

The Second Sunday Of Easter

April 27, 2025

Mass Intentions

April	28	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	29	8:00 AM	Connie Krause requested by The Strazisar Family
April	30	8:00 AM	I/O Glenn Harshberger requested by Ron & Kathy Scheib
May	1	8:00 AM	Patrick Chapman
May	2	8:00 AM	I/O Siena Robinson requested by Michael & Kim Lane
May	3	8:00 AM	Peter Fiotti requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
		5:00 PM	Tony Gravante requested by Patti Gravante
May	4	8:00 AM	Mario Cozzubo
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries May 3-4

Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers

Servers

5:00 PM	Pat Pray	Patty Suydam	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Mark Ticehurst	Christopher Harlan Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Rose Wheatley	Jacob Innerst Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 27

Robin & Mike Chiccini

May 4

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,634.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,302.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 27th (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

K of C Pro-Life Breakfast, 9:15AM

Confessions, 2:00PM

Divine Mercy Devotions, 2:45PM

Monday, April 28th

No Mass

Tuesday, April 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, April 30th

Masses, 8:00AM

Thursday, May 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, May 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

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

Saturday, May 3rd

Mass In Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 4th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

First Holy Communion at 8:00AM Mass

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

From the Pastor's Desk:

On this Easter Octave, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As Jesus revealed to the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, the blood and water that gushed forth from his side during his crucifixion would become a “fountain of mercy”



for all of us. In today's first reading, we witness what happens now that the Apostles have received that mercy flowing from the foot of the cross. Motivated by the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and ascension and emboldened by the gift of the Holy Spirit, these men are now continuing his

ministry of healing. Just as the ill and possessed flocked to Christ, so now those sick in body or spirit see the power of Christ working through the Apostles. The beauty of receiving God's mercy is that it doesn't stop once it's been poured into us –

his mercy compels us, inspiring us to become living fonts of mercy to those we encounter.

In a somewhat confusing chronology, today's Gospel takes place in time before the events in our first reading. So, we go with the disciples back to “the evening of that first day of the week.” They have been through a lot over the past weeks. They have watched their community turn on Jesus and give him over to be brutally killed. They have walked with him through his agonizing passion and bitter death, and they have witnessed his glorious resurrection from the dead. “Overwhelming” seems too small a word. Can you imagine the weight of their experience on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level? Now, in today's Gospel, we see them gathered together behind locked doors, shaken from the recent events, and fearing for their own lives. Somehow, mysteriously, Jesus enters the room and says, “Peace be with you.” Three times, Jesus repeats this phrase to his disciples in this reading. Untethered by space and time and in the wake of grief and glory, the Savior of the world extends himself in an intimate encounter, radically present to those who love him.

Throughout today's Scriptures, we see the Lord's relentless pursuit of the human heart. We see a God who loves us so passionately that he pours himself into us, inviting us to partake in his mission by the outpouring of his mercy and the power of his Holy Spirit. Today, pause to reflect on the mercy of God. In what areas of your life can you see God's mercy at work? How can you be an instrument of his mercy for others?

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@analogyapologetics.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 Odatto, 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

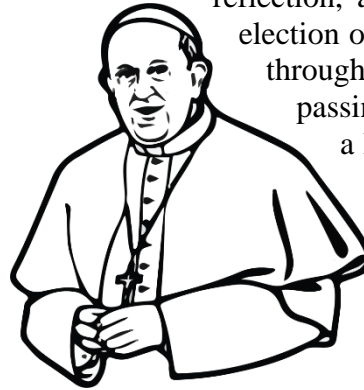


6th grade or higher are invited to attend at no cost with a signed parental permission slip. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and drinks. The requested adult donation for breakfast is \$10.00. We will also be collecting specific items for Lourdeshouse. A sign-up for breakfast and a list of items needed 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.

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.

Reflections on the death of Pope Francis: The death of a Pope is a significant occasion in the Catholic Church. It not only brings an end to the leadership a Pope provided the universal Church, but it also brings a transition that will affect the whole Church. We now enter a period of mourning,



reflection, and preparation for the election of a new Vicar of Christ through a conclave. The passing of a Pope is not just a loss for the Church, but also a significant moment for the world, as the Pope has become a global figure who often speaks on issues of peace, justice, and human rights.

The Pope's death begins a nine-day period of official mourning in the Church. Requiem Masses will be celebrated in Saint Peter's Basilica for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, as the Cardinals throughout the world make their way to Rome for the Conclave. All cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to gather in a secret conclave to elect the next Pope. This process is steeped in tradition and involves a series of secret ballots until a new Pope is chosen.

Let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May God grant him a merciful judgement and may he be given the reward promised to the good and faithful servant. As the death of a Pope marks a transition period, it also ensures the continuity of the Church's mission and tradition. The new Pope will inherit the many challenges and opportunities facing the Church and the world. Let us pray to the Lord that He will give us an orthodox, holy Shepherd to guide us in standing firm and holding to the sacred traditions of our Catholic faith.

Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers remember the soul of **Joanna Buck** of our parish. May God grant Joanna a merciful judgment and admit her to His kingdom of light, joy, and peace.

**Pray the Rosary
For
Vocations and Peace in our world!**