

The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

April 21, 2024

Mass Intentions

April	22	8:00 AM	Agnes Puckett
April	23	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Leach requested by John & Mary Blair
April	24	8:00 AM	Anthony Demperio requested by Yvonne DePaulis
April	25	8:00 AM	Intentions Of John & Marlene Kirsch req. by The Raugh Family
April	26	8:00 AM	Jack Evers requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
April	27	5:00 PM	Betty Rhodes requested by Linda Myers
April	28	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Cathy Shulna requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst

Liturgical Ministries April 27-28

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
8:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Scott Dunkelberger	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Rosanne Wheatley	The Morrison Family Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 28

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

May 5

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

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: \$4,325.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,259.19

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

Church Calendar

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

Monday, April 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, April 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, April 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, April 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, April 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, April 27th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, April 28th (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

I am the Good Shepherd

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: 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).

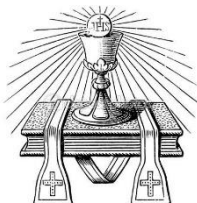
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:

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.

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 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!



Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood for Deacon Michael Pray will take place on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. We have been

blessed as Michael will be the third young man from our parish ordained for service in the Diocese of Harrisburg. The “new” Father Pray will celebrate his First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 2nd at 3:00PM. All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend the first Mass and the reception that will follow in the Parish Hall. Please sign up at the bulletin board by May 12th if you plan to attend the Mass and reception.



“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