

## St. Bernard Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>
10:00	+ Susan Andrews
12:00	Intention Maria Fregoso
8:00	+ Richard Maleski
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>
12:10	+ Jim Dillon
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>Dec. 18</b>
12:10	+ Samuel Burza
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>
12:10	+ Ryan Perkins
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>
12:10	+ Carmon Horvath
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
12:10	Intention Ray & Michelle Schmidt
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>
4:30	Int. John & Kathleen Zurzolo-Myers
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>Dec. 23</b>
10:00	Int. Leonara & Diane Galizio
12:00	Pro Populo
8:00	Deceased Members O'Hare Family

### St. Mary Mass Intentions

Dec. 16	9:00 am – + Ethel Becker
Dec. 19	8:45 am – Antoinette Saegar
Dec. 23	9:00 am – Deceased Members Crookston & Ruquet Families

### Scripture Readings for the Week

<b>Mon.</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
<b>Tues.</b>	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
<b>Wed.</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
<b>Thur.</b>	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Fri.</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
<b>Sat.</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
<b>Sun.</b>	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

### Sunday Offering, December 9, 2018

<u>St. Bernard</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>
\$6,652.00	\$1,204.00
<b>Retirement for the Religious</b>	
\$1,362.00	\$172.00

**St. Bernard WeShare for Nov. 2018 \$2,821.17**

**Prayer Requests:** *Delores Abbott, Carol Consolo, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, Olinda Frazier, Bob & Lee Freund, Jorge Gomes, Patrick Grismer, Lorrie Haddox, Kelly Hatcher, Matilda Hofacker, Stephanie Hollinger, Joyce Kilby, Bud Lundstrom, John Madia, Marlene Madia, Marilyn Maximovich, Ann Miller, Ina Dawn Nye, Helen Oreskovich, Clara Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, David Scheele, Renee Schillinger, James Schultz, Marcia Stuczynski, Steve Williams, Dave Wojcik.*

**Protecting God's Children:** The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Services Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at: [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org)  
You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior



**Caroling Opportunity;** join the Respect Life Team in caroling those on the Prayer Request list and shut ins of both parishes Saturday 12/29/2018 and Sunday 12/30/2018 at 2PM meet in the church parking lot. All are welcome to come on either day or both.

### ST. BERNARD Sweatshirts/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts:

With winter here Sweatshirts make wonderful Christmas Gifts. If you are interested in purchasing one please call the Office at 330-253-5161. (While supplies last)  
**Sweatshirts & Polo Shirts: \$25.00 / T-Shirts: \$18.00**

**Travel with Right to Life of Northeast Ohio** by bus for a one day trip to the annual March for Life in Washington on January 19, 2019. This is an awesome event that must be experienced! **A limited number of seats are still available.** Cost is \$50 per person. For full details and reservations, visit [www. RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com](http://www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com), or call their office at 330-762-2785.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

4:30pm	St. Bernard Children's
7:00pm	St. Bernard Bilingual (Esp)
Midnight	St. Bernard (Choir at 11:30pm)

### Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass

9:00 am	St. Mary Mass of Day
10:00 am	St. Bernard Mass of Day

## Pastor's Thoughts

I can remember when I was little, a family member asked, "Why is it a Holy Day of OBLIGATION!?! How does the Church have the right to make me do anything?" Great question! It doesn't! This is probably why less people go to Church today than went in 1950. Along with the shift of the whole culture, we experience now a Church that comes because it WANTS to be there. And how great it is as a priest to speak with and minister to people who want to be Catholic and choose voluntarily to practice their faith. For all those interested in following Christ in the Catholic Church, here is what the Church's canon 1247 says about the days we must attend: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body." A parish priest may, on a case by case basis, transfer the obligatory attendance to some other pious act or to another Mass like if for some reason the person is working. Also, if sick or travelling, the Church does not require you to go to Mass ever! There used to be a lot more Holy Days of Obligation than we see today. Even as recently as 1911, the Church had 36 Holy Days of Obligation. Nowadays, in addition to Sundays and Easter Sunday, here are the 6 that we United States Catholics are Obligated to come to church for, along with their 2019 calendar days:

January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Tuesday) Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the solemnity of the Ascension (Thursday) August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Thursday) November 1, the solemnity of All Saints (Friday) December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Observance) December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (2018: Tuesday, 2019: Wednesday)

Father Frank and/or myself will be available for Confession like normal on Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m., and extra special just for you and the Catholics of the area on Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 4:00-7:00 p.m., and from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22. There are still many opportunities for Confession at neighboring parishes this time of year. What do you want from God? How do you need God to be more

incarnate in your life? With confidence, joyful expectation and the consolation that God loves you, pray for it, watch for it and wait for it.

Joyfully Awaiting Christmas,

Father Chris

**St. Mary Parishioners** are invited to decorate our church for Christmas! Join us on Saturday, Dec. 22, beginning at 9 am.

### **ST. MARY'S PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Will follow our 9 am Mass on Dec. 30 in the school cafeteria! All are welcome! If you are able, bring a dish to share! We are inviting Fr. Halaiko and those who attend the Hungarian Mass to join us!

**The Knights of Columbus** are offering the Nativity Tree, a beautiful yard decoration featuring the Holy Family nestled inside a Christmas tree. It is 4 feet tall and manufactured with durable double walled rotational plastic for years of carefree beauty. Keep Christ in Christmas and share your faith with the world! Each Nativity Tree is only \$70.00 and proceeds from every sale benefit Knights of Columbus Charities. Call Howard Carter at 234-738-6463 to order your Nativity Tree today! Makes a great Christmas gift too!

**All Souls for 2018** - Cassella Family, Flanagan Family, Kaminsky Family, Hammonds, Kaminsky Children and Grandchildren.

**DISCIPLES FOR THE DYING:** The next First Friday Mass will be at St Vincent January 4 at 6:30am. The schedule is as follows: St Sebastian, February 1 at 8:00am and St Bernard, March 1 at 12:10pm.

POSADAS DE LOS MIEMBROS DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN BERNARDO 2018  
12 - 16 - 18 Casa de La Paz 842 Princeton Street Akron, Ohio 44310  
12 - 17 - 18 Lety Castaneda 246 South Firestone Boulevard Akron Ohio 44301. 909 - 728 - 158812 - 18 - 18 Señora flor 80 W. Crosier St. Akron, Ohio 4431112  
1918 Familia Ortiz Garcia 864 Georgia Ave. Akron Ohio 4430512-20-18  
Familia Hernández 1089 Norka St. Akron, Ohio, 44307  
12 - 21 - 18 Lety Gomez 663 Blaine Avenue Akron, Ohio 44310. 330-618-3189 o Salón Social de San Bernardo 44 University Ave. Akron Ohio 44308  
12-22- Ana Laura 2827 S. Main St. Akron, Ohio, 44319  
12-23-18 Bricia 622 Upson St. Akron Ohio, 44305(330-328-0990) Los esperamos a todos a las 6pm y gracias a todos por prestar las casas y continuar con nuestras devociones navideñas. MISA EN ESPAÑOL - Les recordamos que tendremos misa el 24 de diciembre a las 7 pm en la iglesia de San Bernardo. Todos están bienvenidos.