

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

April 28, 2024

Mass Intentions

April	29	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Fred & Andrea Verbos
April	30	8:00 AM	Don Shaeffer requested by Vicki Baughman
May	1	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by Saint Bernard Knights Of Columbus
May	2	8:00 AM	Special Intention requested by Mary Jane Moyer
May	3	8:00 AM	Betty Rhodes requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
May	4	8:00 AM	The Holy Souls In Purgatory requested by Athan Robinson
		5:00 PM	Tony Gravante requested by Patti Gravante
May	5	8:00 AM	Sara Zettlemoyer requested by Robin & Mike Chiccini
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries May 4-5

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Dave Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Intentionally Blank	Jacob Innerst, Joe Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Sean Romano	Bill Davies	The Hoffman Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 5	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
May 12	The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,302.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,478.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 28th (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, April 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, April 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, May 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, May 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, May 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

First Communion Retreat, 4:00-6:30PM

Saturday, May 4th

Mass In Honor of IHM, 8:00 AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 5th (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

May Crowning of BVM, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Where do they get their energy!” Maybe you’ve said that about your children as they run around the yard while you’re trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes abound about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it’s proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That

is all relevant to us physically. What

about spiritually?

Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, “Jesus declares that he is the vine, and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live.” (Word on Fire Bible, 548) Just as we

see the effects of

sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus’ love on, and in,



people. As He nurtures us with His perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days – loving one another.

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ’s message in the Gospel. With Jesus as “the power and energy source in which we live,” we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out “boldly in the name of the Lord,” but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God’s commandments, John says, we “remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” In other words, those who remain in Christ “will bear much fruit” – a tangible sign that easily answers the question, “where does he/she get her energy?”

Is there anything in your life that is an obstacle to Jesus being the power and energy source in which you live? Are your days fueled more by anger, frustration, or ambition than His love? Pray this week in thanksgiving to God for where He has given you conversion of heart, and ask Him for the grace to see where improvement is needed and the will to make it happen.

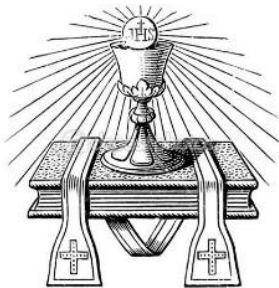
Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Linda Toomey, 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).

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.

Baptized in Christ: Our Parish is happy to welcome to our faith family *Ezra Akari Raugh* (infant son of Dan and Pleasant Raugh) and *Grayson Dominic Romano* (infant son of Sean and Julianne Romano) who were baptized last weekend in our parish church. May God grant these children the graces needed to grow in faith and love knowing His Fatherly care and protection. Let us continue to pray for them.

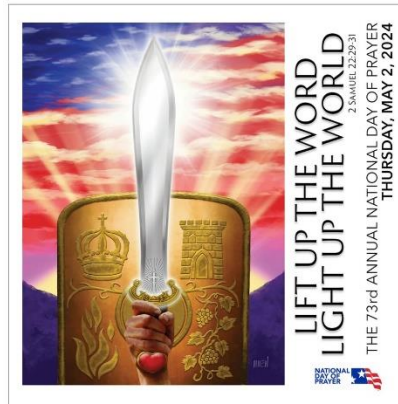
Military and Veterans Appreciation Day is schedule



for May 25, 2024, from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the New Kingstown Fire Company Pavilion (227 N. Locust Point Road) in Mechanicsburg.

All veterans, retired military, and active military (and spouses) are invited. Registration deadline is May 16th. You can register at smartinassembly.org/events. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Saint Martin Assembly, Mechanicsburg.

Perry County National Day of Prayer event will take place in the courtroom of Perry County Courthouse on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00PM.



Numerous people will lead us in prayer.

Through prayer, we can petition God that He would awaken us again to trust that “the word

of the Lord proves true” rather than testing Him with our disobedience. As people of faith, let us join together as we pray the Lord will heal the wounds and divisions that separate us from Him and from each other.

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