

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



Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

-From today's Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 122

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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

A priest is available for Penance at St. Bernadette on Saturdays at 8:30 AM and 3 PM, and on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Confessions are offered Sundays at St. Mary Bremen at 8 AM. Every Catholic priest is available whenever needed.

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 to inform us if a loved one is in need of pastoral care in sickness, particularly with an extended absence from attending Mass.

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 2 PM. Exposition also takes place each Thursday at St. Bernadette from 7 PM until MIDNIGHT. On the first Thursday of the month we offer a Eucharistic Holy Hour at St. Mary in Bremen after the morning Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to come.



Both Parishes

Collar Corner

Welcome (and welcome home) to all our families and friends visiting. Safe travels! It's always good to have you with us.

Happy Advent! It is the liturgical new year. This gives us an opportunity to refresh and reset spiritually in a penitential season of hope in preparation for Christmas.

This week brings both our usual and new spiritual opportunities of First Friday and First Saturday devotions after morning Mass, as well as First Thursday Holy Hour in Bremen and the beginning of our expanded hours of Eucharistic Adoration Thursday evenings until midnight at St. Bernadette. Stop in, even if you only have a few minutes, for some quiet time with the Lord.

Our Lectio Divina Scripture prayer series led by Deacon Jeff Carpenter will continue all the Sundays of Advent, before Mass and the Rosary, at 9:00 AM in the Mary Good Center.

Next week, the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady is observed on December 9th. We'll have morning and evening Masses at St. Bernadette and noon in Bremen, as usual.

This time of year is marked by charity. Within these pages you will find many ways both inside and outside of our parish to share your blessings generously. What can you get Jesus for Christmas? It's His birthday! When it's Someone Who has everything, literally, just spend quality time with Him. That's all you have that He wants, anyway.

In Our Lord and Our Lady,

Father Tomson

We Pray in December

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Hear the Word of the Lord

December 1, First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah Psalm Romans	2:1-5 122 13:11-14	Matt 24:37-44
December 2, Monday	Isaiah Psalm	4:2-6 122	Matt 8:5-11
December 3, Tuesday <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	Isaiah Psalm	11:1-10 72	Luke 10:21-24
Dec 4, Wednesday <i>St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	Isaiah Psalm	25:6-10 23	Matt 15:29-37
December 5, Thursday	Isaiah Psalm	26:1-6 118	Matt 7:21-27
December 6, Friday <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>	Isaiah Psalm	29:17-24 27	Matt 9:27-31
December 7, Saturday <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	Isaiah Psalm	30:19-26 147	Matt 9:35-10:8
December 7, Saturday Latin Mass <i>St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church</i>	2 Timothy Psalm	4:1-8 109	Matt 5:13-19
December 8, Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah Psalm Romans	11:1-10 15:4-9	Matt 3:1-12

Intentions at Mass

Sat, Nov 30	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Nick Holley
Sun, Dec 1	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	For the People of Both Parishes
Sun, Dec 1	10 AM	St. Bernadette	Jerry Azbell
Mon, Dec 2	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Donald Mathias
Wed, Dec 4	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Marconis Family
Thurs, Dec 5	8:20 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Richard Shumaker
Thurs, Dec 5	6 PM	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Fri, Dec 6	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	For Moira Kitsmiller
Sat, Dec 7	9 AM	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Sat, Dec 7	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Michael Hayes
Sun, Dec 8	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Gene Qualls
Sun, Dec 8	10AM	St. Bernadette	For the People of Both Parishes

Youth Group News

An Advent Youth Retreat with Reconciliation will be held on Sunday, December 15. The next High School Youth Group meeting is at the St. Mary Spirit Center in Lancaster on Sunday, January 12. Future middle school meeting dates are February 23, March 22, and April 26. Future high school meeting dates are February 9, March 8, and April 19. A Lenten retreat will be held on April 5.

Parish Contributions in November

Saint Bernadette	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	Total
Weekly	14,068	7,231	6,883	7,307	35,489
Electronic Funds Transfer	3,520	438	438	438	4,834
Educational Support	620	305	105	70	1,100
Gifts	20	1,185	180	75	1,460
All Saints	1,071	56	20	30	1,177
Total given to the parish	19,299	9,215	7,626	7,920	44,060
Military	0	694	55	0	749
Human Development	0	0	45	303	348
Total sent beyond parish	0	694	100	303	1,097
Bremen Saint Mary	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	Total
Weekly	5,052	1,411	1,697	2,295	10,455
All Saints	60	0	0	0	60
Total given to the parish	5,112	1,411	1,697	2,295	10,515
St. Vincent de Paul	979	72	90	140	1,281
Military	75	233	105	10	423
Human Development	0	0	0	78	78
Total sent beyond parish	1,054	305	195	228	1,782

Bremen St. Mary Parish

Men's Night Out

The next Men's Night Out happens in the parish hall on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 PM. All men are invited to a delicious meal and uplifting talk. Featured speaker is Justin Bruce.

St. Mary Giving Tree

St. Mary Parish has adopted a family for Christmas this year including two sisters age 9 and 13. The Giving Tree will be filled with their wishes. We ask that gifts be returned by Sunday, December 15. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Bremen Food Pantry

The Food Pantry needs turkeys and cookies for Christmas Baskets for needy families this year.

