**
November	15	8:00 AM	**People Of The Parish**
		10:30 AM	**June Shaeffer requested by Karen Gochenaur & Kathy Heller**

Liturgical Ministries November 14-15

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Gary Hilbolt	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Scott Dunkelberger	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Olney Innerst	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 8	The Raugh Family
November 22	Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 **1 Thessalonians** 5:1-6 **Matthew** 25:14-30

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: $6,605.00
The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: $5,461.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 8th
Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM
Cemetery of the Innocents, 2:30PM
Monday, November 9th
Mass, 8:00AM
Tuesday, November 10th
No Mass
OCIA, 6:45PM
Wednesday, November 11th
No Mass
Prayer Group, 8:30AM
Thursday, November 12th
Mass, 8:00AM
Friday, November 13th
Mass, 8:00AM
Saturday, November 14th
Confession, 4:00-4:45PM
Mass, 5:00PM
Sunday, November 15th
Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

"My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God."

From the Pastor's Desk

Have you ever gotten up early to watch the sunrise? It certainly takes commitment! One has to go to bed early and set an alarm, then get up in the stillness of the early hours before stepping outside. Although catching a glimpse of the sun peeking over the horizon can be a magical moment, our first reading tells us that finding wisdom is far better. It says wisdom is "readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." In other words, it takes commitment. Persistence. Active involvement. Just like getting up before the break of dawn to catch the sunrise. If we want our lives to be shaped by wisdom, we must actively seek her. And Scripture promises that "whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate."



Our Gospel today offers a parable of individuals (wise virgins) who are ready to wake up at midnight to meet the Lord when he comes. But not everyone in the parable is so prepared. Upon discovering they would not have enough oil, the foolish virgins ask the wise ones to share theirs. The wise virgins say no, telling them to go and buy some for themselves. At first glance, one may wonder why the wise virgins wouldn't share theirs. Are they being selfish? But another important detail in the text gives us further perspective: we read that the bridegroom was "long delayed" in his return. What this suggests is that the foolish virgins had all the time in the world to go and buy the oil they needed. And yet they procrastinated doing the one thing necessary to be ready when the bridegroom arrived. Through the years, the Church has read this text as a reminder that we can't put off conversion, deluding ourselves into thinking that we still have time to get right with God. In reality, the time for repentance is now.

This week, consider making a commitment to fast from hitting the snooze button. Offer up this sacrifice for someone whose conversion to the Lord you are earnestly praying for. And may this simple act also help you to overcome, with the assistance of God's grace, any procrastination that may be subtly taking root in your heart so you will be ready to meet the Lord when he comes again.

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@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!

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.

Thanksgiving Mass Reminder: Our Parish will gather to celebrate Mass for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00PM in the Church. As a Parish, we have so many things to give thanks to God for, especially His abundant blessings and graces.

The Cemetery of the Innocents, remembering the babies who lost their lives by abortion in Perry County, will be dedicated on Sunday, November 8th at Grace Evangelical Christian Church, 12 Dromgold Drive (Rt 34 and 850), Shermans Dale, from 2:30-3:30PM. White crosses will be erected, along with a prayer service, and roses will be placed representing the babies who died in Perry County last year through abortion. Please come and join us in praying for those who lost their lives through this horrible offense to human dignity as we affirm the goodness of every precious life that God sends into the world.

Advent Wreath Materials: As we prepare for the Advent Season in spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ, all the materials you will need for creating a home Advent Wreath will be available in the narthex on the weekend of November 28/29. Our parish will supply the oasis, ribbon, and candles. All you will need, in addition, is a waterproof container and some evergreens to complete your wreath. This is one way we can keep Christ in Christmas as we prepare to celebrate His birth.

Youth Group Christmas Widows/Widowers Dinner:



The Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting their annual dinner for widows and widowers of Saint Bernard's Parish on Saturday, December 5th in the Parish Hall after the 5 PM Mass. More information and a sign up will be available next weekend. You're welcome to bring a friend!!

Advent Penance Service: As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again in glory, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, November 30th beginning at 7:00 PM. Four additional priests will be present to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.



Change in Morning Mass Schedule: Morning Mass will be celebrated Monday, Thursday, and Friday of this coming week at 8:00AM. There will be no Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Please note the change!

Report Abuse: to report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313. To Report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee, or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll-free number: 1-800-626-1608.

Help Needed for Hymnal Replacement: The Heritage Hymnals need to be replaced for the new liturgical year on Saturday morning, November 28th at 8:00AM. If you can spare some time to assist us, please sign up on the bulletin board.