

# The Sixth Sunday Of Easter

May 5, 2024

## Mass Intentions

May	6	8:00 AM	Michael Brennan requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
May	7	8:00 AM	Jack Evers requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
May	8	8:00 AM	Daniela & Salvatore DeRiolo requested by The Rosselli Family
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
May	9	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Suzann Meyer
May	10	8:00 AM	Bernadine Potetz requested by Patti Gravante
May	11	5:00 PM	John Cover requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
May	12	8:00 AM	Josie Gatmen requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries May 11-12

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Sheaffer	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Mark Ticehurst	The Robinson Family Jacob Innerst

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 12	The Raugh Family
May 19	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 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-9

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,819.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,487.00

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

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

First Communion Mass, 8:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Vigil for the Solemnity of Ascension, 7:00PM

### **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (Ascension of the Lord)**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

### **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (Seventh Sunday of Easter)**

#### **Happy Mother's Day**

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

## From the Pastor's Desk:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you ... If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." We don't earn God's love – it is freely given to us. But only by loving God and others, and by keeping his commandments, do we remain in that love as our source of life and joy. It becomes the air we breathe, and the breath we

exhale.

Today's second reading and Gospel

reassure us of the love of God, but also give us a few specifics for how to live in and remain in that love –

self-sacrifice and prayer. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us, and we know what that looks like from his life: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, forgiving one another, and more.



Living in the way Jesus instructs is not simply completing a checklist of things to do, however. It's a way of life – to live in God's love and to demonstrate his love with our outward actions. When we do so, we are helping bring about the kingdom in a very real way. It's not complicated. We begin by acting in accordance with the truth that the person in front of us is loved by God.

The message of the Gospel is countercultural and upends many convictions about what is true, good, and beautiful. What Jesus says can seem upside down to us, as it certainly did to the people of his time! Even the disciples, who walked with Jesus, didn't fully grasp all of what Jesus had told them until after he had been raised from the dead and appeared in their midst and shared food with them. And even after they understood, they didn't live it perfectly, nor do we. The things of this world we can mistakenly think are important get in the way of loving as we ought, and they shape our behavior and vision of the world. To counter that, we must focus in on what the Lord is saying and what that demands of us. What exactly that will look like in our lives is the provenance of prayer. Ask for God's help in loving all those we come across, even (and especially) those we may not particularly care for. He will answer our prayers and show us the way.

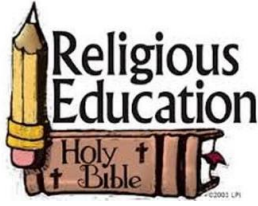
Think of someone you know personally or whom you know of who is particularly difficult to like. Create a plan to love them this week – either through praying for them, or interacting with them in a charitable, selfless way.

**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 Odat, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Marian Shatto, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

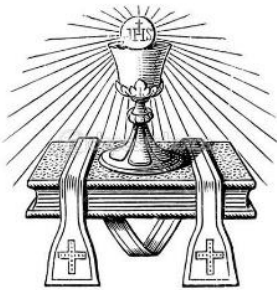
**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com).

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website ([www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://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!



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend the Mass and reception.

**Military and Veterans Appreciation Day** is scheduled 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 16<sup>th</sup>. You can



register at [smartinassembly.org/events](http://smartinassembly.org/events).

This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Saint Martin Assembly, Mechanicsburg.

**Congratulations to our First Communicants:** This Sunday our Parish shares the joy of five of our youth as they receive our Lord Jesus for the very first time in Holy Communion. Let us continue to remember the following in our prayers:

***Regan Bendorf***  
***Hattie Innerst***  
***Elise Jenkins***  
***Alfonso Mazzotta***  
***Bruno Mazzotta***

**The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a Holy Day of obligation, will be celebrated on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. A Vigil Mass will begin on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM and Mass on the feast day will begin at 8:00AM.

**Memorial Funeral Mass for Mike and Kathleen Brennan** will be celebrated on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM in our parish church. Let us continue to remember the Brennan family in our prayers, that the Lord may grant them healing and consolation!

**Congratulations Deacon Pray:** This past Friday evening, Deacon Michael Pray graduated from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and was awarded with the following degrees: Masters in Education, Masters in Philosophy, Masters in Divinity, Masters in Church History, and a Pontifical degree in Sacred Theology from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC.

**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.

**K of C Fishing Derby:** The Knights of Columbus will host their annual fishing derby on Saturday, June 15 from 10AM – 2PM at Little Buffalo State Park. Sign up at the bulletin Board.