

The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

April 26, 2026

Mass Intentions

April	27	8:00 AM	Marcia Goodman requested by Pat & Gwen Pray
April	28	8:00 AM	Charlie Kirk requested by The Ken Morrison Family
April	29	8:00 AM	W. Michael Greaney requested by The Morrison Family
April	30	8:00 AM	Mary Odatto requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
May	1	8:00 AM	Kay Dorundo requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
May	2	8:00 AM	I/O Galin & Mary Rice requested by Rich & Kathy Dubois
		5:00 PM	Barbara Showalter requested by Sue Guarducci
May	3	8:00 AM	Rachel Scheib requested by Kathy Scheib
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries May 2-3

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Gary Hilbolt	Yvonne DePaulis	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	William Aldrich	A. Hoffman, J. Morrison H. Krieger
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Evan Ticehurst	J. Innerst, Z. Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 3 Tonya Sands

May 10 Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,130.50

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$3,991.05

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 26th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, April 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, April 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, April 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, April 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, May 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

First Communion Retreat, 4:00-6:30PM

Saturday, May 2nd

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 3rd

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

First Holy Communion, 8:00AM

May Crowning of BVM Statue, 9:00AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“The Lord is my Shepherd.”

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Today’s readings invite us to reflect on our willingness to hear the voice of the Lord, especially when he speaks a word that will convict



our hearts. In the first reading, Peter stands up and proclaims Christ crucified and risen, and some three thousand people who heard this were “cut to the heart” and were baptized. Peter’s message was not an easy one to hear; he was, in part, reminding them that they had put Jesus to death.

But something about Peter’s words made it clear that he was speaking the truth. And they repented. They recognized, as we hear in our second

reading, that they “had gone astray like sheep” but now they “have returned to the shepherd and guardian of [their] souls.” As we seek to grow in discipleship, may we learn to recognize the Lord’s voice in our lives, especially when he speaks a word that convicts our hearts, because it is only through him that we find abundant life.

Our Gospel tells us that the sheep recognize the shepherd’s voice. We “sheep” who know the Lord have the awesome task of helping others to come to know his voice. One of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal in the work of evangelizing is simply sharing about our own walk with the Lord. Take some time to talk with someone about the ways you recognize the Lord’s voice in your life. Those for whom a relationship with God seems far-fetched or difficult can draw great encouragement from hearing about what that relationship looks like in your own life. Often, our own sharing can make it clear that it is possible to hear and communicate with God in a personal and life-changing way, leading them to seek that in their own life.

St. Ignatius of Loyola outlined several rules for the “discernment of spirits,” a way of recognizing God’s movement in our hearts. A simple summary of the rules says that when we stray from the Lord, the Spirit convicts our hearts, drawing us to repentance. When we are moving toward the Lord, the Spirit encourages our growth toward holiness by gifts of his peace and consolation. Spend some time reflecting on this current phase of your spiritual life. How is the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking to draw you toward his abundant life?

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@analogypologetics.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!



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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.



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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.

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



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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 hallway, and our parish is most grateful for your assistance.

Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby: On June 6, 2026, 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.*



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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 Vilk at alicevilk4@gmail.com. It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish - so come join us!

Our Patron's Wisdom: "It is of great importance in order to gain assured knowledge of things, to rely on exact acquaintance with facts, rather than on the uncertain testimony of public rumor; and then what we have proved for certain we may proclaim without hesitation." (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux)

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