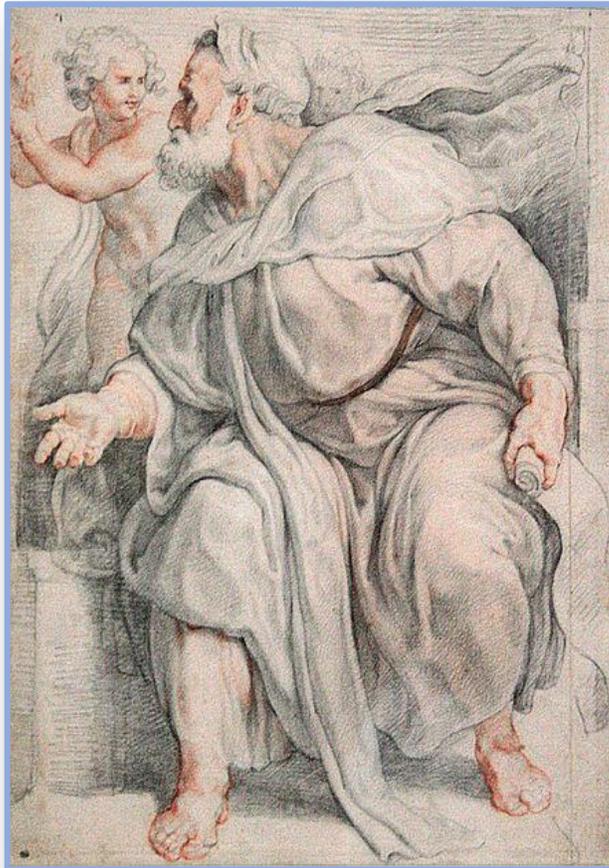


The Parishes of

Saint Mary in Bremen & Saint Bernadette in Lancaster



The Prophet Ezekiel

The prophet who speaks God's word to us today in the first reading

The Fourteenth Week of the Year

July 8, 2018

St Bernadette Parish

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sacramental life

Where First reception of Eucharist and of Penance as well as reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Matrimony may only be in **one's own parish church**, unless with good reason the pastor deems it **necessary** to do otherwise.

Baptism To have a child baptized, parents must register and attend a class as a couple (unless attendance just isn't possible, in which case some discussion with Kathy Kehnast will be necessary). Sessions are held quarterly for both parishes. Try to attend before the child is born. Please don't ask if you "have to go." This is an opportunity to meet with parents of children about the same age as your little one; those parents are in the same wonderful boat as you are. At least one parent and both godparents need to be practicing Catholics. If you don't **attend Sunday Mass regularly (a basic part of being a practicing Catholic!)**, there is something you can do: Start coming to Sunday Mass.

Penance The priest is available for Penance

- at St Bernadette: on Saturday at 3 PM and Thursday at 5:30 PM, and
- at St Mary Bremen: on Sunday at 8 AM.

Every Catholic priest is **available whenever there is a need**. There are Penance opportunities for St Bernadette School children four times in the year so that they will learn the beauty of frequent confession. The Church's law requires us to receive the Penance at least once a year.

Anointing and Care of the Sick The priest gives the Anointing of the Sick to one who is dangerously ill, facing major surgery, or suffering from the ravages of old age.

- We celebrate the sacrament communally at a Sunday Mass before Advent and during the Easter season so that we can all pray with you for **"health of mind and body."**
- The priest brings Penance, Anointing, and Holy Communion to the sick or shut in. Call the parish office to let us know before a hospitalization or when it has been too long since the sacraments were last available.

Holy Matrimony Couples wishing to marry should contact the parish office six months before a wedding. Why so long? Because **this sacrament, not just the ceremony, requires serious preparation**. And the Church needs to be involved in that preparation. Catholics who marry outside the Church have left the sacramental life and need to change that situation before receiving the other sacraments. The Church needs to **support couples through the years of married life**. That's why our diocese offers programs to enhance married life. To learn about these programs, watch the weekly bulletin.



