

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



**O Woman, Great Is Your Faith!**

And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

*-from today's Holy Gospel, Matthew 15: 21-28*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 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

**St. Bernadette Website** is [www.stbernadetteparish.net](http://www.stbernadetteparish.net) **St. Mary Website** is [www.stbernadetteparish.net/about-us](http://www.stbernadetteparish.net/about-us)

**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

The parish office is open by individual appointment. Correspondence can always be dropped safely in the locked drop mailbox. We are grateful for people continuing to bring envelopes there even if they are not able to make it to Sunday Mass. The Bishop's Annual Appeal continues to progress; please see the information below and participate as you are able.

A routine reminder: no member of our staff or any Catholic institution will solicit specific independent donations. Scams are common and regular, especially by email or text. The most common is asking you to buy gift cards and send the redemption codes. Don't.

Some people are asking questions and experiencing anxiety about returning to Mass. Government and Church guidelines for sanitizing and liturgical adaptations are being followed. Be sensitive to the fact that some people are not able to wear masks because of medical conditions that do not otherwise prevent them from being in public. A general guideline in your discernment might be: if you are comfortable going out to eat at restaurants, do shopping beyond the necessary groceries, etc., you can be comfortable coming to Holy Mass. For those who are not, the extended dispensation is in effect and honoring the Lord's Day with prayer and rest should still be done according to your circumstances.

As the Bishop's guidelines state, "The faithful should be reminded to remove their face masks immediately before receiving Communion so as not to fumble with the mask and Communion." Whether you receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand or the traditional way is up to you; we are careful in distributing to avoid contact. As always, if you are carrying a child, using a cane, or having balance/mobility issues generally, it is best to receive on the tongue as it is impracticable to maintain reverence for the Blessed Sacrament otherwise.

RCIA is dependent largely upon you reading this now. You know the people that should come and can invite them and accompany them. Almost all conversions come from the example and encouragement of good faithful Catholics. See the details below.

Please keep our school faculty in your prayers as we make preparations for returning to school amid a series of very challenging circumstances. Thanks to all of our devoted staff for their extra hard work!

In Our Lord and Our Lady,  
Father Tomson

## Hear the Word of the Lord

<b>August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Isaiah Psalm Romans</b>	<b>56:1-7 67 11:13-32</b>	<b>Matt 15:21-28</b>
August 17, Monday	Ezekiel Deut	24:15-24 32	Matt 19:16-22
August 18, Tuesday	Ezekiel Deut	28:1-10 32	Matt 19:23-30
August 19, Wednesday <i>St. John Eudes, Priest</i>	Ezekiel Psalm	34:1-11 23	Matt 20:1-16
August 20, Thursday <i>St. Bernard, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	Ezekiel Psalm	36:23-28 51	Matt 22:1-14
August 20, Thursday Latin Mass <i>St. Bernard of Clairvaux</i>	Eccles Psalm	39:6-14 36	Matt 5:13-19
August 21, Friday <i>St. Pius X, Pope</i>	Ezekiel Psalm	37:1-14 107	Matt 22:34-40
August 22, Saturday Latin Mass <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	Eccles Psalm	24:23-31 12	John 19:25-27
August 22, Saturday <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Ezekiel Psalm	43:1-7 85	Matt 23:1-12
<b>August 23, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Isaiah Psalm Romans</b>	<b>22:19-23 138 11:33-36</b>	<b>Matt 16:13-20</b>

## We Pray in August

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

## RCIA News

RCIA for our two parishes will have an information night for anyone interested at 7:00 PM on Sunday, September 13, in the Mary Good Center. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more about the Faith is welcome. Now is a great time for you to invite and offer to accompany potential converts you know to this no-commitment evening. Any adult who somehow missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is also invited to RCIA. Call the parish office for details.

## Intentions at Mass

<b>Saturday, August 15</b>	4 PM	St. Bernadette	For Dr. Garry & Ellen Boyd – their 50th Wedding Anniversary
<b>Sunday, August 16</b>	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Nicole Luers
<b>Sunday, August 16</b>	10 AM	St. Bernadette	For the People of Both Parishes
Mon, Aug 17	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Joe McAndrews
Wed, Aug 19	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Ed Hill
Thursday, August 20	8:20 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday, August 20	6 PM	St. Bernadette	Nick Holley
Friday, August 21	8:20 AM	St. Bernadette	Jerry Azbell
Saturday, August 22	9 AM	St. Bernadette	Celebrant's Intention
<b>Saturday, August 22</b>	4 PM	St. Bernadette	Ray Sorg
<b>Sunday, August 23</b>	8:30 AM	Bremen St. Mary	Frank Schmelzer
<b>Sunday, August 23</b>	10 AM	St. Bernadette	For the People of Both Parishes

## Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) is a diocese-wide effort that supports the pastoral services and ministries of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Columbus.

Goals for 2020 are:

Diocesan - \$6,850,000.

St. Mary Bremen - \$13,862.

St. Bernadette - \$47,223.

Pledges so far (as of August 11) are:

Diocesan - \$3,180,195.

St. Mary Bremen - \$12,100.

St. Bernadette - \$26,215.

This year's Bishop's Annual Appeal continues in both parishes. Pledge envelopes are available at church entrances. You are invited to fill out your pledge and then place it in the collection baskets as you leave church. You may also mail your pledge directly to your parish or to the diocese, or you may use the brand new Columbus Catholic Giving website at <https://columbuscatholicgiving.org> for your donation. Thank you.