Please drop off cookies on Thursday, December 19, from NOON to 6:00 PM, and turkeys on Saturday, December 21, at 8:00 AM at the Calvary United Methodist Church. Let Mary Shumaker know if you will be donating a turkey. If you wish to give monetary or nonperishable food item donations, please drop them off at the Bremen St. Mary Church office or contact Mary at (740) 569-4796.

Bremen St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks the members of St. Mary for their support each month to help those in need in Bremen and nearby communities. The Society helps with rent, utility bills, prescription medicine, and furniture. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

Ministry at Mass at St. Mary

+	Reader	Servers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Ushers/ Gifts	Sacristan
1- Sunday Advent Dec 1 8:30 AM	Joseph Young	Caden Fyffe, Brock & Nicole Terry	Angi Skinner	Paul Kunkler Family	Jim Schmelzer
Thursday Dec 5 8:20 AM	Cathy Young				Jim Schmelzer
2- Sunday Advent Dec 8 8:30 AM	Sarah Borah	Karah Borah, Regan Conrad, Charles Schoenlaub	Cathy Young	James Noll Jr. Family	Jeff Schmelzer

St. Mary Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church inside and out on Saturday, December 7, starting at 9:00 AM. "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!" Come and help and enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts, too!

St. Mary Altar Society

The Pregnancy Decision Health Center in Lancaster appreciates St. Mary's generous donations of diapers, baby food, crib sheets, warm baby outfits, and baby bottles. To participate, please bring donations to the parish hall. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00 PM.

St. Bernadette Parish

Eucharistic Adoration

Thanks to those who have contacted the parish office to sign up for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernadette. Starting in Advent, Eucharistic Adoration will be available on Thursday evenings after the 6 PM Mass until MIDNIGHT. (It is available on Wednesdays from 9 AM through 2 PM as well.) A schedule will be sent out soon. If you

could spend an hour with the Lord during part of this time, please call or email the office, and your name will be added to the list.

Advent Prayer – Lectio Divina

A Lectio Divina Scripture prayer series led by Deacon Jeff Carpenter will happen on each Sunday of Advent at 9:00 AM in the Mary Good Center. It will finish in time for the rosary and Mass.

Sunday Vespers at St. Bernadette

Join the Church around the world on her prayer journey through Advent to Christmas. Vespers will be prayed Sundays in Advent (and throughout the year) at St. Bernadette from 5:00-5:30 PM. Prayer books are provided or bring yours if you already received one.

Care Packages for Soldiers Overseas

Parishioner Matthew Qualls will be collecting items to send to Navy SEALs overseas in time for the holidays for his Honor Society service project. A bin will be placed in Our Lady’s Hallway and in the front vestibule for your donations until Monday, December 9. Approved donations can include non-perishable food and powdered drinks, toiletries, books, clothing and games. Most needed items include protein mixes, protein bars, dried fruit and, and beef jerky. If you have questions, call or text Matthew at (740) 215-5858. Many thanks!

St. Bernadette Giving Tree

St. Bernadette Parish will be helping local families again this Christmas through the Giving Tree located in the school hallway. Parishioners may take an ornament from the tree and return their unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 15. Thank you for your participation!

Advent Family Funday... and Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 1, Advent Family Funday is happening in the parish hall right after Mass. There will be activities for the whole family. Help support the Fisher Catholic Irish 4Life Club at Advent Funday by attending the pancake breakfast and bake sale, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Proceeds help fund the trip to the March 4 Life in Washington DC in January. See you there!

School Advisory Boards

The St. Bernadette School Advisory Board has 2 openings for board positions for the current year.

Meetings are held once a month on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Similarly, our position of school advisory board rep for St. Mary is open. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards, please submit a letter of intent to the school office.

Ministry at Mass at St. Bernadette

+	Reader	Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Saturday Vigil Nov 30 at 4 PM First Sunday of Advent	Sandy Landefeld	Abby & Mary Frazier, Kyndra Nagle	Terry Carpenter, Susan Garrett
Sunday Dec 1 at 10 AM First Sunday of Advent	Teresa Scarpitti	Ella Sanford, Avee & Drew Solt, Jack & Sam Tencza,	Bob & Angie Christy
Monday, Dec 2 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Anderson Crook, Zylie Hopkins	
Wed, Dec 4 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Christopher Fitzgibbon, Deaglan Neighbor	
Thursday, Dec 5 6 PM	Kathy Kehnst		
Friday, Dec 6 8:20 AM	St. B Students	Ella Sanford, Ethan Schmelzer	
Saturday, Dec 7 9 AM		Juniper & Jude Baker	
Saturday Vigil Dec 7 at 4 PM Second Sunday of Advent	Brad Rider	Clara & Susan Craaybeek, Eve Darfus	Pat Gins, Marguerite Grimm
Sunday Dec 8 at 10 AM Second Sunday of Advent	David Shonk	Tori Loy, Emma McCrady, Johnathan Pennington, Brooke & Bryson Vogel	Bob Dittoe Pat Dreyer

St. Bernadette Blood Drive

Our next St. Bernadette Blood Drive will be on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM. Please join us for lunch and treats. Help give the gift of life to those in need: cancer patients, those facing surgery, people with blood disorders and premature babies. Volunteers are always needed for set up, tear down and hospitality. To make an appointment call Joyce Guenther at (740) 974-5040 or [www . redcrossblood . org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Around the Diocese

From the Cathedral Pulpit

St. Joseph Cathedral hosts speaker Dr. Mary Healy on Saturday, December 7, with “Lessons for Evangelization from the New Testament” at 6:45 PM.

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