

The Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022

Mass Intentions

April	25	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	26	8:00 AM	Jack Evers requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
April	27	8:00 AM	Maria Alaimo requested by The Rosselli Family
April	28	8:00 AM	Kathleen Dutkiewicz requested by John & Mary Blair
April	29	8:00 AM	Int. Of Mary Catherine Rose Giaccobe req. by The Fordyce Family
April	30	5:00 PM	Crit Charlton requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
May	1	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Joseph Oltheten requested by The Oltheten Family

Liturgical Ministries April 30, May 1

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Yvonne DePaulis	The Fordyce Family
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Owen Jenkins
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Bill Davies	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 1	Jen Meek
May 8	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 5:27-32, 40b-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,268.49

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,171.00

The Easter Collection Amounted to: \$3,229.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 24th (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Divine Mercy Devotions, 2:45PM

Monday, April 25th

No morning Mass

Memorial Mass for Donn White, 1:00PM

Tuesday, April 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, April 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Joseph Barbaretta Graveside service, 2:30PM

Thursday, April 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, April 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

1st Communion Retreat, 4:00-6:30PM

Saturday, April 30th

Sacrament of Confirmation, 10:00AM

Confessions, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 1st (Third Sunday of Easter)

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

First Holy Communion at 8:00AM Mass

Crowning of the BVM Statue, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, Thomas gets singled

out as the one who doubts that Jesus had risen from the dead. But the other Gospels reveal that the other disciples doubted too. I understand why they had trouble believing that Jesus was alive. To think that God loves us enough that he chose to become human to die for our sins is



incomprehensible. To accept that he loves us this deeply is almost unbearable. It seems doubtful

anyone can love us that much. It seems doubtful that we deserve to be loved that much. It is much easier to doubt than to believe. But Thomas was the first to publicly proclaim the man Jesus as also God: My Lord and my God! he says. The risen Jesus had come into the room, although the doors were locked, and called them back into belief. Through Christ, God shows the disciples – and us – the extent of his love and mercy. We are worth it, even when we doubt, even when we fail. His death and resurrection are testament to that. He will walk through whatever walls exist to tell us. No doubt about it.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles today describes the reaction to the apostles' joyful and confident proclamation that Jesus was Lord and God after receiving the Holy Spirit. The crowds drew near just to have Peter's shadow fall upon those who were sick. God's mercy has no bounds. How can we be like the first disciples? In what ways do our lives reflect God's mercy on us? Where can our own "shadows fall" so that God's goodness and grace can bring healing and comfort to others? Let us begin our days by giving "thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting," and trust that the Holy Spirit will both remind us of our blessings and continued need for mercy and guide us to encounters with others who need the same.

During this Easter season, read a passage from the Acts of the Apostles each day and immerse yourself in the history of the early Church. End your time of reflection by praying the Apostles' Creed, the statement of beliefs of Christians in the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich, Jeff Martzall, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Donald Fry, Greg Nye, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

First Communion Retreat and Rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, April 29th from 4:00 – 6:30PM in the church and Parish Hall. All children receiving First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1st should be present for this spiritual preparation and rehearsal. Parents are reminded that First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 1st at the 8:00AM Mass. We will crown the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary immediately after the Mass.

50th Anniversary Wedding Mass: Were you married in 1972? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at 2:00PM at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation from Bishop, please call the parish office.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8th grade students will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30th at 10:00AM in our parish church. Father Sharman has been delegated by Bishop Gainer to confer this sacrament on our youth. Candidates will rehearse for Confirmation at their Retreat. Sponsors are asked



to be seated in church one-half hour before the ceremony to receive their instructions. Please remember to pray for our candidates:

Gwendolyn Aldrich
John Paul Morrison
Gavin Ott
Christopher Risner
Danica Zurenko

Just a Thought: The Church isn't supposed to blindly follow mainstream cultural trends – even powerful ones with massive elite support and financial backing. It is supposed to uphold and live out the counter-cultural ways of Christ's kingdom as salt and light in the midst of an increasingly dark and chaotic culture. Unless the Church pulls its foot out of the ideological social

justice quagmire, and places them firmly on the solid ground of biblical [and magisterial] truth, the consequences will be devastating for both the Church and the nations the Church should evangelize with gospel truth.

Divine Mercy Sunday: You are cordially invited to attend Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday, April 24th beginning at 2:45PM. Confessions will be heard from 2:00 – 2:45PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at the three O'clock hour. Devotions will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Lourdeshouse on May 15th at 9:00AM. There will be a guest speaker from Lourdeshouse. CCD Students in 6th grade or higher are invited to attend at no cost with a signed parental permission slip. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and drinks. The requested adult donation for breakfast is \$8.00. We will also be collecting specific items for Lourdeshouse. A sign-up for the breakfast and a list of items needed are posted on the bulletin board.



Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers remember the soul of our parishioner, *Joseph Barbaretta*, who died Saturday, April 16, in Carlisle Hospital. Joe was a long-time usher at our parish, and many will remember his signature cowboy boots and leather vest. While there will not be a Catholic funeral Mass, a grave-side service is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th at 2:30PM at the Fort Indiantown Gap Cemetery. May God grant Joe peace, eternal rest, and the rewards promised to the good and faithful servant.

The Dedication of our new Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Statue will take place after the Masses this weekend. The statue was hand-carved in Italy and will be a welcomed addition to our narthex.