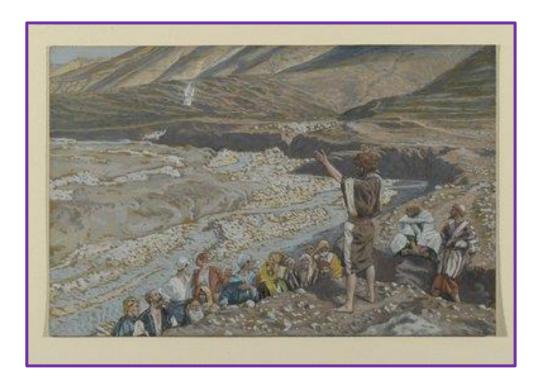
## The Parishes of

# Saint Mary in Bremen & Saint Bernadette in Lancaster



## He Preached Good News to the People

...all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

-From today's Holy Gospel, Luke 3:10-18

## The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

December 16, 2018

## St. Bernadette Parish

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The St. Mary Bremen Parish Office is at the church vestibule. Hours: 9-11 AM, Thursdays.

The St. Bernadette Parish Office is in the Mary Good Center, across the back parking lot from the school. Hours: 9 AM-1 PM, Monday through Friday.

St. Bernadette School is located at 1325 Wheeling Road, Lancaster, OH 43130-8701

The Parish Website is www . stbernadetteparish . net

## **Sacramental Life**

## **Baptism**

To have a child baptized, parents must register and attend a class as a couple. Try to attend before your child is born. At least one parent and godparent must be practicing Catholics. Please call or email the church office for information or to register.

#### Confession

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. First Saturday Confessions are held at 8:30 AM at St. Bernadette. Every Catholic priest is available whenever there is a need

## **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. Call the parish office 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. The Church needs to support couples through the years of married life and offers programs to enhance married life. To learn about these programs, watch the bulletin.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Wednesday at St. Bernadette with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 AM and Benediction and Reposition at 1 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to come.



## **Both Parishes**

#### Collar Corner

We are coming down the home stretch! However you can, preserve the spirit of this Advent season. The last week before Christmas is filled preparation and excitement. Hopefully this is present in your prayer, too. "Gaudete" means "Rejoice!" but that's not easy for everyone. Please keep before the Lord all those who struggle this time of year both materially and spiritually.

Confessions will be offered this week according to the schedule below.

Examinations of Conscience will be available in the church and there is no communal liturgical celebration, just private Confessions until all are heard. Make sure to make it

The Christmas and Holy Day Masses are also included here for your planning purposes.

For anyone planning to travel during this time, www . masstimes . org can help find regularly scheduled Masses, but it's a good idea to call the parish about the Holy Days.

In Our Lord and Our Lady,

Father Tomson

#### **Confessions in Advent**

Mark these special dates and times on your calendar to help you remember to come to the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas. On each of the following evenings, Confessions will start at 6:30 PM and continue until all are heard. The Sacrament will be available: on Monday, December 17, at St. Mary in Bremen, on Tuesday, December 18, at St. Bernadette, and on Thursday, December 20, at St. Bernadette. Confessions are also available at the regularly scheduled times each week and, if these are inconvenient, feel free to email Father Tomson to make an appointment. There will be Communal Penance Services on Monday, December 17, at Sugar Grove St. Joseph at 7 PM and on Wednesday, December 19, at Canal Winchester St. John XXIII at 7 PM.

#### **Intentions at Mass**

Sat, Dec 15	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Paul Gallagher
Sun, Dec 16	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	For the People of Both Parishes
Sun, Dec 16	11 ам	St. Bernadette	Leonor Zambrano
Mon, Dec 17	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Deceased Members of the Sevigny Family
Wed, Dec 19	8:20 am	St. Bernadette	Thomas Grabowski
Thurs, Dec 20	8:20 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Frank Schmelzer
Thurs, Dec 20	6 РМ	St. Bernadette	Celebrant Intention
Fri, Dec 21	8:20 am	St. Bernadette	Thomas Dodds
Sat, Dec 22	9 am	St. Bernadette	Celebrant Intention
Sat, Dec 22	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Robert Guinan
Sun, Dec 23	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Harold Niggemeyer
Sun, Dec 23	11 ам	St. Bernadette	For the People of Both Parishes

#### Hear the Word of the Lord

December 16, Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-18 Isaiah 12 Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18
December 17, Monday	Genesis 49:2-10 Psalm 72	Matt 1:1-17
December 18, Tuesday	Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72	Matt 1:18-25
December19, Wednesday	Judges         13:2-25           Psalm         71	Luke 1:5-25
December 20, Thursday	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24	Luke 1:26-38
December 21, Friday St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church	SongofSongs2:8-14 Psalm 33	Luke 1:39-45
December 22, Saturday	1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2	Luke 1:46-56
December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:1-4 Psalm 80 Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45

## Let Us Pray

December's universal prayer intention is for the missionary work of those who transmit the Faith.

