

The Third Sunday Of Easter

April 14, 2024

Mass Intentions

April	15	8:00 AM	Special Intention requested by Pat Harshberger
April	16	8:00 AM	Sara Zettlemoyer requested by Mike & Robin Chiccini
April	17	8:00 AM	Don Shaeffer requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
April	18	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by Her Family
April	19	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	20	5:00 PM	Betty Rhodes requested by Linda Myers
April	21	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Cathy Shulna requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst

Liturgical Ministries April 20-21

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
8:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Gwen Pray	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	The Morrison Family
10:30 AM	Sean Romano	Mark Ticehurst	The Hoffman Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 21	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
April 28	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,598.03

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,941.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 14th (Third Sunday of Easter)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions, 7:00PM

Monday, April 15th

Mass and Exposition of MBS, 8:00AM

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions, 7:00PM

Tuesday, April 16th

Mass and Exposition of the MBS, 8:00AM

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions, 7:00PM

Wednesday, April 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, April 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, April 19th

NO MASS

Saturday, April 20th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, April 21st (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

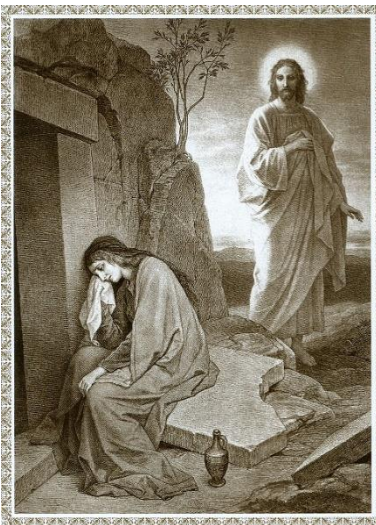
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

K of C Pro-Life Breakfast, 9:15AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

From the Pastor's Desk:

It's only been two weeks since Easter, but already the holiday can seem like another item checked off our to-do lists. It's easy to get complacent as we go about our busy lives – marking



celebrations, important dates and gatherings on the calendar. Today's readings remind us that the Resurrection is not just a story or a metaphor about something ordinary that happened more than 2,000 years ago. It was so different and so

shocking that it trembled the very earth, and nothing has been the same since! Luke describes the confusion the disciples felt when they first saw Jesus in his resurrected body. Here was their Lord and teacher, back from the dead, but not as a ghost

or spirit as they might have expected: He was just as real as before. He was eating, speaking, touching, and interacting. And yet he was different. He could arrive in a locked room without using the door, pass among people unnoticed (as on the way to Emmaus), and give gifts of wisdom and insight directly to the disciples. Today's Gospel offers Jesus' explanation that these things were done to fulfill the promises God made to the prophets.

The fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus, and his death and resurrection, was not meant to benefit only a few people. We, as his disciples, must spread the Good News that sin and death don't have the last word. St. Peter gives us an inspiring example today when he speaks to the people. Look at how different he is from the man who denied Jesus three times! He boldly goes into the crowd – the same crowd that condemned Jesus to death – and preaches on what a gift we all have been given by Jesus' sacrifice. Peter knows, and we know, that Jesus' defeat of death means everything. We are freely offered salvation through Christ's saving action. Like the members of that crowd, we're invited to be witnesses to this great act of love, and to re-align our lives with God's will. Like Peter, we can speak the Good News without fear.

How can we imitate Christ in the way he reached out to his disciples who were wracked with fear and doubt? Perhaps we know somebody who feels trapped by sin, or unworthy of good things, or a constant failure. Let's be honest, sometimes that person is us! We all need encouragement and accompaniment from time to time. Find a way to be that encouragement for someone this week who's having a tough time. You don't have to fix their problems; just listen, let them know you care, and offer a sincere and hopeful encouragement that brighter days lie ahead.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Mike Brennan, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Linda Toomey, Samantha Strazisar, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

Diocesan Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 7:30AM – 3:30PM at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. The theme for this year's conference is "Saint Joseph: the Carpenter's Table." Featured keynote speaker is Jon Leonetti, a Catholic Best-selling author, and Radio Host. You can register for the conference at www.hbgdiocese.org/men.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Lourdeshouse on April 21st at 9:15AM. There will be a guest speaker from Catholic Charities. 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 \$10.00. We will also be collecting specific items for Lourdeshouse. A sign-up for breakfast and a list of needed items are posted on the bulletin board.



Retreat for First Holy Communion: Our second graders who are preparing for their First Holy Communion are reminded of a spiritual retreat for them on Friday, May 3rd, beginning at 4:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our children will also practice for the procession and reception of Holy Communion and the May Crowning. Children can be picked up at 6:30PM.

Rev. Mr. Michael Pray is being proposed by Bishop Senior for ordination to the Priesthood on June 1, 2024. This announcement is made in accordance with the law of the Church. If anyone knows of any reason why Michael Pray should not be ordained a priest, they have an obligation



in conscience to contact the pastor of this parish or Father Joshua Weaver, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Harrisburg, as soon as possible.

Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions are scheduled for **Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 14, 15, 16, 2024.** The Forty Hours Devotion is an opportunity to gather as a parish family before the Blessed Sacrament to pray before the Lord in solemn adoration. It gives us time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist in our lives.



This devotion should hold a special place in the life of a parish family because the Most Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and unity with Christ. Deacon Leo Dornan, who will be ordained a priest in May, will be our preacher for the devotions which begin each evening at 7:00PM. Please use these days as a spring spiritual retreat. **Adorers are needed to keep watch with the Blessed Sacrament during the day.** Please sign up at the bulletin Board in the narthex.

Attention CCD Parents: Registration Procedure for the 2024-2025 school year has changed. During April and May 2024, you may come to the CCD Office during CCD hours (9:00 – 10:15) and register your children for the next year and pay the CCD fee. You will no longer have to complete a new registration form each year. However, if any of your personal information has changed, you will need to inform the CCD Office and the required changes will be made to your child's record. **You will also be asked to complete a medical record for each of your children and also sign the Parish/Parent Covenant Agreement.** If you are new to the parish or are enrolling your children in our program for the first time, please complete a CCD Registration form, the Medical Record, and Covenant Agreement forms available in the church narthex or at the CCD Office in the Schmidt Center. Thank you for your cooperation!

**The Lord is Risen!
He is Truly Risen!!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**