

The Third Sunday Of Easter

May 4, 2025

Mass Intentions

May	5	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	6	8:00 AM	I/O Maria Huber
May	7	8:00 AM	I/O Seth & Julie Ticehurst requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
May	8	8:00 AM	I/O Deacon Robinson and Family
May	9	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
May	10	5:00 PM	Joni Lawrence requested by Brian & Annmarie Bocklage
May	11	8:00 AM	Helen Kilcullen
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries May 10-11

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
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5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Joseph Morrison Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Nancy Stanton	Jacob Innerst Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 4	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
May 11	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 13:14, 43-52	Revelation 7:9, 14b-17	John 10: 27-30
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,991.05

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,819.00

The Parish Contingency for April amounted to: \$1,503.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 4th

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, May 5th

No Mass

Tuesday, May 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, May 7th

Masses, 8:00AM

Thursday, May 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, May 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, May 10th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

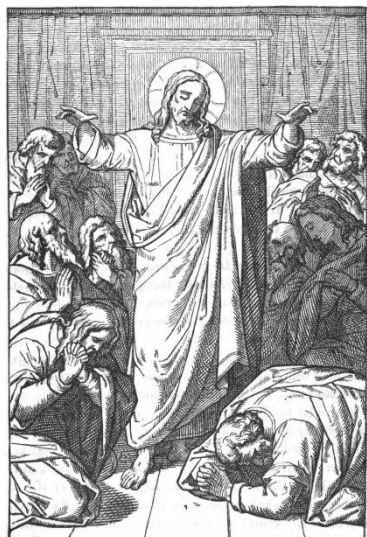
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**"We must obey God
rather than men."**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Underlying Peter's simple statement in today's Gospel, "I am going fishing," is an ocean of sadness. This leader of the Apostles was once



so eager and self-assured that he declared to Jesus, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." (Mt 26:35) But we know the story: At the decisive moment, Peter yielded under pressure and three times denied that he even knew

Jesus. Now, after witnessing his Master's arrest and execution, Peter, whom Jesus called to leave his nets to be a fisher of men (see Mt 4:19), returns to his old profession. And even there he sustains

another failure: he can't catch any fish! Swimming to shore, the ever-impulsive Apostle discovers that Jesus had already procured fish for breakfast without his help. Imagine Peter's consternation: my vocation as an Apostle, my career as a fisherman, my professed willingness to die for the Lord – everything I thought I could hang my hat on – were pretense and illusion.

In our relationship with God, we are at times beset by the reality of our own weaknesses and apparent failures. But for Peter as for us, despondency does not have to have the final word. In one of the most intimate exchanges in the Gospels, Jesus heals Peter's self-inflicted wound. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" the Lord asks three times. What Jesus desires from the Apostle is not eloquent declarations of courage; he wants Peter's love; he wants his heart: conscious of its frailty and humble enough to be led where it does not want to go. Neither Peter's day job nor his grandiose spiritual aspirations are useful to the Lord if Peter has not first surrendered himself to God. This is because only a heart which belongs to God and draws its strength from him can bear fruit for the kingdom of heaven. Such is likewise true for us, often so anxious about tomorrow or preoccupied with our attempts to "earn" God's love. Our primary responsibility, without which none of our other labors will be fruitful, is to give our hearts completely to him.

Repetition is the mother of learning. Three times, Jesus asked Peter to renew his love – perhaps, in part, to convince Peter! This week, offer your heart to God as soon as you get up in the morning. You could even use Peter's words: "Lord, you know that I love you." By making this a habit, you invite God's grace and strength to make each day's actions fruitful.

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, 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.

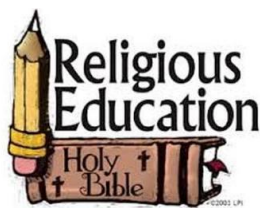
Red Cross Blood Drive: "The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Bernard Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 14th from 1:15 PM to 6:00 PM. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter: StBernard Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors receive a \$20 e-card. Questions may be directed to Kathy Odat, Red Cross Volunteer, at # 717-275-7549. Thank you!"



Congratulations to our First Communicants: This Sunday our Parish shares the joy of eight of our youth as they receive our Lord Jesus for the very first time in Holy Communion. Let us continue to remember the following in our prayers:

*Reed Albert
Evan Czekaj
Armando Garcia
Emma Harlan
Catherine Martzell
Macklin Puchalsky
Landen Seaman
Luke Ticehurst*

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



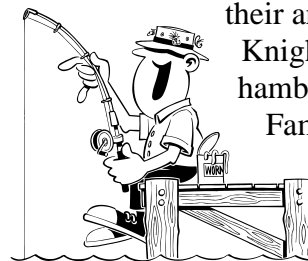
new registration form each year. However, if any of your personal information has changed, you will need to inform the CCD Office, and the required changes will be made to your child's record. *You will also be asked to complete a medical record for each of your children and sign the Parish/Parent Covenant 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.

Baptized in Christ: Our parish is pleased to welcome **Derek Puchalsky** to our faith family. Derek was baptized last Sunday and received his First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please continue to pray for Derek that he may be a faithful and zealous witness to the Lord Jesus.

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.

May is Mary's month