## St. Bernadette Parish

### Newly Baptized!

Welcome to our newest parishioners! John Wesley Allen Kerns, son of Noah and Ria Kerns, was baptized on Sunday, August 9. And Jackson Smith, son of Brian and Amanda Smith, was baptized on Sunday, March 8.

### Pamela Eltringham Memorial Tuition Assistance Fund

With thanksgiving to God, we recognize the 45 years of service that our former principal, Pam Eltringham, gave to St. Bernadette School. Our school community will miss her quiet presence in our building each day and her steady hand at keeping our school "buzzing along." May God grant her eternal rest in heaven.

You are invited to support the *Pamela Eltringham Memorial Tuition Assistance Fund*. Pam's dedication to making Catholic education available to all students will be carried on through this fund, and contributions are welcome. Please send donations, along with your fond memories of Pam, to St. Bernadette School, 1325 Wheeling Road NE, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

## Bremen St. Mary Parish

### Parish School of Religion

PSR registration is now open at St. Mary Church in Bremen. Look for an email from Sarah Borah with the new address of [stmarybremenpsr@gmail.com](mailto:stmarybremenpsr@gmail.com). Please email Sarah if you would like to register someone new. The form will also be located on the St. Mary website at [www.stbernadetteparish.net/about-us](http://www.stbernadetteparish.net/about-us).

### Bremen Food Pantry Video

Check out the video highlighting the Bremen Food Pantry on the Bremen St. Mary website at [www.stbernadetteparish.net/about-us](http://www.stbernadetteparish.net/about-us). It was created as a Thank You to the Catholic Foundation for a \$2,000 grant for food and supplies.

### St. Mary Altar Society

PDHC is extremely thankful for the donations from St. Mary Church in Bremen. The diapers, wipes,

baby shampoo, pacifiers, and baby clothes help many pregnant women in Lancaster. Most needed at this time are size 4 diapers, shampoo, pacifiers, boys' 6-9-month summer pants, and girls' 12-month summer PJs. Donations can be left at church or on the rectory front porch. Thank you!

## Around the Diocese

### Fisher Catholic Bid O' Luck Update

In the interest of reducing community risk of exposure during the ongoing pandemic, this year's auction will be ONLINE BIDDING ONLY, starting on Thursday, August 20, through Saturday, August 22. If you are currently on our Bid O' Luck list, you will be receiving a text/email on Monday, August 17, giving you the link to register & login to the online auction site. If you do not receive this link, please contact Kellie Shonk. Once you register your name, address and credit card information you will have access to bid on all of our items online. Silent and Super Silent online Auctions will start Thursday, August 20, at 8:00 AM and will end on Saturday, August 22 at 6:30 PM. The online Grand Auction will start at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 22, and will end at 9:00 PM. Raffle Tickets are still available at \$100 each, with Grand Prize of up to \$7,500! Contact Kellie if you would like to purchase raffle tickets in advance or they will be available on the auction site until 9:00 PM Saturday, August 22. The Fisher Catholic Foundation has generously offered to match the first \$20,000 donated online during the auction. Please call (740) 654-1231 to arrange item pickup or delivery starting Sunday, August 23, from noon to 2:00 PM and Monday, August 24, through Friday, August 28. Once the bidding is over, you will receive an email with a receipt attached, for the item(s) you have won. For more information contact Kellie Shonk at (740) 654-1231, ext. 19, or keshonk@cducation.org, www.fishercatholic.org.

### Bottoms Up Diaper Drive

Bottoms Up began by collecting a few diapers and giving them to a few food pantries, and then things started to grow, little by little. Diapers and wipes

are now supplied to 50 community food pantries, childcare facilities, pregnancy centers, and domestic abuse shelters in five counties. Bottoms Up has helped thousands of families get by at a difficult time. Because of an affiliation with a national buying group, diapers are available at amazingly low prices. For every donation of \$25, Bottoms Up can buy at least five cases of diapers and serve at least 20 families. To make a one-time or recurring monthly donation, go to <https://bottomsup.life>, call (740) 808-6131, or just send a check to Bottoms Up, 322 North High Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. You can make a difference in the lives of the needy through the Bottoms Up Diaper Drive!

### Bethesda Healing Ministry

Anxiety can be heightened during these trying times. If you know of anyone struggling from an abortion experience in the past, Bethesda is available to help at (614) 309-0157.

### August: National Make a Will Month

Have you been put off creating or updating your will? Is life too busy and this important planning tool keeps getting put on the back-burner? Now is the time to make sure that your final wishes are followed after you leave this earthly life. A will is a legal document which captures what you want to happen to your assets when you die. Having a will in place prevents the state from determining for you how and to whom your assets are distributed. A will can be simple and may not require a lot of time or money to establish. The Catholic Foundation's Professional Advisors Group has many attorneys from across the Diocese of Columbus who can serve as a great resource for determining what you need to create a will. The Catholic Foundation also has tools available to help you get started with creating your will and forming your estate plans. They have a free informational planning guide to get you started. Stop procrastinating and use this month as an opportunity to start your will or review an existing version if it's more than 5 years old. Your family and loved ones will thank you for taking the guess work out of how you would like your financial matters handled. Contact the Catholic Foundation today for information at (614) 443-8893 or visit [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org).

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