

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

May 18, 2025

Mass Intentions

May	19	8:00 AM	I/O Reid Wilson requested by Judy Wilson
May	20	8:00 AM	I/O Rachel Hammond requested by Michael & Kim Lane
May	21	8:00 AM	I/O Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
May	22	8:00 AM	Carl DePaulis requested by Yvonne DePaulis
May	23	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	24	5:00 PM	Joni Lawrence requested by Scott & Joan Dunkelberger
May	25	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries May 24-25

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Scott Sheaffer	Joseph Morrison Helena Krieger

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 18	Kim Lane, Marian McCoy
May 25	The Rough Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23	John 14:23-29
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,473.28

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,169.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 18th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

Last CCD Class, 9:15-10:15AM

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions, 7:00PM

Monday, May 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions, 7:00PM

Tuesday, May 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions, 7:00PM

Wednesday, May 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, May 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, May 23rd

No Mass

Saturday, May 24th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 25th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

**“I give you a new
commandment: love one
another.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Today's Gospel occurs shortly before Jesus gives his Last Supper Discourses in the Gospel of John. Judas has betrayed Jesus, and now the Lord speaks to his inner circle for one of the last times before his arrest. “I will be with you only a little while longer,” he says.



At these words, I imagine a hush falling over the group. Rattled by Judas' strange actions and alarmed by the Lord announcing his impending departure, the disciples' eyes must have darted about as they held their breath, awaiting Jesus' words. “I give you

a new commandment,” he says. “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” In a word, Jesus summarizes his teaching: love as God loves. He is using these

last moments to exhort his disciples to be as he is. We know it won't be easy – it will involve sacrifice and suffering – but the Holy Spirit is present with us to guide and advocate for us on our journey.

Have you ever experienced a season of suffering and wondered, “Have I done something wrong?” When we meet resistance on the narrow path, it can make us question our choices, ourselves, and sometimes even God. Let today's first reading be a boost of confidence on your journey; remember that your suffering does not imply a misstep. “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” Paul and Barnabas exhort the disciples (and us). It is natural to grow fatigued, especially when we encounter hardships. This is one reason why the Lord desires that we never journey alone. By God's perfect design, humans require companionship, from other humans and from the Creator himself. In the reading from the Book of Revelation, John the Apostle hears a loud voice saying, “God himself will always be with them as their God.” Though the road may be peppered with pain, and the trials overwhelming, may we never forget that our God is very near!

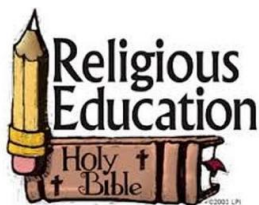
Today's readings reveal themes of perseverance in faith, radical love, and the stunning reality that the Lord is truly present to us. As we pray with these Scriptures, consider asking yourself: What areas of my life feel distant from the Lord's presence? How can I open these areas up to receive his light and his love? Take time to talk to the Lord in prayer about these things. When you do, make sure you leave space and silence for him to speak.

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.

Attention CCD Parents: Registrations are now open for the 2025-2026 school year. During April and May

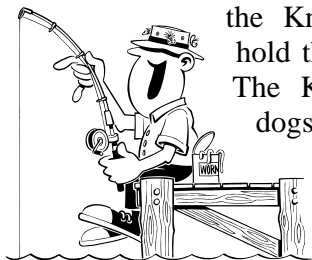


2025, you may come to the CCD Office during CCD hours (9:00 – 10:15) and register your children for the next year and pay the CCD fee. You will no longer have

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!

Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers remember the souls of ***Mary Everett*** and ***Cathy Steiner***. May God grant them the rewards promised to good and faithful servants and give healing and consolation to their families!

Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions are scheduled for ***Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, May 18, 19, 20, 2025.*** The Forty Hours Devotion is an opportunity



to gather as a parish family before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn adoration. It gives us time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist in our lives.

This devotion should hold a special place in the life of a parish family because the Most Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and unity with Christ. Father Michael Pray will be our preacher for the devotions which begin each evening at 7:00PM. Please use these days as a spring spiritual retreat. Exposition will begin after morning Mass and conclude with evening devotions. ***Adorers are needed to keep watch with the Blessed Sacrament during the day.*** Please sign up at the bulletin Board in the narthex.

**All Praise to the Eucharistic
Heart of Jesus!**