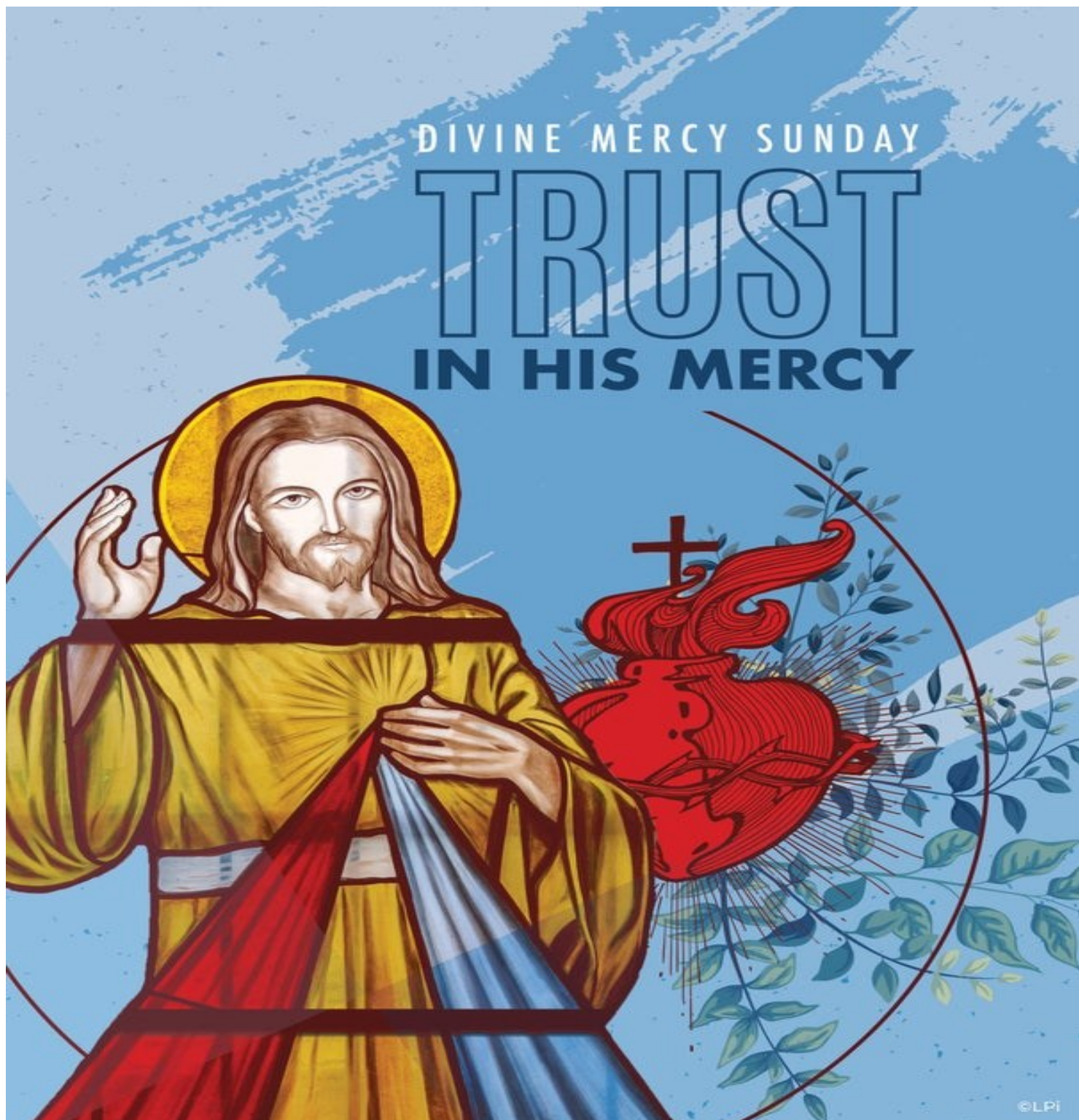
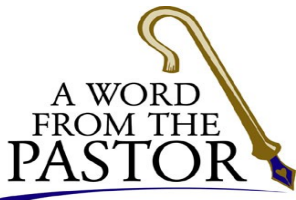


The Catholic Community of Bradford



SCHEDULE—DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

- 1:00 - Exposition
- 2:00 - Confessions Available (until 2:45)
- 2:30 - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:00 - Benediction and Conclusion



The Bishop has issued a decree regarding St Francis of Assisi church in Bradford. Back in March 2023, he merged St Francis of Assisi Parish into St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish. Thus, it was no longer a parish, *per se*, but a secondary mission church of St Bernard Parish. By diocesan law, Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation were permitted in St Francis of Assisi church.

