

# The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

April 25, 2021

## Mass Intentions

April	26	8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
April	27	8:00 AM	<b>Intentions Of The Robinson Family</b>
April	28	8:00 AM	<b>Harry Focht requested by Joyce Galic</b>
April	29	8:00 AM	<b>Intentions Of Angela Risner requested by Ken &amp; Beth Risner</b>
April	30	8:00 AM	<b>Jack Evers requested by Joe &amp; Maureen Mullen</b>
May	1	5:00 PM	<b>Sara Baer requested by Marie Dishman</b>
May	2	8:00 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>Robert Richelderfer requested by Bill &amp; Julie Richelderfer</b>

## Liturgical Ministries May 1-2

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Servers</b>
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Karen Kupris	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Lillian Otstott	Pat Pray	Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Rosanne Wheatley	Andrew Aldrich

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

**May 2**

Gwen Pray

**May 9**

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

**Acts** 9: 26-31

**1 John** 3: 18-24

**John** 15: 1-8

## Christian Stewardship

**Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,171.00**

**The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$2,952.00**

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

### *Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>*

First Holy Communion, 10:00AM

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

May Crowning, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“I am the Good Shepherd.  
I know My sheep  
and My sheep know me.”**

## From the Pastor's Desk

Teenagers have a difficult challenge these days.



It seems that today's young people face – if not more challenges than we did – at least many more ways those challenges can present themselves. The usual adolescent pressures present themselves in person, as always, but also now on the many forms of social media. For young people, and all of us, living as

“children of God” is certainly not for the faint of heart! As our Psalm today says, we should place our trust in God – take refuge in him – rather than in what others may think of us. Why? Because living as disciples of Jesus can fly in the face of cultural norms. After all, Jesus was the stone the builders rejected – who became the cornerstone! He and the apostles challenged the status quo and faced ridicule and rejection, and even death because of it. Still, they always did the right thing. That's hard, for sure. But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, and that requires a response. Discipleship calls us to serve others by doing the right thing so that God's kingdom will triumph over the kingdom of darkness.

St. John told his community that “the reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” The key to being a loving force for good in the world is humility, and looking to God, rather than how we are perceived on social media or the car we drive, for our identity and worth. Tackling our ego begins by taking stock of what we value and whose opinion (rightly or wrongly) matters to us. Once we have explored those troubled waters, we can absorb St. Teresa of Calcutta's advice: “Accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. Be kind and gentle even under provocation.” Our slow steady witness shines light into darkness. The consistent challenge of our Christian behavior, offered without judgment, will promote God's values in our families, schools, work, and neighborhoods. Our faithful witness allows God to work. Remember, God uses the stones that are rejected to become the cornerstone.

Let us continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to live humbly. Then ask the Spirit to open the door for you to invite others to know the joy of living according to God's ways. In the meantime, pray the Litany of Humility. It will help train your ego to seek God's approval only.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Dave/Shirley Jenkins, Charlotte Smith, Marietta McQuaid, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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**Online Bulletin:** [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)

**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 Marie Dishman for prayer and spiritual support!

**First Holy Communion:** Parents are reminded that First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM. There will be a short preparatory retreat/rehearsal on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00PM in the Parish Hall and church. Additional details will be sent home with your children as they become available.



“If I were not a Catholic and were looking for the true Church in the world today, I would look for the

one Church which did not get along well with the world; in other words, I would look for the Church which the world hates. My reason for doing this would be, that if Christ is in any one of the churches of the world today, He must still be hated as He was when He was on earth in the flesh. If you would find Christ today, then find the Church that does not get along with the world. Look for the Church that is hated by the world, as Christ was hated by the world. Look for the Church, which is accused of being behind the times, as Our Lord was accused of being ignorant and never having learned. Look for the Church which men sneer at as socially inferior, as they sneered at Our Lord because He came from Nazareth. Look for the Church, which is accused of having a devil, as Our Lord was accused of being possessed by Beelzebub, the Prince of Devils. Look for the Church which the world rejects because it claims it is infallible, as Pilate rejected Christ because he called Himself the Truth. Look for the Church which amid the confusion of conflicting opinions, its members

love as they love Christ, and respect its voice as the very voice of its Founder, and the suspicion will grow, that if the Church is unpopular with the spirit of the world, then it is unworldly, and if it is unworldly, it is other-worldly. Since it is other-worldly, it is infinitely loved and infinitely hated as was Christ Himself. ... the Catholic Church is the only Church existing today which goes back to the time of Christ. History is so very clear on this point, it is curious how many miss its obviousness...”— Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

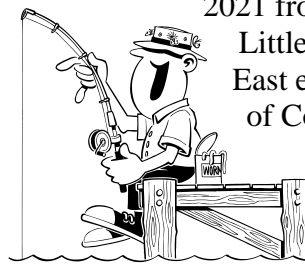
**The Sacrament of Confirmation** was celebrated this



weekend in our church by Bishop Gainer for 13 of our young parishioners. This sacrament will conform them, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be more like Christ our Savior and grant them the strength they need to be faithful disciples and witnesses. Please

remember in your prayers our newly confirmed: *Dolly Aldrich, Cecilia Fordyce, William Finnerty, Jeffrey Galgon, Denver Hoffman, Ellianna Jenkins, Carsyn Meek, Foster Meek, Evan Rice, Cole Robinsion, Jakob Robinson, Sophia Trispagonas, and Ethan White.*

**Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby:** On June 5, 2021 from 10AM to 2PM, at the Little Buffalo State Park, at the East end of the lake, the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual fishing derby. The Knights will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and chips.



Families are asked to bring a dessert. The contest is for the longest fish in each age group, and there is no charge to participants. Contestants should bring their own fishing gear and bait. An adult must accompany all contestants. Lunch will be served at noon. **Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

**“Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are.”**

(Pope St. Gregory I)