

Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

April 5, 2026

Mass Intentions

April	6	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	7	8:00 AM	Mary Sullivan
April	8	8:00 AM	Flora Wolf requested by The Ken Morrison Family
April	9	8:00 AM	Cathy Steiner requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
April	10	8:00 AM	Annamarie Casner requested by John & Mary Blair
April	11	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
April	12	8:00 AM	Edward T. Albright, Sr. requested by The Ken Morrison Family
		10:30 AM	Edward Hansen requested by The Evan Ticehurst Family

Liturgical Ministries April 11-12

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
8:00 PM	Jessi Grindle	Patty Suydam	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	David Pray	The Morrison Family Zoey Lowe
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Nancy Stanton	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 12	Gabby Brandt, Jen Meek
April 19	Kim Lane, Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,705.49

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$6,948.55

The Parish Contingency for March amounted to: \$2,140.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 5th (Easter Sunday)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, April 6th

No Mass

Tuesday, April 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, April 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, April 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, April 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, April 11th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, April 12th (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Divine Mercy Devotions, 2:45PM

He is Risen!!

He is truly Risen!!

Alleluia, Alleluia.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Today we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, the pinnacle of the Church's entire liturgical year. As disciples, we know that Christ's resurrection is not something that happened to Him alone; His resurrection offers us



the promise that all who believe in Him will one day rise with Him. But the new life Christ promises is not something we have to wait for the next life to experience! Everything we have been doing throughout Lent to prepare for today's celebration also gives us a foretaste of the fullness of

life we will share with Him at our own resurrection. By God's grace, we have been

inwardly renewed by Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our minds and hearts have been lifted from the things of earth to the things of heaven. As disciples of the risen Christ, let us continue to "seek what is above," deepening our own participation here and now in the life He won for us through his cross and glorious resurrection.

The scene in today's Gospel offers us a helpful insight for evangelization. Peter and John run to the empty tomb. While John gets there faster, he waits outside and allows Peter to enter first. We can think of Peter as symbolic of faith (he is the one, after all, who confesses Jesus as the Christ (Mt.16:16)), and John, as symbolic of love (in our Gospel, John is referred to not by name, but as "the other disciple whom Jesus loved.") Although Peter and John see the empty tomb and believe, our Gospel reading ends with this interesting detail: "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." I think what the text is showing us is that love and faith often precede understanding. In our efforts of evangelization, apologetics and theology have their place. But we must not forget that sometimes inviting someone to love and trust in the Lord – before they have all the answers worked out – is more effective than trying to help a person reason their way to faith by perfect explanations. Love and faith draw us to encounter the risen Lord, and understanding comes later.

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" our psalm tells us. Today is the Solemnity of solemnities, the Feast of all feasts! Take some time to rejoice and give thanks for all that God has done for us through his death and glorious resurrection. Today nothing else should be on our "to do" list other than to celebrate well!

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, 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!

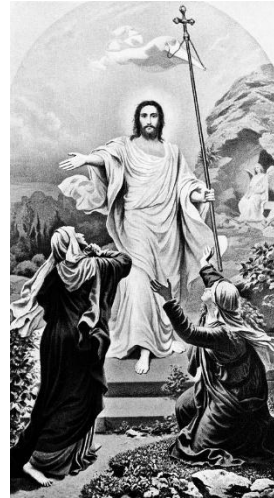
Retreat for First Holy Communion: Our second graders who are preparing for their First Holy Communion are reminded of a spiritual retreat for them on Friday, May 1st, beginning at 4:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our children will also practice for the procession and reception of Holy Communion and the May Crowning. Children can be picked up at 6:00PM. 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.



Special Thanks to all who assisted and contributed their gifts and talents to our parish for the beautiful Holy Week and Easter Masses and ceremonies. The beauty of our church only enhanced the meaning of our celebrations. We are especially grateful for those who cleaned the church and helped decorate it for Holy Week and Easter. You know who you are and God knows and will reward your faithful service to our parish community. Thank you!!

Reflection on the Resurrection of Jesus: Christ rose again in His own human body. His body still bore the scars of His passion. He could have removed these scars, if He had wished. But He chose to retain them. In this way He could prove to men that it was really Himself who had risen. Besides, He was to ascend into heaven to plead with His



Father for the salvation of men. In heaven His scars would be a perpetual reminder to the Father of His suffering for men. In heaven, too, the marks of His wounds would be an everlasting trophy of His triumph over the world, the devil, and sin. But though He still bore the marks of His wounds, His risen Body was glorified. It was immortal. He could never die again. The glory

of His soul, united to God in the beatific vision, flowed over into His body and made it shine with a divine light. His Body was completely under the control of His soul. ...His Resurrection is also the model or pattern according to which the souls of the just shall rise on the last day. (*My Way of Life, the Summa of Saint Thomas Aquinas Simplified*)

Easter Water: Water blessed during the Easter Vigil is primarily used in the Catholic Church for baptisms and as a symbol of renewal and cleansing during the Easter season. Traditionally Catholics also take the water to bless their homes and families. It is available in the narthex, along with small bottles, for your use to sprinkle and bless your homes this Easter Season.

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.

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