The Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Mass Intentions

May	26	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	27	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	28	8:00 AM	I/O Peter Thorpe requested by Mary Ellen Thorpe
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
May	29	8:00 AM	I/O Maria Hiles requested by Michael & Kim Lane
May	30	8:00 AM	I/O Jane & Joseph Yarborough req. by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
May	31	5:00 PM	Anne & Angelo Altavilla requested by Louise Kline
June	1	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

	Lectors	Liturgical Ministries May 31-June 1 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Yvonne DePaulis	Dave Suydam
9:00 AM	David Pray	Scott Dunkelberger	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 25	The Raugh Family
June 1	Gwen Pray

Next Sunday's Readings Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,177.00 The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,191.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 25th Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM Mass, 8:00AM Monday, May 26th No Mass Tuesday, May 27th No Mass Wednesday, May 28th Mass, 8:00AM Vigil Mass for Solemnity of the Ascension, 7:00PM Thursday, May 29th (Feast of the Ascension) Mass, 8:00AM Friday, May 30th Mass, 8:00 AM Saturday, May 31st Confession, 4:00-4:45PM Mass, 5:00PM Sunday, June 1st Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM Mass, 9:00

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, say the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him."

From the Pastor's Desk:

I saw a one-liner on a church marquee years ago that said: *If you feel distant from God, guess who moved?* In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told his disciples that he would be with them "only a little while longer." Of course, we know the full story:



Jesus did not abandon his followers.

Today we hear of his parting gift to them and to us. Although Jesus would soon return to the Father, he was sending someone to minister to the disciples and to

encourage them in their mission: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Often in our lives, when we feel distant from God, we may wonder if the Lord has departed from us. In these seasons, remember that Jesus – who has never broken a promise – did, indeed, send the Holy Spirit to be with us. Take heart in moments of trial and call upon the Spirit, the Advocate, whose name in Latin means "he who is called to one's side." He will come close, reminding you of the goodness of God and encouraging you on the path to heaven.

Today's second reading narrates St. John the Apostle's vision of the heavenly Jerusalem. John describes the radiant splendor of this place "like that of a precious stone." Though the vision is resplendent, John observes: "The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." God himself is the source of light which illumines heaven. But he is likewise present among us and his reign is meant to extend on earth as well. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can, therefore, prepare for heaven while also striving to bring God's glory to earth by living for him each day. So many times we have prayed the words of the Lord's Prayer: "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Allow the glory of God to illumine your everyday life. Call upon God's grace and the Holy Spirit to witness to his truth, beauty, and goodness.

Inviting the Holy Spirit to act as our Advocate, how do we reveal the glory of God in our daily activities? As you begin your work, study, or household tasks, offer him your undertakings (and your heart) and ask him to transform the mundane into the sacred.

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 longsuffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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

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

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



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.

(CD Catechist Needed: We need catechists to teamteach 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 Vilk at alicevilk4@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 soul of *Patricia Robinson*. May God grant Patty a merciful judgement and give healing and consolation to her family!

Vacation Bible School: DON'T MISS THE BUS! Climb aboard The Vatican Express! Meet your tour guide, a member of the Swiss Guard and



uncover the Vatican treasures. First stop...Saint Peter's Square! Explore St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. Get to know St. Peter and find out how

the Church started. Read about St. Jerome and his friend, Lion. FUN is just around the corner. Step into sensational, skits, exciting Bible stories, creative crafts and music! Fasten your seatbelts for the ride of your life! All Aboard the Vatican Express!! We will gather from July 21-25 from 6:00-8:30PM in the church, hall, and pavilion. Children ages 3 to entering 6th grade may register. Forms for registration are on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information, please contact Jen Morrison at <u>Morrisonfam10@gmail.com</u> or 717-462-4556.

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 3^{rd} from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion.



Families are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Our gracious Knights of Columbus will provide the meat course and drinks. It is a fun time for everyone and early

enough in August for our college-bound youth to enjoy before heading off to school. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

The Solemnity of the Ascension, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated on Thursday, May 29. A vigil Mass will begin on Wednesday, May 28th at 7:00PM. Mass on the feast day begins at 8:00AM.

Pray the Rosary for Peace in our world, For vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, and for an end to abortion!