At that time, Our Mother of Perpetual Help church in Lewis Run, already a secondary church with mission status, became a *secondary church without mission status*. Thus, Sunday and holy day Masses were no longer permitted there. But Our Mother of Perpetual Help was to remain open to the faithful at least occasionally with Mass celebrated each year on the solemnity of the church's title.

Subsequently, the Bishop decreed that Our Mother of Perpetual Help church would be relegated to profane but not sordid use, according to the canon law of the Church (canon 1222.2), effective July 1, 2023. This decree spells out several factors that led to this decision, which, when combined, constitute the necessary "grave cause." In this case, the Bishop was required to consult with the Pastoral Council and Finance Council of the parish, the pastor himself, and the Presbyteral Council of the Erie Diocese.

Essentially, the Bishop is now reducing the status of St Francis of Assisi church to a *secondary church without mission status*, as of this month. Therefore, as before with Lewis Run, St Francis is to remain open the faithful occasionally (we do so on Fridays from 8-3) and celebrate Feast of St Francis with Mass. Since that day is a Saturday, we may anticipate it on Friday, October 3rd this year.

Some of the parish leadership will be meeting soon with the Bishop to plan our next steps – toward relegation (you might call it "secularization") of this sacred space, difficult as that will be, in order to continue the consolidation process of the Bradford Catholic Community. This is not easy or simple, but the necessary direction in order to fulfill the path agreed upon by our Pastoral Planning Committee in communion with Bishop Persico back in 2022 and continually supported by both our Pastoral and Finance Councils.

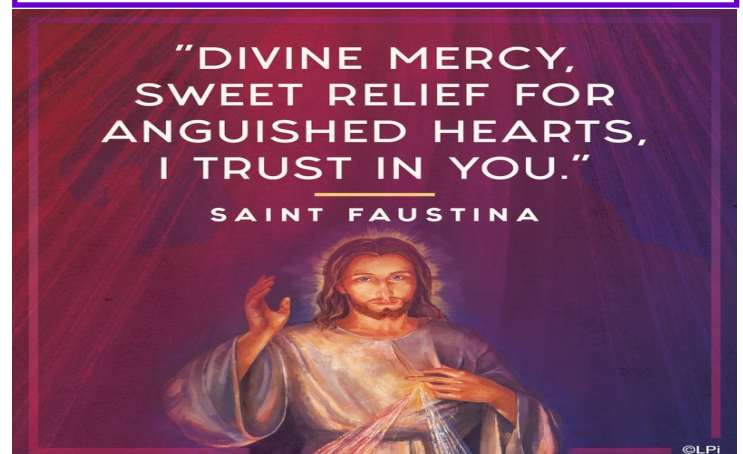
Fr John



FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

We will have **Confessions on Thursday, May 1st** beginning at 4:30 pm at **St. Bernard**. If we need to stretch that beyond 5:00, that's okay. God's mercy knows no boundaries. **First Friday morning, May 2nd** we will have Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00 in the Divine Mercy Chapel until closing at noon with Benediction. We will need to ensure someone will be able to remain in the Chapel, thus there will be a sign-up list near the chapel door. 12:10 Mass will follow in the Chapel.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Thursday, May 8th @ 6:00 pm
(May Crowning at St. Francis)

Widow's Group: TBA

K of C #403 : Tuesday, May 13th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, May 7th @ 11:00 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, June 17th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Wednesday, May 7th @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, May 14th @ 11 am (RH)

Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, May 6th @ 6:30 pm

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, May 20th, 6:00 pm

Rosary in the Church followed by Ice Cream Social—See Below



**The Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus**
www.koc403.com

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on May 13th**
Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



GRADES 9 ONLY will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, April 27th at 5:45 pm.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB—Tuesday, May 20th, Rosary at 6:00 pm in the Church followed by an Ice Cream Social in Gallina Hall. All are invited. There will be a brief meeting of the Club to conduct the final approval of the new Board.



FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sunday, April 27th in Father Gallina Hall from 9 am to 1 pm. Includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee & juice. Adults & Children over 10—\$10.00 Children 10 years & under FREE.



Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #403.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: The archangel Michael is traditionally depicted holding what item?

Answer: A sword.

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ST. BERNARD MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

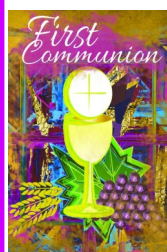
DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday & Thursday — 8:00 am & 9:00 am

Tuesday — 9:00 am, Wednesday — 8:00 am

Friday — 12:10 pm only, Saturday — 9:00 am

Please note: Intentions originally scheduled for the 8:00 am Mass on Friday transfer to the 12:10 Mass.



