The Parishes of

Saint Mary in Bremen & Saint Bernadette in Lancaster



This is My Beloved Son

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

-From today's Holy Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

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

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

As we end this Christmastide, I'd certainly like to express my gratitude to everyone who remembered me with cards, prayers, and gifts this year. May God bless you all for your great generosity!

Speaking of our parishes' great generosity, please see the 2nd quarter financials below. This report is a representation of our growth, stability, and commitment. We should be very proud. As a thumbnail, St. Bernadette exceeded \$500,000 in offertory for the 2019 calendar year while Bremen reported about a \$500/week increase over the previous year. In consultation with our Finance Councils we are balancing maintenance, investment, and capital improvement projects while staying current on all our expenses. We are in a very healthy financial position, thanks to you all. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

In Our Lord and Our Lady,

Father Tomson

2019 Financial Report

St. Mary (Bremen)					
1st and 2st Quarter Fiscal Year Comparison					
As Of: December 29, 2019 (26 weeks)					
Year	2019-2020	2018-2019			
Regular Offertory	\$71,325	\$64,852			
Other Contributions	\$4,999	\$2,206			
Totals (YTD)	\$76,324	\$67,058			

St. Bernadette							
1st and 2nd (1st and 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year Comparison						
As Of: I	As Of: December 29, 2019 (26 weeks)						
Year 2019-2020 2018-2019 2017-2018							
Offertory	\$263,030	\$222,650	\$201,097				
School	\$10,993	\$6,988	\$6,409				
Other	\$7,452	\$22,738	\$7,815				
Totals (YTD) \$281,475 \$252,376 \$215,321							

Hear the Word of the Lord

January 12, The Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah Psalm Acts	42:1-7 29 10:34-38	Matt 3:13-17
January 13, Monday St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	1 Samuel Psalm	1:1-8 116	Mark 1:14-20
January 14, Tuesday	1 Samuel 1 Samuel	1:9-20 2	Mark 1:21-28
January 15, Wednesday	1 Samuel Psalm	3:1-20 40	Mark 1:29-39
January 16, Thursday	1 Samuel Psalm	4:1-11 44	Mark 1:40-45
January 17, Friday St. Anthony, Abbot	1 Samuel Psalm	8:4-22 89	Mark 2:1-12
January 18, Saturday	I Samuel Psalm	9:1-10:1 21	Mark 2:13-17
January 18, Saturday Latin Mass St. Prisca, Virgin & Martyr	Eccl Psalm	51:13-17 45	Matt 13:44-52
January 19, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah Psalm 1 Cor	49:3-6 40 1:1-3	John 1:29-34

Intentions at Mass

Sat, Jan 11	4 РМ	St. Bernadette	Viola Shaw
Sun, Jan 12	8:30 am	Bremen St. Mary	For the People of Both Parishes
Sun, Jan 12	10 ам	St. Bernadette	Leon Sevigny
Mon, Jan 13	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Mary Arter
Wed, Jan 15	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Earl Jones
Thurs, Jan 16	8:20 ам	Bremen St. Mary	Charles Schmelzer
Thurs, Jan 16	6 РМ	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Fri, Jan 17	8:20 ам	St. Bernadette	Donald Mathias
Sat, Jan 18	9 AM	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
Sat, Jan 18	4 РМ	St. Bernadette	James Marcinko, Sr.
Sun, Jan 19	8:30 ам	Bremen St. Mary	Zach & Ruby Medaugh
Sun, Jan 19	10 ам	St. Bernadette	For the People of Both Parishes

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 Sunday, February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

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.

2019 Financial Statements

If you would like a statement of the contributions you made to either St. Bernadette or St. Mary during the past year, please call or email or visit the office to request it. We will be glad to email you an electronic copy or print and mail a hard copy to you.

Youth Group Activities

The senior high youth group will meet in the Upper Room at St. Mary's in Lancaster today, 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.

Poinsettias

Church Christmas decorations will come down after Mass today at both parishes. Parishioners are welcome to take poinsettias home to enjoy.

Bremen St. Mary Parish

Ministry at Mass at St. Mary

+	Reader	Servers	Extra- ordinary Minister of Communion	Ushers/ Gifts	Sacristan
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
Thursday Jan 16 8:20 AM	Cathy Young				Jim Schmelzer
2- Sunday Ordinary Time Jan 19 8:30 AM	Jeanne Schmelzer	Isaac & Kate Schmelzer, Karah Borah	Leo Kunkler Sr.	Leo Kunkler Sr. Family	Angi Skinner

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.

Women's Conference

Anyone at St. Mary interested in attending the Women's Conference needs to get information to

Sarah Borah by January 15. The cost is \$40 and date is Saturday, February 15.

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

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.

Ministry at Mass at St. Bernadette

+	Reader	Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
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	Jan 12 at 10 AM Shonk The Baptism		Bob Dittoe, Larry Sanford	
Monday, Jan 13 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Christopher Fitzgibbon, Deaglan Neighbor		
Wed, Jan 15 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Ella Sanford, Ethan Schmelzer		
Thursday, Jan 16 6 PM	Kathy Kehnast			
Friday, Jan 17 8:20 AM	St. B Students	Sam Tencza, Flora Woo		
Saturday, Jan 18 9 AM		Max & Henry Schmelzer		
Saturday Vigil Jan 18 at 4 PM 2- Sunday in Ordinary Time	Terry Carpenter	Christopher Fitzgibbon, Abby & Mary Frazier	Marguerite Grimm, Lee Guinan	
Sunday Jan 19 at 10 AM 2- Sunday in Ordinary Time		Emma McCrady, Johnathan Pennington, Ella Sanford	Bob & Angie Christy	

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.

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" in the Mary Good Center. All are invited, although the content may not be appropriate for small children. For information, call Marilyn & Harry Haag at (740) 422-8529.

Thank You

The members of the Lancaster St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the St. Bernadette parishioners for their generous Fifth Sunday donations of \$960.

Around the Diocese

St. Charles Scholarship Test

St. Charles Preparatory School will offer its annual Academic Scholarship Test to prospective students at 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 25. The exam is open to any 8th grade boy regardless of his current high school enrollment status. Test results determine which students will receive merit-based academic awards from the school for the 2020-2021 school year. Register by calling the school office at (614) 252-6714 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM Monday-Friday or online at https://www.stcharlesprep.org/8th-grade-scholarship-test.

Experience "Cardinal Madness"

St. Charles Preparatory School invites all young men in the 5th-8th grades to attend a Night of Cardinal Madness on Monday, January 20, at 6:00 PM. Enjoy refreshments before attending the varsity basketball game at 7:00 PM. Parents may wish to tour the school and meet other families. There is no cost, but please register at nkeyes @ scprep . org.

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 in next week's bulletin.

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. For information, visit their webpage at www . gcrtl . org/roe . html.

Weekly Confessions and Masses in Our Deanery

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



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