At Prayer with the Church

How the Church Prays at Mass Today

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Best of Intentions ... at Mass

July 9, Monday	8:20 AM	St Bernadette	William Mooney
July 10, Tuesday	8:20 AM	Bremen St Mary	David Stretton
July 11, Wednesday	8:20 AM	St Bernadette	Paul Gallagher
July 12, Thursday	6 PM	St Bernadette	Frank Schmelzer
July 13, Friday	8:20 AM	St Bernadette	Ruth Rice

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Hear the Word of the Lord

July 8 14 th Sunday	Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Psalm 123	Mark 6:1-6
July 9, Monday <i>St Augustine Zhao Rong, & companions, martyrs</i>	Hosea 2:16-22 Psalm 145	Matthew 9:18-26
July 10, Tuesday	Hosea 8:4-13 Psalm 115	Matthew 9:32-38
July 11, Wednesday <i>St Benedict, abbot</i>	Hosea 10:1-12 Psalm 105	Matthew 10:1-7
July 12, Thursday	Hosea 11:1-9 Psalm 80	Matthew 10:7-15
July 13, Friday <i>St Henry</i>	Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 51	Matthew 10:16-23
July 14, Saturday <i>St Kateri Tekakwitha</i>	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 93	Matthew 10:24-33
July 15 15 th Sunday	Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Psalm 85	Mark 6:7-13

Pope Francis Asks Us to Pray in July

... that priests who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Both Parishes

Habemus Pastorem !

Father Tyron Tomson begins his service as pastor of these two parishes this Tuesday, July 10. Please give him a hearty welcome. Please pray for him.

A Fond Farewell

I am very grateful for the wonderful reception to mark my retirement from the pastorate of Bremen St Mary and Lancaster St Bernadette Parishes. It was a great event. People were very kind to me in so many ways that afternoon. Thank you.

Please keep coming together to enjoy each other's company. And please welcome the excellent new pastor whom Bishop Campbell is sending among you to guide you on your way to heaven. Open your hearts and open your homes to Father Tomson. God will bless you for it.

Father Kessler

Retirement

By the way, after July 10, Father Kessler will live and help out at **St Catharine Parish in Columbus**. Think of him as a **senior priest, rather than a retired priest**. (Old fathers slow down, they don't retire!)

His address will be:

- 500 South Gould Rd, Columbus, OH 43209

His email and cell phone will continue to be:

- wnthomaskessler @ icloud . com.
- (614) 634-0499.

Bremen St Mary Parish

Ministry at Mass at St Mary

+	Lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Communion	sacristan / usher
14 th Sunday July 8 at 8:30	Paul Kunkler	Charles Schoenlaub, Jillian Wilkinson	Irene Kunkler, Leo Kunkler Sr, Angi Skinner	Angi Skinner
15 th Sunday July 15 at 8:30	Linda Qualls	Reagan Conrad, Kate Schmelzer	Dismas Schmelzer, Jim Schmelzer, Tyna Schmelzer-Fox	Jim Schmelzer

Let's Keep (Square) Dancing

Summer means square dancing at Schmelzer's Grove on Sundays from 7-9:30 PM. Mark your calendars for the Sunday evenings of **July 8 (tonight)** and **Aug 12**. Admission is \$4 per person.

