

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



And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea,
to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,
to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son.
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-14

The 4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 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](http://www.stbernadetteparish.net)

Flocknote: text STBERN or STMARY to 97000 to be added to our news, updates, and reminders.

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 3:00 PM, and on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Confessions are offered Sundays at St. Mary Bremen at 8:00 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 9:00 AM and Benediction and Reposition at 2:00 PM. Exposition also takes place each Thursday at St. Bernadette from 7:00 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 to come as you are able, or stop in for prayer anytime.

Both Parishes

Collar Corner

Christmas Blessings to you and your family!
Welcome as always to everyone visiting or coming back home for these holy days.
Please know that we love having you here!

Get alerts on events and news by joining Flocknote: text STBERN or STMARY to 97000 and you will be added automatically.

Pray for the safety of travelers in these days. To find Mass times where you may be going, www.masstimes.org is reliable but you'll want to call to confirm just in case.

On that subject, January 1st is not just a secular holiday; it's the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Our Mass schedule is below.

Our hearts are moved this season to the poor, both the materially and the spiritually poor. Your prayer and works of charity for them have been outstanding in every way, from clothes and toys to diapers and even blood! Your generosity and fidelity are appreciated.

This past year has been filled with incomparable blessings. To our staff, our volunteers, our benefactors, and above all our dear parishioners: thank you so very much! Your faith is inspiring, and it is the perfect gift back to the Lord, not just on Christmas, but indeed on every single day of the year.

May God reward each of you and all your loved ones with a happy, healthy, and holy Christmas Season and blessed new year!

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.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

At St. Mary in Bremen:

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 9:00 PM
Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 8:30 AM

At St. Bernadette:

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 6:00 PM
Midnight Mass at Midnight with carols at 11:30 PM
Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 10:00AM

Mass Schedule for New Year's

At St. Mary in Bremen:

New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 8:30 AM

At St. Bernadette:

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 4:00 PM
New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 10:00AM

Hear the Word of the Lord

December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24 Romans 1:1-7	Matt 1:18-24
December 23, Monday <i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>	Malachi 3:1-24 Psalm 25	Luke 1:57-66
December 24, Tuesday <i>Nativity of the Lord, Vigil</i>	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 89 Acts 13:16-25	Matt 1:1-25
December 25, Wednesday <i>Nativity of the Lord, Night</i>	Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14
December 25, Wednesday <i>Nativity of the Lord, Dawn</i>	Isaiah 62:11-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
December 25, Wednesday <i>Nativity of the Lord, Day</i>	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-6	John 1:1-18
December 26, Thursday <i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	Acts 6:8-7:59 Psalm 31	Matt 10:17-22
December 27, Friday <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97	John 20:1-8
December 28, Saturday <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	1 John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124	Matt 2:13-18
December 28, Saturday Latin Mass <i>Holy Innocents</i>	Apocalypse 14:1-5 Psalm 123	Matt 2:13-18
December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph	Sirach 3:2-14 Psalm Colossians 3:12-21	Matt 2:13-23

Intentions at Mass

Sat, Dec 21	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Lawrence Sr, Gertrude, & Robert Berens
Sun, Dec 22	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Helen Kunkler
Sun, Dec 22	10 AM	St. Bernadette	For the People of Both Parishes
Mon, Dec 23	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Earl Jones
Tues, Dec 24	6 PM	St. Bernadette	H. Patrick Messerly
Tues, Dec 24	9 PM	Bremen St. Mary	For Our Parishes' Past Priests
Wed, Dec 25	MIDNIGHT	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Wed, Dec 25	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	For the People of Both Parishes
Wed, Dec 25	10 AM	St. Bernadette	For the Children of Our Parishes
Thurs Dec 26	6 PM	St. Bernadette	NO MASS
Fri, Dec 27	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Leota Bontrager
Sat, Dec 28	9 AM	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Sat, Dec 28	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Chase Singer
Sun, Dec 29	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	For the People of Both Parishes
Sun, Dec 29	10AM	St. Bernadette	James Mahon IV

2020 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.

PDHC Thank You

St. Bernadette and St. Mary Parishes raised \$578.93 throughout Respect Life Month! Because of the generosity of the parishes, five women will receive a life-changing, life-saving ultrasound and three more women will take a pregnancy test with PDHC. That means during this beautiful season of Advent, eight mothers will have the opportunity to experience the miracle of their children. Those eight women will be encouraged and prayed with to know that there is hope. Thank you for participating

in Pregnancy Decision Health Center's Baby Bottle Campaign.

Youth Group Activities

The senior high youth group will meet in the Upper Room at St. Mary's in Lancaster on Sunday, January 12, from 7 – 9 pm. The Bremen Youth Group will enjoy Laser Tag on Sunday, January 19, from 6 – 8 pm. Call Sarah Borah at (740) 974-5925 for details.

