

The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

May 11, 2025

Mass Intentions

May	12	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	13	8:00 AM	I/O Deacon Robinson and Family
May	14	8:00 AM	I/O Ann Pease requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
May	15	8:00 AM	I/O Kiara Lane requested by Michael & Kim Lane
May	16	8:00 AM	I/O Christian & Erin Ticehurst req. by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
May	17	5:00 PM	John Kirsch requested by The Raugh Family
May	18	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Charlie Wellock

Liturgical Ministries May 17-18

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
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5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Dunkelberger	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Mark Ticehurst	Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 11	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek
May 18	Kim Lane, Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$6,355.72

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$6,366.25

The Easter Collection amounted to: \$4,765.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, May 12th

No Mass

Tuesday, May 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, May 14th

Masses, 8:00AM

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-6:00PM

Thursday, May 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, May 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, May 17th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 18th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**"My sheep hear My voice;
I know them, and they follow
Me."**

From the Pastor's Desk:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd,



calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus' sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ's flock involves not only being known by him, but

knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world's fertile meadows may look inviting, not to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to

the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd's voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today's second reading, however, St. John's vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: "For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them." In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is the Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father's will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd's attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep's attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about our relationship with Christ?

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

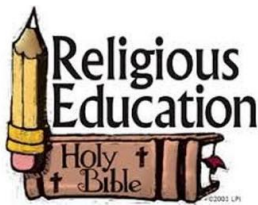
Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

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 Odato, Red Cross Volunteer, at # 717-275-7549. Thank you!”



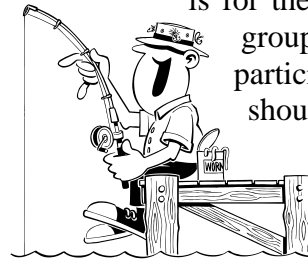
Attention CCD Parents: Registrations are now open for the 2025-2026 school year. During April and May 2025, you may come to the CCD Office during CCD hours (9:00 – 10:15) and register your children for the next year and pay the CCD fee. You will no longer have to complete a new registration form each 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 14, 2025, 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.

Quo Vadis Days: This Diocesan sponsored retreat for young Catholic men will take place from June 22-26, 2025, at Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. These days give young men the peace, time, and quiet needed to begin hearing the call of the Lord to discern his vocation. The days include talks, discussions, and great food and recreation. If interested in attending, please call Father Sharman. The registration deadline is June 13.

CCD Catechist Needed: We need catechists to team-teach in our CCD program. Are you interested in working with the children to teach our Catholic faith? Just your willingness to pass along the faith to children is one of the most important characteristics of a good catechist. All classes are teamed with two catechists and the younger classes also have an aide. I will meet with any interested person to discuss our program, the text we use, and the duties/responsibilities of our teachers and aides. Please contact Alice Vilks at alicevilks4@gmail.com. It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish - so come join us!

