

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



Magi from the East

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 2:13-23

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

St. Bernadette Parish

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Painted (1302-1306) fresco by Giotto di Bondone (1267-1337)

now in the Scrovegni Chapel, Padua

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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

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

Every year we look at our accomplishments from the previous year. 2019 was amazing! Here are a few of the things to be proud of: we had Activities Fairs with new Directories at both parishes. We offered Lectio Divina prayer during Advent and with grants started the Spirituality Uncorked program, as well as renovated the school and hall bathrooms at St. Bernadette, where our Mass attendance count was up nearly 10% from last October. Our RCIA group was large and enthusiastic. The rectory received a massive overhaul, with room for Spirit of Peace Counseling... completely from private donations and with heroic levels of volunteer labor. In Bremen, we renovated the women's restroom, installed a quieting room, and gave the hall a dedicated storage space. We also hosted a new fall gathering at Schmelzers' Grove. Bishop Brennan made his first visit for Confirmation and Sr. Teresa Margaret took her Solemn Perpetual Vows as a Carmelite. We extended our Adoration opportunities. Confession times were added each Saturday. Both parishes' finances are in superb shape. Our Adopt-A-Classroom campaign raised a huge margin of school operating funds. The list could go on. These are phenomenal, but most impressive is our quiet daily work of serving the Lord by saving souls. Hopefully you know that I am beyond overjoyed to be your parish priest and thank the good Lord every day for these blessings, and all that you faithfully do for our parishes.

In Our Lord and Our Lady,

Father Tomson

House Blessings

Call in to the office to get your Epiphany blessing scheduled. This is a blessing of the home that gets renewed every year, and only takes a few minutes. The window runs from Epiphany to February 2nd.

Hear the Word of the Lord

January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah Psalm Ephesians	60:1-6 72 3:2-6	Matt 2:1-12
January 6, Monday <i>St. André Bessette, Religious</i>	1 John Psalm	3:22-4:6 2	Matt 4:12-25
January 7, Tuesday <i>St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest</i>	1 John Psalm	4:7-10 72	Mark 6:34-44
January 8, Wednesday	1 John Psalm	4:11-18 72	Mark 6:45-52
January 9, Thursday	1 John Psalm	4:19-5:4 72	Luke 4:14-22
January 10, Friday	1 John Psalm	5:5-13 147	Luke 5:12-16
January 11, Saturday	1 John Psalm	5:14-21 149	John 3:22-30
January 11, Saturday Latin Mass <i>Saturday of Our Lady</i>	Titus Psalm	3:4-7 44	Luke 2:15-20
January 12, The Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah Psalm Acts	42:1-7 29 10:34-38	Matt 3:13-17

Intentions at Mass

Sat, Jan 4	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Fr. Richard Ambrose McAlister, O.P.
Sun, Jan 5	8:30AM	Bremen St. Mary	Rita Kelley
Sun, Jan 5	10 AM	St. Bernadette	For the People of Both Parishes
Mon, Jan 6	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Nancy Stone
Wed, Jan 8	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Nancy Smith
Thurs, Jan 9	8:20 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Regina Shumaker
Thurs, Jan 9	6 PM	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Fri, Jan 10	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Chuck Beiter
Sat, Jan 11	9 AM	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Sat, Jan 11	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Viola Shaw
Sun, Jan 12	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	For the People of Both Parishes
Sun, Jan 12	10AM	St. Bernadette	Leon Sevigny

We Pray in January

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Parish Contributions in December

Saint Bernadette	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
Weekly	8,476	13,383	11,816	9,821	9,014
Electronic Funds Transfer	9,108	438	438	438	438
Educational Support	160	350	1,395	10	35
Gifts	720	500	355	0	100
Immaculate Conception	10	210	413	7	10
Christmas	0	100	50	611	7,666
Total given to the parish	18,474	14,981	14,467	10,887	17,263
Diocesan Charities	25	0	25	5	806
Total sent beyond parish	25	0	25	5	806
Bremen Saint Mary	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
Weekly	6,405	1,495	2,066	1,305	2,917
Gifts	500	550	200	100	0
Immaculate Conception	0	50	130	30	0
Christmas	0	10	0	20	2,340
Total given to the parish	6,905	2,105	2,396	1,455	5,257
St. Vincent de Paul	395	430	90	30	520
Diocesan Charities	0	75	0	10	196
Total sent beyond parish	395	505	90	40	716

Spirituality Uncorked

St. Bernadette Parish will be hosting the first Spirituality Uncorked of 2020, featuring a spiritual talk with reflection, refreshments, and conversation. Parishioners and non-parishioners are invited to the Mary Good Center on Thursday, January 9, at 7:00 PM. Contact Justin Bruce at jrbruce 2020 @ yahoo . com for details.

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 to 9 PM. The Bremen Youth Group will enjoy Laser Tag on Sunday, January 19, from 6 to 8 PM. Call Sarah Borah at (740) 974-5925 for details.