Christmas Catholic Charities Collection

This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

Change in Mass and Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

- Eucharistic Adoration will not take place on Christmas Day.
- There will be morning Mass as usual at St. Mary in Bremen on Thursday morning, December 26, but there will be no Mass or confessions or Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday evening.
- Eucharistic Adoration will take place on New Year's Day.
- There will be Mass and First Thursday Holy Hour at Bremen as usual on Thursday morning, January 2, and there will be Mass and confessions and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernadette as usual on Thursday evening, January 2.

Bremen St. Mary Parish

Epiphany Party

At St. Mary in Bremen, mark your calendars for the 2020 Epiphany Party on Sunday, January 5, right after Mass in the parish hall. The children will be singing and breakfast will be served. Look for sign-up sheets in the church.

Ministry at Mass at St. Mary

+	Reader	Servers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Ushers/ Gifts	Sacristan
4th Sunday Advent Dec 22 8:30 AM	Susan Foltz	Carly Kunkler, Isaac & Kate Schmelzer	Neil Boch	Maurice Schmelzer Family	Chris Redding
Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec 24 at 9 PM	Linda Qualls	Reagan Conrad, Alex Schmelzer	Pam Redding	Paul Kunkler Family	Chris Redding
Christmas Day, Wednesday Dec 25 8:30 AM	Joe Young	Ethan Schmelzer	Nick Schmelzer	James Noll Jr. Family	Joe Young
Thursday Dec 26 8:20 AM	Sarah Borah				Jim Schmelzer
The Holy Family Sunday Dec 29 8:30 AM	Paul Kunkler	Ava, Claire, & Jillian Wilkinson	Wyatt Borah	Nick Schmelzer Family	Joe Young
Mary, Mother of God Wednesday Jan 1 8:30 AM	Jeanne Schmelzer	Caden Fyffe, Isaac & Kate Schmelzer	Cathy Young	Maurice Schmelzer Family	Jim Schmelzer

St. Bernadette Parish

Midnight Mass

Welcome Jesus with us at Midnight Mass. The St. Bernadette Choir, joined by a brass ensemble, will begin with a vigil at 11:30 PM featuring a variety of Christmas carols.

Fifth Sunday: St. Vincent de Paul

Members of the Lancaster St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at Masses on December 28 and 29 to receive your donations. Please continue your generous giving. They operate entirely on income from their store and your voluntary donations.

May She Rest In Peace

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Marilyn Sue Shonk, whose funeral Mass was last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Blood Drive Thank You

Message from Joyce Guenther:

Thanks to all who donated at our Red Cross blood drive on December 7. We collected 47 units of blood! This will help save up to 141 lives.

Blood is in short supply over the holidays due to travel and bad weather, so please consider donating blood this winter. Thanks to Marisa Darfus for helping all day and to super kitchen bosses Toni Blanchard and Margaret Yarmesch for all their help. While this is the last drive I will host at St. B, we have drives scheduled for May, July and December. Thanks to the St. Bernadette family for helping to host 34 blood drives and collect 1,200 units of blood. You are the real heroes!

Ministry at Mass at St. Bernadette

+	Reader	Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Saturday Vigil Dec 21 at 4 PM Fourth Sunday of Advent	Patrick Gins	Christopher Fitzgibbon, Tori Loy, Ella Sanford	Jim Kuhn, Patty Patterson
Sunday Dec 22 at 10 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent	Bob Christy	Daschel, Deaglan, Dominic & Emeline Neighbor, Johnathan Pennington	Kim Hillyard, Ben Peters
Monday, Dec 23 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen		
Tuesday Dec 24 at 6 PM Christmas Eve	Tara Craaybeek	Clara & Susan Craaybeek, Drew Solt, Brooke & Bryson Vogel	Terry Carpenter, Elena Riggins
Midnight Mass (carols at 11:30)	Brad Rider	Tori Loy, Brennan Quaintance, Gunner Robertson, Jack & Sam Tencza	Marguerite Grimm Brad Rider
Wednesday, Dec 25 at 10 AM Christmas Day	David Shonk	Eve Darfus	Harry Haag, David Shonk
Thursday, Dec 26 6 PM		NO MASS	
Friday, Dec 27 8:20 AM	Brad Rider		
Saturday, Dec 28 9 AM		Juniper Baker, Sam Tencza	
Saturday Vigil Dec 28 at 4 PM Feast of the Holy Family	Terry Carpenter	Abby & Mary Frazier, Kyndra Nagle	Brad Rider, Craig Shaw
Sunday Dec 29 at 10 AM Feast of the Holy Family	Dennis Forquer	Tori Loy, Amelia & Gunner Robertson, Avee & Drew Solt	Jean Robertson, Teresa Scarpitti
Monday, Dec 30 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen		
Tuesday Vigil Dec 31 at 4 PM Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Marguerite Grimm	Christopher Fitzgibbon, Maggie Latorre, Emma McCrady	Elena Riggins, Shelia Taylor
Wednesday Jan 1 at 10 AM Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	John Hartig	Eve Darfus, Jack & Sam Tencza, Brooke & Bryson Vogel	Patrick Gins, David Shonk



Poinsettias decorate our churches this Christmas Season for the glory of God
and in memory or honor of our loved ones.



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