St Bernadette Parish

Ministry at Mass at St Bernadette

+	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, July 7 at 4 PM 14 th Sunday Vigil Mass	Bob Christy	Becca Fuller, Dominic & Emeline Neighbor	Angie Christy Marguerite Grimm Jim & Becky Kuhn Denise McGuire Kathy Wagner
Sunday, July 8 at 11 AM 14 th Sunday	Pat Gins	Eve Darfus, Samantha Kerns, Tori Loy	Tara Craaybeek Pat Dreyer Ben Peters Jean Robertson Larry Sanford David Shonk
Monday, 8:20 AM	David Shonk	Kyndra Nagle, Olivia Reynolds	Pat Dreyer Kathy Kehnast
Wednesday, 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Tori Fitzgibbon, Becca Fuller	Angie Christy Mary Jane Vajen
Thursday, 6 PM	Kathy Kehnast	Dominic & Emeline Neighbor	Lee Guinan Paul Lonergan
Friday, 8:20 PM	Jim Merk	Kendall Cox, Emma McCrady	Rita Merk Mary Jane Vajen
Saturday, July 14, at 4 PM 15 th Sunday Vigil Mass	Tara Craaybeek	Kendall Cox, Clara & Susan Craaybeek	Terry Carpenter Rosalie DeFillippo Susan Garrett Kathy Kehnast Brad Rider Mickey Steyaert
Sunday, July 15, at 11 AM 15 th Sunday	Dennis Forquer	Brennan Quaintance, Gunner Robertson, Jack Tencza	John & Teresa Hartig Jean Robertson Anna Seigny Becky Wickham Amy Woo

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Soup for the Soul Ministry

A new ministry is getting started at St Bernadette. This ministry will provide pastoral caring for **folks recently discharged from a hospital or nursing home or who are homebound**. Members will bring a gift of homemade soup from the parish. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, call Marlene Clark at (740) 974-6561.

St Bernadette Blood Drive

The next St Bernadette blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, July 21, from 9 AM until 2 PM. It is designated in honor of a local child, Emery Twehues, who was recently diagnosed with ALL, a form of leukemia. The goal is **many of units of blood to help local patients in need**. There will be lunch and sandwiches as always, and the chance to save a life. Make appointments at [www . redcrossblood . org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call (740) 974-5040.

Around Central Ohio

Marriage is a Sacrament!

But what does that *mean*? Learn a new way to find the Lord in your home at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next two weekends in Central Ohio are July 13-15 and Sept 14-16. For information or to apply, contact Paul or Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit [www . wmecolumbus . org](http://www.wmecolumbus.org)

Springs Celebrating 150 Years

This year marks the 150th anniversary of **the founding of St Mary of the Springs Academy**. St Mary Academy was a Catholic school for girls founded by the Dominican sisters in 1830 in Somerset. When a fire destroyed the buildings, the sisters rebuilt in Columbus in 1868. To reflect the natural springs on the property, "of the Springs" was added to the name. The Academy closed in 1966. Academy graduates are searching for such memorabilia as photos, yearbooks, and diplomas, for **a permanent display at the Jubilee Museum** in Columbus. For information or donations, contact (614) 237-1379.

Middle School Coaches at St Mary

St Mary School in Lancaster seeks applicants for these school coaching positions for 2018-2019:

- **football** coach, assistant football coach,
- 7th grade **girls basketball** coach, 8th grade girls basketball coach, 7th grade **boys basketball** coach, 8th grade boys basketball coach, and
- **track** coach.

Applicants need playing or instructing experience at college, high school, or middle school level and demonstrate appropriate knowledge for the development of fundamental techniques. Pay will be a one-time stipend at the end of the season. Send letters of interest, resumes, references, and a copy of current *pupil activity permit* to athletic directors Ria and Noah Kerns at [rnkerns18 @ yahoo . com](mailto:rnkerns18@yahoo.com)

Fisher Catholic Golf

The 4th Annual Chuck Rogers Memorial Golf Event happens Saturday, Aug 4, at 8:45 AM at the Pleasant Valley Golf Club in Lancaster. Three-person teams should send the \$150 fee to Kellie Shonk at Fisher Catholic High School. All proceeds will **benefit the Fisher Catholic Athletic Association**. Interested sponsors should contact Russell Rogers at (740) 304-7180.

And Another Golf Event

St Joseph Church in Sugar Grove is organizing a charity golf event, **Hope from Heaven**, to benefit St Jude Children's Research Hospital. Save the date: Saturday, Aug 18. To register, call (740) 746-8302 or email [stjosephsugargrove @ gmail . com](mailto:stjosephsugargrove@gmail.com).

