

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



The Farewell Discourse

Jesus said to his disciples:
“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him.”

- From today's Holy Gospel, John 14:15-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

St. Bernadette Parish

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St. Mary 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

The 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.

Collar Corner

We're getting closer! Our churches will be open for private prayer during regular daytime hours starting this week. Please be cognizant of social distancing and try to avoid unnecessary contact with surfaces. Obviously, if you feel sick, continue to be safe and stay home. In the days leading up to opening May 30th/31st, we'll begin some daily Masses and Adoration. We are planning that to start Wednesday, May 27th. From there we will return to the regular liturgical schedule, which is the heart of parish life.

Again, everyone should make it a point to make a Lent/Easter/quarantine Confession as we return. May 28th and 30th will both be as normal for that, or just email/call the office for an appointment. The offices will have limited access for only the most urgent in-person needs. Feel free to use the mailbox outside to drop off any correspondence.

Many people have been wondering about our financial status during these weeks. We don't want to bombard everyone with that when we return to public Mass, but a report from March-April is included below. You will see that we have somewhat fallen behind last year's mark, particularly after the first week of March. While many parishioners have continued to be very generous, and we are paying the bills, it will be hard to determine how the gradual reopening will affect us in the long run. For some good news: our Paycheck Protection Program funds have been approved for both parishes. Thankfully this gives us some breathing room while we see how the reopening goes. Our generous parishioners will see us through!

Hopefully we can make this transition back to normal as painless as possible and we can return to the worship of God and service of His people as fully and quickly as we reasonably can! Thank you so much for your patience, your sacrifices, and your support during this time.

In Our Lord and Our Lady,
Father Tomson

Daily Mass & Podcast

EWTN broadcasts Mass on radio and television every day, as does Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron. CREDATIS is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and all the major platforms. It offers a varying series of short spiritual reflections.

Hear the Word of the Lord

May 17, The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:5-17 Psalm 66 1 Peter 3:15-18	John 14:15-21
May 18, Monday <i>St. John I, Pope & Martyr</i>	Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149	John 15:26-16:4
May 19, Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34 Psalm 138	John 16:5-11
May 20, Wednesday <i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>	Acts 17:15-18:1 Psalm 148	John 16:12-15
May 21, Thursday <i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	Acts 18:1-8 Psalm 98	John 16:16-20
May 22, Friday <i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	Acts 18:9-18 Psalm 47	John 16:20-23
May 23, Saturday	Acts 18:23-28 Psalm 47	John 16:23-28
May 24, The Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:17-23	Matt 28:16-20

Intentions at Mass

Sunday, May 17	<i>Private Mass</i>	For the People of Both Parishes
Monday, May 18	<i>Private Mass</i>	Rebecca Droll
Tuesday, May 19	<i>Private Mass</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday, May 20	<i>Private Mass</i>	Joe & Ruby Christy
Thursday, May 21	<i>Private Mass</i>	Zach Medaugh
Friday, May 22	<i>Private Mass</i>	Wilford & Loretta Beiter
Saturday, May 23	<i>Private Mass</i>	Tommy Hartung
Sunday, May 24	<i>Private Mass</i>	For the People of Both Parishes

St. Mary Bremen
Comparison of Regular Contributions - By Week & By Month

Month	Week #	2020	2019	Difference (2020 vs. 2019)
March	1	\$9,571.00	\$1,836.00	\$7,735.00
	2	\$2,605.00	\$2,793.00	-\$188.00
	3	\$1,004.00	\$4,779.00	-\$3,775.00
	4	\$697.00	\$1,170.05	-\$473.05
	5	\$445.00	\$2,188.00	-\$1,743.00
March Totals =>		\$14,322.00	\$12,766.05	\$1,555.95
April	1	\$4,015.00	\$5,560.00	-\$1,545.00
	2	\$395.00	\$1,914.00	-\$1,519.00
	3	\$1,090.00	\$2,127.00	-\$1,037.00
	4	\$1,322.00	\$1,929.00	-\$607.00
April Totals =>		\$6,822.00	\$11,530.00	-\$4,708.00
Grand Total ==>		\$21,144.00	\$24,296.05	-\$3,152.05

St. Bernadette
Comparison of Regular Contributions - By Week & By Month

Month	Week #	2020	2019	Difference (2020 vs. 2019)
March	1	\$17,194.75	\$12,062.45	\$5,132.30
	2	\$7,359.75	\$8,016.00	-\$656.25
	3	\$4,966.57	\$7,799.00	-\$2,832.43
	4	\$4,498.00	\$5,547.50	-\$1,049.50
	5	\$3,578.00	\$8,902.75	-\$5,324.75
March Totals =>		\$37,597.07	\$42,327.70	-\$4,730.63
April	1	\$12,744.00	\$10,228.00	\$2,516.00
	2	\$5,732.00	\$6,866.00	-\$1,134.00
	3	\$2,113.00	\$7,818.00	-\$5,705.00
	4	\$3,693.00	\$5,778.60	-\$2,085.60
April Totals =>		\$24,282.00	\$30,690.60	-\$6,408.60
Grand Totals =>		\$61,879.07	\$73,018.30	-\$11,139.23

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