#### **Mass Schedule for Christmas**

#### At St. Mary in Bremen:

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, at 9 PM Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, at 9 AM

#### At St. Bernadette:

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, at 6 PM Midnight Mass at Midnight with carols at 11:30 PM Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, at 11AM

#### Mass Schedule for New Year's

#### At St. Mary in Bremen:

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, at 8:30 AM

#### At St. Bernadette:

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, at 4 PM New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, at 11 AM

#### 2019 Calendars

Calendars for the new year are provided for our parishes free of charge from Sheridan Funeral Home and Frank E. Smith Funeral Home in Lancaster, and Morgan Funeral Home in Bremen. We appreciate their contributions. Calendars are located near the entrances of church; help yourself.

## St. Bernadette Parish

## Midnight Mass

Midnight Mass is a beautiful tradition of welcoming our Lord's birth in the "wee hours" of the morning. St. Bernadette is a parish that maintains the tradition of a Mass at Midnight. The Choir, joined by a brass ensemble, will begin with a vigil at 11:30 PM featuring a variety of Christmas carols. Consider starting a new tradition in your family by welcoming Jesus with us at Midnight Mass.

#### Friends Forever

The next Friends Forever gathering happens on Thursday, December 20, at noon at St. Bernadette. Everyone is welcome. For details about the Advent Pot Luck, call Ann Essman at (740) 654-1893.

#### **Note of Thanks**

We would like to thank our St. Bernadette family for all the support they have given us this year during Jerry's illness. The prayers, cards, visits, and gifts helped us during a rough time. The gifts from the new Soup for the Soul group and the Prayer Shawl group were uplifting. With God's help we are looking forward to good health in 2019. Sincerely, Jerry & Danie Azbell

#### **May They Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Alonso of St. Bernadette and Pauline Roma, former St. Bernadette parishioner, who both died last week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

### St. Bernadette Giving Tree

The St. Bernadette Confirmation Class will partner with Maywood Mission this year for our Parish Giving Tree. Look for items to donate on the paper Christmas trees at the church entrances; unwrapped gifts can be brought to church today.

## Ministry at Mass at St. Bernadette

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+	Lector	Lector Servers				
Saturday, Dec 15, at 4 PM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Vigil	Marguerite Grimm	Zoe DeLeon, Joey Mannella, Ella Sanford	Terry Carpenter, Craig Shaw			
Sunday, Dec 16, at 11 AM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Dennis Forquer	Deaglan & Emeline Neighbor, Daniel Turner, Brooke & Bryson Vogel	Tara Craaybeek, Harry Haag			
Monday, Dec 17 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Deaglan Neighbor, Ethan Schmelzer, Flora Woo				
Wednesday Dec19 8:20 AM	Bob Anderson Crook, Christy Zoe DeLeon, Ella Fitzgibbon					
Thursday, Dec 20 6 PM	Kathy Kehnast					
Friday, Dec 21 8:20 AM	St. B Students	Sonny Crook, Christopher Fitzgibbon, Zylie Hopkins				
Saturday, Dec 22 9 AM	Latin Mass					
Saturday, Dec 22, at 4 PM 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Vigil	Sandy Landefeld	Christopher, Ella & Tori Fitzgibbon	Bob & Angie Christy			
Sunday, Dec 23 at 11 AM 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	John Hartig	Anna Hartig, Collin & Emma McCrady, Jack & Sam Tencza	Pat Dreyer Ben Peters			
Monday, Dec 24 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen					
Monday, Dec 24 at 6 PM Christmas Eve	Tara Craaybeek	Clara & Susan Craaybeek, Drew & Avee Solt, Bryson Vogel	Patty Patterson, Shelia Taylor			
Midnight Mass (carols at 11:30)	Becky Kuhn	Daschel, Deaglan, Dominic & Emeline Neighbor, Brennan Quaintance	Marguerite Grimm, Brad Rider			
Tuesday, Dec 25 at 11 AM Christmas Day	James Merk	Eve Darfus TBA	Rita Merk, Anna Sevigny			

## **Bremen St. Mary Parish**

### **Family Christmas Gathering**

The St. Mary Parish Family Christmas Gathering takes place today, December 16, following Mass. The children have been practicing songs with Mr. Ben Factor to share. Plan to join in with crafts, refreshments, and fellowship!