Recognizing Charity

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) **annual St Teresa Recognition of Charity, Compassion and Service** event will happen on Sunday, Aug 19, at St Cecilia Church in Columbus. It will recognize lay women who reflect the ideals of St Teresa of Kolkata. Nomination forms (available on the diocesan or the DCCW website) are due by July 20. For information call the DCCW Office at (614) 228-8601.

PDHC Walk for Life

Be a leader for life. You can save and change lives by participating in this year's walk on Saturday, July 14, from 9 AM until noon in downtown Lancaster. This year's **walk begins at the bandstand**, then heads out to the fairgrounds and returns to the bandstand. After the walk, join **the family activities and live music**. It's a meaningful and fun **event for the whole family**. Register to walk and **gather pledges from your family, friends and co-workers**. Register online and email pledge requests at SupportPDHC.org/walk-for-life. For information contact Kathy Scanlon at (614) 888-8774 x6117 or kathys@pdhc.org.

Giving Birth and Giving Life

Angels Nurture and Disciple, AND is a new pro-life ministry that reaches out to women who desire and seek change but don't have the support to make real change happen. Each woman who seeks to join **AND** is matched with a mentor who walks with her for two years, providing positive role modeling as a woman, mother, and child of God. **AND** needs volunteers and supporters. To support or volunteer, visit www.angelsand.org or call Tim Welsh at (614) 419-6985. Whether you have 1 hour @ month or 10, there is a need for you. Every mother is a gift to her baby; help **AND** show her just how much. **The poverty rate of single mothers** is twice that of single fathers. **AND** is transforming single motherhood. Will you help?

Where Were You in 1968?

That was the year that Blessed Pope Paul VI wrote *Humanae Vitae* (On Human Life) as an affirmation of **the Catholic Church's beautiful teaching on married love and responsible parenthood**. Many people think they know what the document says, but few have actually read it. Celebrate *Humanae Vitae*'s 50th anniversary by reading the original encyclical, viewing videos of couples' HV stories, or recording your own HV story at <https://celebratehv50.com>.

A Culture of Life

Thou shalt not kill! That is an easy commandment to be glad about—I'm not allowed to kill anybody, and nobody is allowed to kill me. Good system; God knew what he was doing when he commanded that.

But what if it's someone who is not important (or doesn't seem to be)? Or not productive or not able to communicate? Someone very old and unable to take care of himself, who isn't going to get any better? Or who hasn't even been born yet, whom no eyes have yet seen? What if a tiny embryo can be manufactured and harvested for cells that might provide a cure for some really bad disease that is otherwise still incurable? What if it is a terminally ill person in a lot of pain who says he wants to be put out of his misery?—but might really mean that he wants to have the misery eased with medication and wants a hand to hold or a voice to comfort him.

Those are the objections that make this good, common-sense commandment a lot harder to deal with. They are emotional arguments. They seem to be in the grey area, that many people say only a narrow-minded person would take a hard line on. But they are false arguments that ignore **what God has to say** and forget about bringing God's will to bear on society.

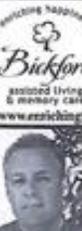
But such perspectives are providing a lot of political and moral conversation in our land these days. These life issues are at the cutting edge of moral thinking. And they are **the crunch questions** in much of our political life, the questions by which we are defining ourselves as a culture. Now, more than ever, we must work at learning what the Church teaches and why.

Yes, **the commandments** are always a good thing: they can **protect us** by teaching the sanctity of life, a sanctity that is from God, that is not on a sliding scale. And his word is an eternal word. It endures forever.

Is any compromise on life possible? Adolph Hitler thought so. So did Joseph Stalin and Pol Pot. They convinced themselves that they had good exceptions. They got rid of a lot of undesirables, with the understanding that it would make life better for everyone else. They were wrong. This path is attractive to many apparently sensible people now, right here in our own neighborhoods and schools and legislatures and televisions. But this is **the path that leads away from God**, into the selfishness that is the heart of darkness. Deuteronomy 30:19 recalls the choice Moses gave the people:

“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”

—Father Kessler

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