

Easter Sunday Of The Ressurrection Of The Lord

April 20, 2025

Mass Intentions

April	21	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	22	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	23	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Leach requested by John & Mary Blair
April	24	8:00 AM	Joni Lawrence requested by Scott & Joan Dunkelberger
April	25	8:00 AM	I/O Magdalene Foryce requested by The Fordyce Family
April	26	5:00 PM	Anna Williams
April	27	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Deceased Of The Rogers Family req. by Rick & Madeline Rogers

Liturgical Ministries April 26-27

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
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5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Austin Hoffman
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Dunkelberger	Joe Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Mark Ticehurst	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 20

Gwen Pray

April 27

Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 5:12-16

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19

John 20:19-31

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,137.75

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,325.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 20th (Easter Sunday)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, April 21st

No Mass

Tuesday, April 22nd

No Mass

Wednesday, April 23rd

Masses, 8:00AM

Thursday, April 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, April 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, April 26th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, April 27th (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Confessions, 2:00PM

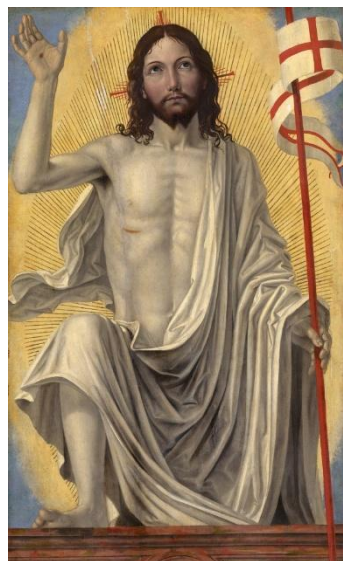
Divine Mercy Devotions, 2:45PM

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!

He is truly Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

From the Pastor's Desk:

After years (and, for many of us, decades) of celebrating Easter, we may not be sensitive to the sheer peculiarity of the Resurrection accounts. But a close reading of today's Gospel prompts us to ask: If most of us were dreaming up the greatest event in history, wouldn't we have made it more



exciting? A little fanfare would have gotten the message out to the world and nipped future skepticism in the bud. Yet this is not what God did. The account of Jesus' resurrection has no fanfare; in fact, it is not an account of a resurrection at all. It is a story of an empty tomb discovered by a woman from whom

Jesus had cast out seven demons (cf. Lk 8:2), and two fishermen. Awestruck by the simplicity of

these circumstances, we are inspired to adore the profound humility of God who invites – but never forces – us to respond to him in faith.

Although we cannot know exactly why God chose to arrange the events this way, today's second reading offers a hint: "For you have died," writes St. Paul, "and your life is hidden with Christ in God." This world which we consider home, and everything that comes to mind when we say "my life" – these are only shadows of the life that is found in Christ alone. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are meant to gaze past the outward appearances of our mundane and sometimes pain-filled lives and, with the eyes of faith, place our hope in the true life that comes from God. But how often we forget! How often we live as if this world were all there was, without hope for eternal life! We are not alone in forgetting God's promises; Mary Magdalene and the disciples do not seem to expect Jesus' resurrection – even though he had repeatedly predicted it. At the tomb, they sought a dead body; but Jesus wished to offer them his life. We, likewise, must desire and seek his life by laying aside everything that does not lead us to him.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Although we don't place our hope in this life, marking the Church's feasts in our homes and families can inspire us to seek "what is above" by giving us a foretaste of the joys of heaven. Today through next Sunday, as we celebrate the "Easter Octave," every day is Easter Day! Use simple reminders – decorations, an extra treat, an additional time of prayer – to rejoice each day of the Octave.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Mary Everett, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Frances Kute, Tom Polcha, Joe Rich, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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

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

Red Cross Blood Drive: “The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Bernard Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 14th from 1:15 PM to 6:00 PM. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter: StBernard Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors receive



a \$20 e-card. Questions may be directed to Kathy Odat, Red Cross Volunteer, at # 717-275-7549. Thank you!”

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Lourdeshouse on April 27th 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 2nd, 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. Our children will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4th at the 8:00AM Mass. Let us continue to remember them in our prayers as they spiritually prepare for this special day.

Special Thanks to all who assisted and contributed their gifts and talents to our parish for the beautiful Holy Week and Easter Masses and ceremonies. The beauty of our church only enhanced the meaning of our celebrations. We are especially grateful for those who cleaned the

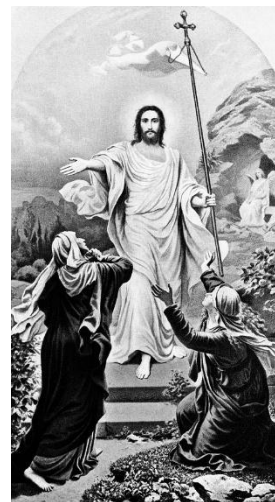
church and help decorate it for Holy Week and Easter. You know who you are and God knows and will reward your faithful service to our parish community. Thank you!!

Divine Mercy Sunday: You are cordially invited to



attend Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday, April 27th beginning at 2:45PM. Confessions will be heard from 2:00 – 2:45PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at three O'clock.

Reflection on the Resurrection of Jesus: Christ rose again in His own human body. His body still bore the scars of His passion. He could have removed these scars, if He had wished. But He chose to retain them. In this way He could prove to men that it was really Himself who had risen. Besides, He was to ascend into heaven to plead with His



Father for the salvation of men. In heaven His scars would be a perpetual reminder to the Father of His suffering for men. In heaven, too, the marks of His wounds would be an everlasting trophy of His triumph over the world, the devil, and sin. But though He still bore the marks of His wounds, His risen Body was glorified. It was immortal. He could never die again. The glory

of His soul, united to God in the beatific vision, flowed over into His body and made it shine with a divine light. His Body was completely under the control of His soul. ...His Resurrection is also the model or pattern according to which the souls of the just shall rise on the last day. (*My Way of Life, the Summa of Saint Thomas Aquinas Simplified*)

Easter Water: Water blessed during the Easter Vigil is primarily used in the Catholic Church for baptisms and as a symbol of renewal and cleansing during the Easter season. Traditionally Catholics also take the water to bless their homes and families. It is available in the narthex, along with small bottles, for your use to sprinkle and bless your homes this Easter Season.