First Communion practice will be Saturday, May 3rd @ 10:00 am in the church. Please allow an hour for practice. First Communion will be held Sunday, May 4th at 10:00 am in St. Bernard Church, followed by a reception in Gallina Hall. All are invited.

PLEASE NOTE: ST. FRANCIS CHURCH will now be open **ON FRIDAYS ONLY** from 8 am until 3 pm for visitation and prayer.



CRS Rice Bowl - Thank you! Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! **We collected \$2,297!**

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY—please note all flowers, pots and ornamentations, real or plastic, can now be placed (end of March). All must be removed by the second Monday in October (Columbus Day) of each year.

The **Southern Tier Symphony** Board of Directors welcomes back our audiences for the 2024-2025 season with our program, "The Sky." **Our concerts will be performed on April 26th at Olean High School at 7:30pm and April 27th in Blaisdell Hall at the University of Pittsburgh Bradford at 3pm.** Tickets are \$20 each and all students of any age are **FREE!**



COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard **Cafeteria** (Gallina Hall) Monday, **April 28th** 12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE: The columbarium has been repaired and is ready for internments. Please reach out to a funeral home of your choosing, or Gina at the parish office, to arrange an internment. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this unfortunate delay.

PRAYER OF DIVINE MERCY

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us! O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us! O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us! Amen

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Crosswalk and Golgotha Monologues

The Bradford Ministerium held its 2025 Crosswalk and Golgotha Monologues down-

town on Friday in anticipation of Easter Sunday. The procession began at St. Bernard and proceeded to First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, Open Arms, Church of the Ascension, B-Free and Hill Memorial churches. Holy Week is an important time of year in the Christian faith.

(Era photo by Wade Aiken)

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

In two weeks we will have our annual **Good Shepherd Collection** in our parish to assist with the needs of caring for our retired diocesan priests.

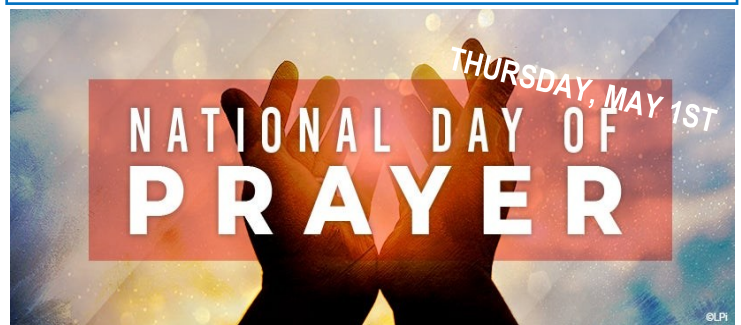
There is a special need to assist them with the escalating health care costs and long-term care expenses. As more priests become eligible to retire from active ministry in the next few years, our Priest Retirement Plan will need additional funds to cover their future needs. Please consider a generous gift to the annual Diocesan Good Shepherd Collection on the weekend of May 10 & 11. Use the special envelope provided or any envelope and mark it "Good Shepherd Collection".



April 20, 2025

WELCOME

Vivian Rose Fry



The Catholic Women's Club wishes to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who donated items for the Easter gift bags. We were able to fill 90 bags!! And thanks to all those who helped to pack and deliver the bags to shut-ins and the local nursing homes. This outreach is very popular with the recipients.

PARENTING POINTERS As the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers." Has your child had any sad (perhaps rainy) times recently? Search out together a fun activity to have in the near future – perhaps a hike in the sun or forest, perhaps picking wild flowers.

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT

On April 15, President Craig Cuthbertson gathered with Jeff Hilzinger, Doug Kuntz, Dan Lang, Karen McClain, Kim VanHorn, Bill Leven, Mike Kozminski, Harry Solarek, Joan Yohe, Fr Ed Walk, and Fr John Jacquel (Kim Ditz was excused) to discuss the following: Ministerium efforts, the plan for Aug 9 (Saturday Mass during Italian Festival), RCIA this year, moving the Friday daily Mass from 8 am to 12:10 pm, and First Reconciliation (11), First Communion (10), and Confirmation (7). The feasibility study regarding possible re-opening of St Bernard School has not yet happened, and Erie just closed another grade school at Blessed Sacrament. We will explore youth ministry here, hopefully talking with others who have something going. Also, an Outreach Committee could be in the works to welcome people back and the new folks who've joined our community. Catholic Women, Knights, and Rosary Altar groups reviewed their latest activities. Dan Lang spoke about Communities of Transformation (other local churches are helping) and perhaps some parishioners could get onboard. It's a healing ministry for those who've needed some social services. Craig Cuthbertson reported on church cleaning, fine-tuning the job done by Futures.



