

The Seventeenth Sunday Of Easter

May 17, 2026

Mass Intentions

May	18	8:00 AM	Joanne & Betty Updegrove
May	19	8:00 AM	Dennis Haag requested by Sue Guarducci
May	20	8:00 AM	Cathy Steiner requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
May	21	8:00 AM	Martin Kupris requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
May	22	8:00 AM	NO MASS
May	23	5:00 PM	Anne & Angelo Altavilla requested by Louise Kline
May	24	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries May 23-24

Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers

Servers

5:00 PM

Gary Hilbolt

Mary Zimmerman

Terry Meek

9:00 AM

Jeff Aro

David Pray

A. Sheaffer, J. Morrison

Schmidt Center Cleaning

May 24

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

May 31

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 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,356.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,177.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 17th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

Last CCD class, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, May 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, May 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, May 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, May 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, May 22nd

No Mass

Saturday, May 23rd

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, May 24th

Masses, 9:00AM

“I believe I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.”

From the Pastor's Desk

On this 7th Sunday of Easter, our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles offers us a wonderful example of people spiritually maturing during times of transition. Jesus is taken from their midst, and the disciples return to Jerusalem. Present among them were some women including



Mary, the Mother of Jesus. They go to Jerusalem to wait for the descent of the Holy Spirit. They are in-between the Ascension and Pentecost. How did they wait? Saint Luke tells us that “they devoted themselves to constant prayer.”

Before they can go forth and proclaim the resurrected Jesus to the

whole world, the disciples must wait. Waiting, however, is not passivity, but a lifting up of one's heart in prayer. Waiting is a necessary stage for the spread of the gospel. And waiting is grounded in prayer.

Today we also live in those in-between times. We are waiting for the return of the Lord and the full establishment of His kingdom. We look around and find much suffering and injustice. We ourselves may be the victims of injustice and violence. We may be persecuted for our Catholic beliefs and values. God's Kingdom of perfect justice and peace has not been fully realized. Our own efforts at justice seem so imperfect and inadequate for all the need close to home and around the world. It is so easy to despair. But the easy way is not our Lord's way, nor is it ours. The words of Saint Peter are for us: “Blessed are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ...If anyone suffers for being a Christian, however, he ought not be ashamed. He should rather glorify God in virtue of that name.” In other words, there are no quick fixes to the world's brokenness and there is no escaping the cross. The cross will always be part of Christian life and spirituality. Until He comes in His full glory, we must wait, pray, and labor for justice in the name of Christ.

Jesus knew well our need for spiritual support as we live between Pentecost and His final coming. In our gospel proclamation from Saint John, the High Priestly prayer of Jesus contains the following: “For these I pray – not for the world but for these you have given me, for they are really Yours.” And further on Jesus will complete this prayer by saying, “I do not pray for them alone. I pray for those who will believe in me through their word.” (Jn 17:20) Jesus is praying for each of us. We are not left alone. So, as we live between the events of Pentecost and His final coming, let us be consoled with these words of Jesus. Let us also be strengthened with the knowledge that Jesus continues to intercede with His Father on our behalf.

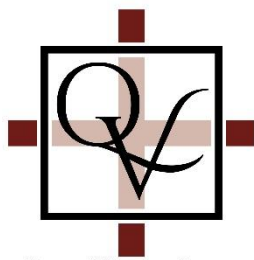
Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Jeff Galgon, Dawn Lowe, Mary Schoedel, Matt Morrison, Ron Utzig, Glenn Harshberger, 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.

Quo Vadis Days: Might Jesus be calling you to priestly ministry in the Church? Quo Vadis Days



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.

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.**

Vacation Bible School 2026: Our Parish will host its annual Vacation Bible School from June 22nd to the 26th. We are trying a morning class this year, so the class will meet from 8:00AM to 11:30AM. The



theme this year is "**Catholic Kidz Camp: Assorted Saints and the Virtues.**" If your children would like to attend, registration

forms are posted on the bulletin board.

For more information, please contact Jen Morrison at morrisonfam10@gmail.com.

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!

Summer Mass Schedule begins Memorial Day weekend, May 23/24th.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00PM

Sunday morning Mass: 9:00AM.

Pentecost Collection: Thank you for your gift to the



annual Pentecost Collection (next weekend) for our seminarians and retired priests. We currently have 9 seminarians in the formation program studying for diocesan priesthood. The blessing of many

seminarians also comes with the high cost of educating them so they may one day serve the needs of God's Holy People. Thank you for your generous response to this important and worthwhile cause!!

Just a Thought: "Peter has no need of our lies or our flattery. Those who blindly and indiscriminately defend every decision of the Supreme Pontiff are the very ones who do most to undermine the authority of the Holy See – they destroy instead of strengthening its foundations." (Melchior Cano, O.P., theologian at the Council of Trent)

Pray the Rosary for holy vocations!!