

The Parishes of
**Saint Mary in Bremen &
Saint Bernadette in Lancaster**



Magi from the East Arrived in Jerusalem

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-From today's Holy Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

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

The Christmas season continues to linger! Don't throw out your decorations quite yet!

The traditional blessing of homes for the Epiphany begins today and extends until February 2nd. Please call into the office if you would like to have one of our clergy come. The blessing takes only a few minutes and the year is marked in blessed chalk over the door lintel with the initials of the Magi.

Tuesday from 11:30am until 6:30pm a relic of the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney will be venerated at St. Patrick's parish in downtown Columbus. He is the patron saint of parish priests, and I will therefore be going to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, all my brother priests in parish assignments, and of course myself and you all! Head on up for a time of prayer for us priests if you are able.

In January, I like to look back over last year. Plenty has happened around our parishes! Please see the listing below... just a snapshot. These are all new initiatives in addition to the regular practice of Sacramental spiritual life. It makes me grateful to God and to you all for your sincere commitment and support of our parishes. May God reward you in 2019!

In Our Lord and Our Lady,

Father Tomson

Respect Life !

The annual March for Life date in Washington D.C. is Friday, January 18, 2019. In addition, all over our country people will gather on January 22 to remember the anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision permitting abortion. Throughout the country on that day, the Church observes a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In Columbus, Bishop Campbell will celebrate the annual Respect Life Mass on Tuesday, January 22, at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral. Following that Mass, from NOON to 1 PM, Greater Columbus Right to Life invites you to the State Capital Building for a Roe Remembrance in the Statehouse Atrium. For information, contact Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540.

Hear the Word of the Lord

January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72 Ephesians 3:2-6	Matt 2:1-12
January 7, Monday <i>St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest</i>	1 John 3:22-4:6 Psalm 2	Mark 4:12-25
January 8, Tuesday	1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72	Mark 6:34-44
January 9, Wednesday	1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72	Mark 6:45-52
January 10, Thursday	1 John 4:19-5:4 Psalm 72	Luke 4:14-22
January 11, Friday	1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147	Luke 5:12-16
January 12, Saturday	1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149	John 3:22-30
January 13, The Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 29 Titus 2:11-3:7	Luke 3:15-22

Intentions at Mass

Sat, Jan 5	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Pauline Brown
Sun, Jan 6	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Hugh Messerly
Sun, Jan 6	11 AM	St. Bernadette	For the People of Both Parishes
Mon, Jan 7	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Herb Messerly
Wed, Jan 9	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Thomas Dodds
Thurs, Jan 10	8:20 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Charles Schmelzer
Thurs, Jan 10	6 PM	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Fri, Jan 11	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Sue Sanderall
Sat, Jan 12	9 AM	St. Bernadette	For Sr. Marie André, OCD
Sat, Jan 12	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Michael Clark
Sun, Jan 13	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	For the People of Both Parishes
Sun, Jan 13	11 AM	St. Bernadette	Carolyn Fausnaugh

Let Us Pray

The January evangelization intention is that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Collection Envelopes

You should have received your collection envelopes in the mail. If yours have not arrived, please call the parish office.

Parish Contributions: What You Gave in the Collection in December 2018

Saint Bernadette	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
weekly	8,793	7,937	7,767	7,473	12,074
electronic funds transfer	2,818	176	176	176	176
educational support	395	305	261	0	25
Immaculate Conception	10	1,733	32	35	0
Christmas	0	225	250	8,517	670
Gifts	0	10	700	345	0
Total given to the parish	12,016	10,386	9,186	16,546	12,945
Diocesan Charities	0	20	20	329	21
Retirement for Religious	10	445	17	195	0
Total sent beyond parish	10	465	37	524	21
Bremen Saint Mary	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
weekly	4,854	1,942	1,547	1,222	1,395
Immaculate Conception	0	173	10	0	x
Christmas	25	0	0	1,547	135
Total given to the parish	4,879	2,115	1,557	2,769	1,530
St. Vincent de Paul	656	110	35	120	10
Diocesan Charities	0	50	0	140	20
Retirement for Religious	25	85	20	20	0
Total sent beyond parish	681	245	55	280	30

Bremen St. Mary Parish

Ministry at Mass at St. Mary

+	Lector	Servers	Extra-ordinary Minister of Com-munion	Ushers/ Gifts	Sac-ristan
Epiphany, Sunday, Jan 6 at 8:30 AM	Susan Foltz	Karah Borah, Reagan Conrad	Susan Foltz	Leo Kunkler Sr. Family	Joe Young
Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, Jan 13 at 8:30 AM	Paul Kunkler	Cody Fyffe, Charles Schoenlaub	Neil Boch	Paul Kunkler Family	Angi Skinner

St. Mary Altar Society

The next meeting of the St. Mary Altar Society will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at 7 PM. Ladies, come to learn about needs of the parish and how you can help. A copy of the agenda is posted in the vestibule; call Irene Kunkler for details at (740) 475-7736.