December 17, 1936—April 21, 2025

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

There are copies of the statement from Bishop Persico at the entrances of the church if you would like a copy.

MARRIAGE MOMENT "April showers bring May flowers." Recall a sad (perhaps rainy) time during your marriage... Now recall a joyful recent time. Plan a fun recreational activity for May 1 – May Day



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Jim Ulyan*

On Saturday, April 19th @ Easter Vigil

**We Welcomed to the Catholic Faith
and to St. Bernard Parish**

**Daniel Yeager
(Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion)**

**Jordan Mongillo & Devon Poe
(Confirmation and First Communion)**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Jesus connects **PEACE** and **FORGIVENESS** in today's gospel. In our families, we will only experience peace to the extent that we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock others out, we also lock out peace and harmony.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

April 13 (Regular).....	\$ 3,894
(Palm Sunday).....	\$ 5,458
April 20 (Regular).....	\$ 1,656
(Easter Sunday).....	\$ 8,216

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 43,468

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TURNED IN
THEIR CSA PLEDGES.**

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

Rev. John B Jacquel, *Pastor*
Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate*

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:

You Tube, **St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford**

WEBSITE: <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

FACEBOOK: **St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa**

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm

Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

CONFESSIONS:

St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 pm before
4:00 pm mass; Thursday before First Friday from
4:30 to 5 pm; After 9 am mass on Saturdays.

Private appointments may be made by calling the **Parish Office 362-6825**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

REP Coordinator: Kim VanHorn

Students not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in REP programs. The Bradford Catholic Community Religious Education program is Grades 1—5 & Grades 6—9 (Confirmation). Please call the parish office for more information.

Nursery Program The former Nursery Program is now a Kid's Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They'll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format!



**BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE
RECEIVED IN WRITING
BY NOON ON FRIDAY
2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.**

MEMBERSHIP: All Baptized Catholics should be registered, practicing and supporting members of a Parish. Only properly registered members appear on our parish list and are eligible to receive the benefits of parish membership for sacraments. Each parishioner is called upon to practice good stewardship of time, talent and treasure. If you are not currently receiving envelopes, you may not be registered. Call the Parish Office - we would love to meet you!

MARRIAGE: Couples need to contact a priest *at least six months before their wedding*. Registered and active participation needs to be considered before marriage.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **RCIA** process begins in the fall of the year. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion for the sick is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and the home-bound on a regular basis.

BAPTISM: Both parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Preparation Program. Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class. Baptisms are scheduled after completing the program. Call the Parish Office to schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be at least 16, confirmed and active, registered members of their parish.

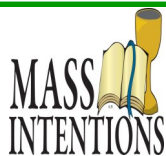
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquel

Parish Community

Pastoral Council	Craig Cuthbertson
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF APRIL 28TH—MAY 4TH

Please note that all daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel.

Monday, April 28th

SBC 8:00 am Mario & Mary Pais (Family)

SBC 9:00 am Jim Ulyan (Family)

Tuesday, April 29th

SBC 9:00 am Flora White (David Vinca)

Wednesday, April 30th

SBC 8:00 am Richard Cavallero (John & Deb Place &
Maria DelCarmen)

Thursday, May 1st

SBC 8:00 am Gibb Family (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, May 2nd **FIRST FRIDAY**

SBC 12:10 pm Louis Vigliotta (Rosa Vigliotta)

Saturday, May 3rd

SBC 9:00 am Trudie Luke (Family)

SB 4:00 pm Paulette Little (Bob & Sarah Boser)

Sunday, May 4th

SB 8:00 am Karen Benedict (Dave & Alicia Hill)

SB 10:00 am Shirley Solarek (Richard & Ann
Cavallero)

SB 11:30 am James & Rita Leone (Daughters)

**Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass &
3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.**



DIVINE MERCY

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Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,
11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or
21:1-14



WEEKEND

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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MAY 3RD, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 8:30 PM

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

EM: Dick Williams **CUP:** Tammy Black/Chris Pehonsky

Servers: Aiden & Sean Kramer



MAY 4TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Carla Manion

EM: Suzie Sperry **CUP:** Dave White/Deb Soyke

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan

EM: Teri Everett **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Beth Mongillo

Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

EM: Craig Cuthbertson **CUP:** Karen McClain/Kim Ditz

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Pray For...

*Please pray for those who are sick or
suffering*

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Nancy Bukowski, Tim Burris, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Pauline Dudo, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.