Bremen St. Mary Parish

Epiphany Party

At St. Mary, the 2020 Epiphany Party happens today, January 5, right after Mass in the parish hall. The children will be singing and breakfast will be served.

Ministry at Mass at St. Mary

+	Reader	Servers	Extra-ordinary Minister of Communion	Ushers/ Gifts	Sacristan
The Epiphany of the Lord Jan 5 8:30 AM	Carly Kunkler, Alex Schmelzer	Reagan Conrad, William Hahn, Charles Schoenlaub	Angi Skinner	PSR Students	Jim Schmelzer
Thursday Jan 9 8:20 AM	Sarah Borah				Jim Schmelzer
The Baptism of the Lord Jan 12 8:30 AM	Celesta Schmelzer	Caden Fyffe, Angelo Galella, Carly Kunkler	Irene Kunkler	John Schoenlaub Family	Jeff Schmelzer

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.

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.

St. Bernadette Parish

Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale sponsored by the Confirmation Class immediately after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12, in Our Lady's Hallway. Earnings will offset the cost of their retreat in the spring. Thank you for your support.

Respect Life Group

The St. Bernadette Respect Life group will meet every second Sunday of the month right after Mass. They are assisting the Bottoms Up organization by collecting diapers; you can bring your donations to Our Lady's Hallway until Sunday, January 12. The greatest needs for the families they serve are diaper sizes 4, 5, 6, and baby wipes. During the January 12 meeting, the group will show the movie "Bella". All are invited, although the content may not be appropriate for small children. For information, call Marilyn & Harry Haag at (740) 422-8529.

Ministry at Mass at St. Bernadette

+	Reader	Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday Vigil Jan 4 at 4 PM The Epiphany of the Lord	Bob Christy	Abby & Mary Frazier, Brennan Quaintance	Terry Carpenter, Kathy Wagner
Sunday Jan 5 at 10 AM The Epiphany of the Lord	Teresa Scarpitti	Daschel, Deaglan, Dominic & Emeline Neighbor, Bryson Vogel	Becky Wickham, Amy Woo
Monday, Jan 6 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Anderson Crook Zylie Hopkins	
Wednesday, Jan 8 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Christopher Fitzgibbon, Deaglan Neighbor	
Thursday, Jan 9 6 PM	Kathy Kehnast		
Friday, Jan 10 8:20 AM	St. B Students	Ella Sanford, Ethan Schmelzer	
Saturday, Jan 11 9 AM		Nicholas & Gus Schmelzer	
Saturday Vigil Jan 11 at 4 PM The Baptism of the Lord	Amy Woo	Maggie Latorre, Diana & Flora Woo	Tara Craaybeek, Susan Garrett
Sunday Jan 12 at 10 AM The Baptism of the Lord	David Shonk	Eve Darfus, Amelia & Gunner Robertson	Bob Dittoe, Larry Sanford

Sunday Vespers at St. Bernadette

Vespers is prayed every Sunday throughout the year at St. Bernadette from 5:00-5:30 PM. Join us!

Altar Flowers

A note of thanks to those parishioners who provided flowers for the St. Bernadette altar at different times throughout the past year. If you would like to provide altar flowers in the coming year, simply place your donation of \$40 in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. Indicate your name and the

persons for whom the flowers are offered. Thank you for helping to beautify our church.

Around the Diocese

Save the Date

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish will host a World Marriage Day Gala on Saturday, February 1, following the 5:30 PM Mass. All married and engaged couples are invited for heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks, music and dancing. Registration and details to follow.

Respect Life Mass

The annual Respect Life Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 22, at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Brennan will be the celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For information, contact Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or (614) 241-2540.

Roe Remembrance

Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor Roe Remembrance on Wednesday, January 22, from NOON to 1 PM, following the 10:30 AM Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. The program will be held in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. Please allow extra time for Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For information, visit their webpage at www.gctrl.org/roe.html.

Weekly Confessions and Masses in Our Deanery

Parish	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Penance
<i>Bremen St. Mary</i>				8:20 AM			8 AM Sunday
<i>Lancaster St. Bernadette</i>	8:20 AM		8:20 AM	6 PM	8:20 AM	9 AM	5:30 PM Thursday, 8:30 AM & 3 PM Saturday
<i>Lancaster St. Mary</i>	7 AM	9 AM	7 AM	9 AM			4 PM Saturday
<i>Lancaster St. Mark</i>	8 AM	8 AM	6 PM	8 AM	8 AM		4 PM Saturday
<i>Sugar Grove St. Joseph</i>		NOON	8 AM	NOON	8 AM		5 PM Saturday, 8:30 AM Sunday
<i>Circleville St. Joseph</i>	9 AM	7 PM	9 AM		9 AM		4 PM Saturday
<i>Logan St. John</i>	8 AM	8 AM	9 AM		8 AM		4 PM Saturday
<i>Canal Winchester St. John XXIII</i>	8:30 AM		6 PM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM		6 PM Wednesday, 4 PM Saturday

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