

The Second Sunday Of Easter, Sunday Of Divine Mercy

April 12, 2026

Mass Intentions

April	13	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	14	8:00 AM	Dennis Haag requested by John & Mary Blair
April	15	8:00 AM	Margaret Philips requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
April	16	8:00 AM	Annamarie Casner requested by Glenn & Pat Harshberger
April	17	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
April	18	5:00 PM	John Noyalis requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
April	19	8:00 AM	Edward T. Albright, Jr. requested by The Ken Morrison Family
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries April 18-19

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
8:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Reed Kreider	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Scott Sheaffer	C. Harlan, H. Krieger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Olney Innerst	A. Hoffman, J. Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 19	Kim Lane, Marian McCoy
April 26	The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,652.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,937.75

The Easter Collection amounted to: \$5,587.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 12th (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Confessions, 2:00PM

Divine Mercy Devotions, 2:45PM

Monday, April 13th

No Mass

Tuesday, April 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, April 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, April 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, April 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, April 18th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, April 19th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions, 7:00PM

“Jesus, I trust in You!”

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Can you imagine being Thomas and finding out that while you were gone from the Upper Room, the resurrected Jesus appeared to

the other disciples? And then, according to the evangelist John, it was a full week later when Jesus returns to that room. If I were Thomas, I would probably be consumed with thoughts about how unfair the situation was – that I was being asked to believe without seeing while the other disciples were able to see the glorified Christ. And, of course, we don’t know how



Thomas reacted, except that he demanded to see and touch the wounds of Christ. We do know that when Christ returns, he does not admonish Thomas, but offers his hands and his side to his disciple to touch. Christ responded to Thomas with mercy – inviting him into an encounter in a way that will draw him into deeper faith. And Christ also comes to us again and again and again, mercifully inviting us into relationship with him regardless of what we demand or how often we fall away.

We do not have a right to God’s mercy. Humanity willingly and intentionally turned away from God in the Garden of Eden, and we continue to do so today when we choose to sin and turn away from God. But God extends mercy to us as an undeserved gift, and he calls us to be merciful to others. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that the first Christians devoted themselves to the love of God and others, and they forged an avenue for mercy to be made present as they cared for one another by dividing their material goods “according to each one’s need.” We, too, are called to be merciful. We are called to look beyond what someone should be able to do on their own and be open to responding to their need in love. And as we show mercy to others, we remind one another of our dignity and worth. As with Thomas, Jesus does not focus on what we lack, but instead generously offers what is needed to draw us into relationship.

It can be just as hard to receive mercy as it is to extend it. In receiving mercy, we must admit that we are not capable of healing ourselves of all that keeps us from full communion with Christ. This week, pray for the grace to fully receive the mercy that God so lovingly offers, trusting that he desires to meet us where we are and draw us closer to himself.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Jeff Galgon, Dawn Lowe, Mary Schoedel, Matt Morrison, Ron Utzig, Glenn Harshberger, 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 our Parish on May 13, 2026, from 1:00-6:00PM. This drive will honor our parishioner, Gene Odato, a former blood donor, two-time bone marrow transplant recipient (2004/20025), and Leukemia survivor. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter code: StBernard or call 1-800-733-2767. Donors receive a t-shirt. Please call Kathy Odato (717-275-7549) with questions. Together we can save lives. Thank you!



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 1st, 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 3rd 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 12th beginning at 2:45PM. Confessions will be heard from 2:00 – 2:45PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at three O'clock.



Quo Vadis Days: Might Jesus be calling you to priestly ministry in the Church? Quo Vadis Days are sponsored by the Diocese to help men (15-25 years old) discern where the Lord might be calling you in your vocation. These days take place at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland from June 21-25. If interested in attending, please contact Father Sharman.

Reflections on Divine Mercy: On this Easter Octave day, 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.

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?

Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions are scheduled for *Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 19, 20, 21, 2026.* The Forty Hours Devotion is an opportunity to gather as a parish family before the Blessed Sacrament to pray before the Lord 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. Dominican Father James Sullivan will be our preacher for the devotions which begin each evening at 7:00PM. Please use these days as a spring spiritual retreat. *Adorers are needed to keep watch with the Blessed Sacrament during the day.* Please sign up at the bulletin Board in the narthex.

Pray the rosary for
Vocations to the Priesthood!