## **Decorating the Church for Christmas**

We will decorate the church after Mass on Dec 23. Doughnuts provided! Anyone is welcome to help.

## **Epiphany Party**

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Epiphany Party on Saturday, January 5, at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Look for sign up sheets near the church entrances.

## St. Mary Altar Society

This is a group dedicated to taking care of the needs of our parish. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 9, at 7 PM in the parish hall. Look for more information on the bulletin board. Join us!

#### Ministry at Mass at St. Mary

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+	Lector	Servers	Extra- ordinary Minister of Com- munion	Ushers/ Gifts	Sacristan		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Dec 16 at 8:30 AM	Barb VanFossen -Cook	Christopher Hahn, Charles Schoenlaub	Irene Kunkler	Nick Schmelzer family	Barb Van Fossen- Cook		
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Dec 23 at 8:30 AM	Joe Young	Carly Kunkler, Isaac Schmelzer	Pam Redding	Joe Young Family	Chris Redding		
Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec 24 at 9 PM	Paul Kunkler	Reagan Conrad, Charles Schoenlaub	Irene Kunkler	Leo Ruff family	Chris Redding		
Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec 25 at 9 AM	Jeanne Schmelzer	ТВА	Cathy Young	Joe Young family	Joe Young		

## **Other News**

#### **Christmas Cards to the Homebound**

If you would like to send Christmas greetings to members of our parishes who are in nursing homes or homebound, our volunteers will be glad to deliver cards for you throughout December.

Some of our homebound parishioners include: Pat & Jim Darfus, Dolores DeFillippo, Joann Dodds, Regina Gallagher, Sandy Graffis, Evelyn Miller, Viola Shaw, Marilyn Shonk, Emma Spizzirri, and Donna Waits.

If you know of others (parishioners or non-parishioners) who would enjoy being remembered, please call the office. Bring your card(s) to the church office or place in the collection basket at Mass.

#### "Grad Talks"

Want to know more about an education at Fisher Catholic High School? Want to know more about the student experience at Fisher? Come and learn firsthand as Fisher hosts recent grads to talk about their high school days and how Fisher prepared them for the future. There will be a panel discussion, opportunities for questions, and some mingle time...and maybe even a Christmas cookie or two! All are welcome to come to Fisher Catholic on Sunday, December 16, from 6 - 7:30 PM for this event.

#### **Coaches Needed**

St. Mary School in Lancaster is seeking applicants for head and assistant middle school football coaches for the 2019 season. Applicants should have experience and demonstrate appropriate knowledge for the development of fundamental techniques. Please send letters of interest, resumes, references and a copy of current Pupil Activity Permit to Athletic Directors Ria and Noah Kerns at smsathletics @ saintmarylancaster . org.

#### **Sunday Concerts**

Today, Sunday, December 16, provides music galore! You are invited to hear the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir perform at Circleville St. Joseph Parish at 3 PM, and the St. Mark Choir and Orchestra perform in their annual ecumenical concert at Lancaster St. Mark Parish at 7 PM. In addition, the Hocking County Children's Chorus presents their Christmas Program at the Presbyterian Church in Logan at 3 PM

#### Weekly Confessions & Masses

Parish	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Penance
Bremen St. Mary				8:20 AM			8 AM Sun
Lancaster St. Bernadette	8:20 AM		8:20 AM	6 PM	8:20 AM	9 AM 1st Sat	5:30 PM Thu, 3 PM Sat, 8:30 AM on 1st Sat
Lancaster St. Mary	7 AM	9 am	7 AM	9 AM			4 PM Sat
Lancaster St. Mark	8 AM	8 AM	6 PM	8 AM	8 AM		5:30 PM Sat
Sugar Grove St. Joseph	VARIES	NOON	8 AM	NOON	NOON		½ hour before Mass
Circleville St. Joseph	9 AM	7 AM	9 AM		9 AM		4 PM Sat
Logan St .John	8 AM	8 AM	9 AM		8 AM		4 PM Sat
C Winchester St. JohnXXIII	8:30 AM		8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM		4 PM Sat

## **Advent Prayer Service at St. Bernadette School**









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