The Solemnity Of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

Mass Intentions						
May	20	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Abraham & Alicia Aldrich req. by Gwen Aldrich			
May	21	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Martha Havens requested by Carsyn Meek			
May	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by Her Family			
May	23	8:00 AM	Don Shaeffer requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris			
May	24	8:00 AM	NO MASS			
May	25	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish			
May	26	9:00 AM	Lucia & Lorenzo Rosselli requested by The Rosselli Family			

	Lectors	Liturgical Ministries May 25-26 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Gwen Pray	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Bill Davies	Scott Sheaffer	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 26 Robin & Mike Chiccini

June 2 Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 **Romans** 8:14-17 **Matthew** 28:16-20

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,169.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,736.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 19th (Pentecost Sunday) Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM Last CCD Class, 9:15-10:15AM Monday, May 20th Mass, 8:00AM Tuesday, May 21st Mass, 8:00AM Wednesday, May 22nd Mass, 8:00AM Prayer Group, 8:30AM Thursday, May 23rd Mass, 8:00AM Friday, May 24th No Mass Saturday, May 25th Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM Sunday, May 26th (Solemnity of Holy Trinity) Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM Mass, 9:00

"Come, O Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful with the fire of Your love."

From the Pastor's Desk:

Pentecost Sunday is here! If ever there was a day in the Church calendar to celebrate the transformational power of Christianity, this is it. We know from the first reading how the disciples go from being huddled and afraid in a locked room to stepping out boldly in the streets, loudly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. What



changed them so suddenly? was the coming of the Holy Spirit, the third divine person of the Trinity, into their hearts and lives. Jesus calls the Spirit an Advocate,

"the Spirit of truth," who will remain with the apostles after he has left. That same Spirit is promised to us, continuing the Easter joy. It is

only through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit that we have the knowledge, ability, and courage to proclaim Jesus as our Lord. Only in this way can we belong to Jesus and be in relationship with the Father. The very same God who created all things is here to help us become the sons and daughters he always envisioned us to be.

"Peace be with you," Jesus says, twice, to his disciples today. He approaches them with gentleness and a calming demeanor. He is aware of their fear and their anxiety, and that they would be confused and unsure upon seeing him in his resurrected body. Jesus offers us the same words: "peace be with you." For he knows we, too, can be afraid and unsure about what living out his words will mean to our lives. But we need not be worried! The Holy Spirit, that helper and advocate who came to the first disciples, is here to help us fill our hearts with love and joy and speak our beliefs without fear. When we open our hearts to God's love, Jesus tells us, the Holy Spirit "will guide [us] to all truth." In other words, he will be there to help us. As Paul states in the reading from Corinthians, we all have different gifts of the Spirit, and the important thing is that we use those gifts and talents to model ourselves after Jesus.

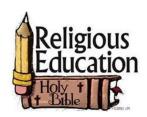
The Holy Spirit is with us to be our guide and advocate. Today, we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit," and witness the power of that first Pentecost which set the world on fire with God's love and truth. This week, spend some time reflecting on the joy you have as a Christian – and show that joy to the world!

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, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, 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).

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!

Saint Bernard's Garden Club: To keep our parish property looking its best during the summer months, families are asked to assist by taking a portion of our property and keeping it weeded and trimmed throughout the summer. It only takes a little of your time (a few times a month) to keep our parish looking well kept the whole summer long. A sign-up form is posted in the narthex and our parish is most grateful for your assistance.

Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby: On June 15, 2024 from 10AM to 2PM, at the Little Buffalo State Park, 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.

Summer Mass Schedule will begin next Sunday, May 25th. Sunday Vigil Mass will be celebrated

on Saturdays at 5:00PM and Mass on Sunday mornings will begin at 9:00AM. This schedule will remain through Labor Day weekend, September 1st.

Pentecost Collection: Thank you for your gift to the



annual Pentecost Collection (this weekend) for our seminarians and retired priests. We currently have 9 seminarians in the formation program studying for diocesan priesthood. The blessing of many seminarians

also comes with the high cost of educating them so they may one day serve the needs of God's Holy People. Thank you for your generous response to this important and worthwhile cause!!

Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers remember the soul of *Marian "Doats" Shatto* of our parish. May God grant her a merciful judgement and extend His healing and consolation to her family.

Congratulations, Father Sharman: Today, May 19th, Father Sharman celebrates his 40th anniversary of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. Our diocese and parish have been blessed by his faithful service and sterling priestly example. Remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving for him today. May God grant him many more happy and fruitful years as a priest!!

Book Sale: The Knights of Columbus are no longer accepting or collecting books for their September book sale.

Vacation Bible School: St Bernard's will host a VBS program about the Holy Eucharist for children aged 3 to entering the 6th grade from July 22 through July 26, 2024, 6 PM - 8:30 PM. Registration forms are available from CCD or the bulletin board in the narthex. Please complete them and return as soon as possible. Older students are welcome to join us and assist with the activities - this is a great way to complete service hours. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Morrison @ 717-462-4556, morrisonfam10@gmail.com, or 717-254-0280 (text).

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest and in our hearts take up Thy Rest!