St. Mary Parent Meeting

The parent meeting at Bremen for First Communion students has been moved to Sunday, January 13, immediately after Mass.

Church Decorations

Church Christmas decorations will come down after Mass on Sunday, January 13. All are welcome to help.

St. Bernadette Parish

Ministry at Mass at St. Bernadette

+	Lector	Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, Jan 5, at 4 PM Epiphany, Vigil	Terry Carpenter	Clara & Susan Craaybeek, Eve Darfus	Bob Christy Patty Patterson
Sunday, Jan 6, at 11 AM Epiphany	Amy Woo	Daschel, Deaglan & Dominic Neighbor, Diana & Sarah Woo	Kim Hillyard David Shonk
Monday, Jan 7 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Anderson Crook, Ella Fitzgibbon, Sam Tencza	
Wednesday Jan 9 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Tori Fitzgibbon, Ethan Schmelzer, Flora Woo	
Thursday, Jan 10 6 PM	Kathy Kehnast		
Friday, Jan 11 8:20 AM	St. Bernadette Students	Sonny Crook, Zoe DeLeon, Deaglan Neighbor	
Saturday, Jan 12 9 AM	LATIN MASS		
Saturday, Jan 12, at 4 PM Baptism of the Lord, Vigil	Bob Christy	Christopher, Ella & Tori Fitzgibbon	Terry Carpenter Angie Christy
Sunday, Jan 13, at 11 AM Baptism of the Lord	Dennis Forquer	Amelia & Gunner Robertson, Daniel Turner	Jean Robertson Amy Woo

Note of Thanks

We would like to thank Father Tomson, Deacons Mark and Jeff, Teresa and Terry, Liz and the funeral choir, and the members of the Lazarus committee for the beautiful vigil, funeral and luncheon for our Mom, Pauline. Also, thanks to the Eucharistic Ministers who brought Communion and friendship to Mom so regularly for the last two years, and thank you to all the members of the parish who have kept her in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you all.

Susan & Barry Garrett, Tom Brown & Judy Azeltine, Steve & Sandy Brown

Friends Forever

The first Friends Forever gathering of the New Year happens Thursday, January 17, at noon in the Mary Good Center at St Bernadette.

St. Mary and St. Bernadette Accomplishments for 2018

The following represents a partial list of the new programs or purchases or milestones we have marked this past year together. We should be humbly grateful to God for these many graces and look forward with confident hope for many more to come in 2019!

Both parishes started using a Flocknote texting communication resource. We began Altar Societies. Each parish made its Bishop's Annual Appeal goal and has even begun to receive significant rebates (the biggest since 2010!). Both had meetings to update training for servers, readers, sacristans, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion. Bells are used now to begin Mass and signal the Consecration. We also purchased new altar linens and polished the sacred vessels. Altar flower donations have helped beautify the sanctuaries, especially for Holy Days.

St. Mary purchased a 10-rank 2-manual Moeller pipe organ. We had a work day for fall cleaning. We grew our Sunday Mass attendance by nearly 20%. We hosted an ecumenical Thanksgiving celebration with several other area congregations. Vacation Church School was a huge success.

St. Bernadette grew our Sunday Mass attendance by nearly 40%. We registered 20 families. We restarted RCIA. We began Saturday morning Latin Masses and hosted several Solemn High Masses, drawing new people to our parish. We have a new Soup for the Soul Ministry. We have balanced our parish budget for the first half of the fiscal year. We began a tuition grant audit process for all three Catholic schools. We received a \$5,000 grant for altar server supplies and a \$20,000 grant for the school bathrooms. We installed cost-efficient lighting in the school through an incentive program and crack-filled the parking lot for winter. We began a volunteer-based renovation of the rectory building. The schoolchildren now come to Adoration and Benediction each Wednesday and serve daily Mass. Our young people participate in Theology of the Body, Altaration, and Upper Room led by Damascus missionaries. We began acquiring matching vestments for the deacons. A new thurible, incense boat, and stand were donated for worship, and new altar candlesticks were purchased for the most solemn feasts. We even hosted a pet blessing on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

In all, it has been a very blessed year!

DEANERY WEEKDAY MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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