

ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 15

10:00 +Willie Orr
12:00 All Souls
8:00 The People of St. Bernard
& St. Mary Parish

Monday, March 16

12:10 +Bethann Berho

Tuesday, March 17

12:10 +Ruth McCunne

Wednesday, March 18

12:10 +Joe Knapp

Thursday, March 19

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:10 +Nick Colianni

Friday, March 20

12:10 +Gary & Jean Hultberg

Saturday, March 21

4:30 +Jim Scafidi

Sunday, March 22

10:00 +Rose Grande
12:00 The People of St. Bernard
& St. Mary Parish
8:00 All Souls

ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 15

9:00 Thanksgiving for Fr. Chris
& Fr Frank

Friday, March 20

8:45 Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 22

9:00 Intentions of John Ohlin

****Parish office is closed
St Patrick's Day** For all
non-emergencies. There
will still be daily Mass**

SUNDAY OFFERING

	St. Bernard	St. Mary
March 8th	\$ 6,169.00	\$ 1,352.00
March 1st	\$ 6,040.00	
Black/Indian Mission		\$ 120.00
We Share	\$ 3,623.85	

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS have another fantastic charity ticket raffle; the top prize is \$414.00 a month for ten years, 2nd prize is \$313.00 a month for five years and 3rd prize is \$212.00 for five years. There are an additional twenty-two CASH PRIZES being awarded besides the top three prizes. The tickets are \$5.00 each and a chance to win one of the twenty-five prizes worth over \$108,000.00. At St. Bernard when we sell a ticket, we will donate \$2.00 of the \$5.00 ticket price to the parish for the church building renovation.

WOMEN OF FAITH: Captured and enslaved by marauding Irish Pirates at the tender age of 16... the Great St. Patrick discovered consolation from his God as a slave on a lonely hillside in Ireland with only sheep for company....And, yet, with such humble beginnings, we discover that "All things are indeed possible with God," because ours is a Faithful God.... And, today, He asks us... "Will you let Me walk with you awhile? Will you trust Me in your own solitude?" Won't you join WOMEN OF FAITH on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 in the Upper Room? Questions, call Lorrie at 330-923-8874; or donlorh@att.net.

ACCESS: Youth in Grades 6th-8th are encouraged to join ACCESS Shelter for its 2nd annual *Learn, Give, Lead: Youth Impact Day* on Saturday, **April 18, 2020**. This free leadership development and community service event will teach youth about giving back to their community and allow them to complete a project for their neighbors facing homelessness at ACCESS. Registration is free but an in-kind donation of pillows, youth underwear or pull-ups is suggested. Two sessions are available to choose from: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 2:00-4:00 p.m. Registration is required by visiting the ACCESS website and clicking on events at www.access-shelter.org.

THE NEXT CLEVELAND RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND is scheduled for March 27-29, 2020. This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150.00 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR LIFE-GIVE LOCAL: The St. Bernard/St. Mary Respect Life Team and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Lenten almsgiving opportunity for the entire family. Help support the Pro-Life movement locally with a concrete act of love by supporting the Embrace Clinic and Care Center located in Barberton and serving the entire Akron area. Embrace is a nonprofit; Christian pregnancy center offering spiritual, material, medical, and compassionate emotional support to not only moms, dads and babies, but to the entire family. Pick up a baby bottle after Mass beginning the weekend of March 7-8, fill it with coins, bills or checks made payable to "Embrace" – no amount is too small when done with love; "God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind" (Heb 13:16). Return your baby bottle after Mass on the weekend of March 28-29 or bring it to the St. Bernard Parish office. May God Bless your Lenten Journey!

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE LATIN MASS? Join us at St. Sebastian's Parish, 476 Mull Avenue, Akron, Ohio, for an hour-long Latin Mass workshop on Sunday, March 22nd. It will be held in Zwisler Hall (on the parish grounds) from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There will be discussions and time for questions and answers. Afterwards, stay for the 1:00 p.m. Latin Mass and use what you have learned! Questions, call 330-869-0682.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar: The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a one hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and special discount coupon. Holy Cross Cemetery – 100 E. Waterloo Road, Akron. **RSVP to 216-641-7575, ext. 7 or Email bdejohn@clecem.org.**



WHO WON BEST FISH FRY FOR 2019? Find out in this issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine. Read about the Viera family along with high school student Nick Wells, as they share their faith journey. You'll find summer camps for your kids and advice on planning for you or your loved ones future in a senior living community. Arriving in your mailbox now or read it on our website at dioceseofcleveland.org.

PEACE REFLECTION by The Wilderness Group

Transformation and authenticity are both important to being a peaceful person. Developing authenticity is synonymous with genuineness, with being real. Being inauthentic is synonymous with equivocation or putting on a face. The Samaritan woman in today's gospel provides a clear example of what authenticity looks like. She laid bare her soul to Jesus and he responded positively. She did not play the blame game or "Yeah, I was wrong, but..."

With issues of peace, there can be much inauthenticity. We can claim to be followers of the Prince of Peace, verbally profess non-violence as the ultimate goal, and yet in the most important choices and discussions, peace can remain little more than an intellectual concept.

Pope Paul VI, in one of his World Day of Peace messages, once reminded us that "Peace is the only true direction of human progress." The simplicity and clarity of living peace is indeed a challenge. But there is no room for inauthenticity. May our Lenten fasting lead us to what is authentic and, therefore, to peace practiced in every-one of our thoughts, words and deeds.

DIVINE MERCY teaches us that "I Myself am the spiritual guide of souls...and lead each one to sanctity by a road known to Me alone." "Tell souls where they are to go to look for solace; that is in the Tribunal of Mercy (the Sacrament of Reconciliation). There the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated." "When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it."

GOOD NEWS BOOK FAIR will take place March 25-31 and be open in the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Library (located on the 2nd floor), 2859 Lillis Drive, Cuyahoga Falls. There are fun, clean, and faith-filled books for toddler to teens and adults available to purchase. Book Fair hours will be weekdays during school hours (8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.), Saturday after 4:30 p.m. Mass and Sunday after 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Masses and on Monday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. You can also purchase online at <https://www.goodnewsbookfair.com/> and use **IHMSPRING** during checkout.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON NEWMAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is hosting a fundraising dinner dance at Our Lady of the Cedars in Fairlawn on April 25th at 6:00 p.m. All funds raised will benefit current University of Akron students involved in Catholic campus ministry (RooCatholic). The cost per ticket is \$40.00 and includes a festive evening of dinner and "Dancing Through the Decades!" Ticketed bar and various raffles will also be available. Contact us at alumni@roocatholic.com to purchase tickets or for business and patron ad details.

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

Monday: 2Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4

Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35; Ps 25:4-9

Wednesday: Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20

Thursday: 2Sm 7:4-5a,12-14,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22;Ps 89:2-5,27,29

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34; Ps 81:6-11,14,17

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41; Ps 23:1-6

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions *Delores Abbott, Cora Christoff, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, Terry Fercana, Olinda Frazier, Bob & Lee Freund, Ada Gelpi, Jorge Gomes, Patrick Grismer, David Kaminsky, Jamie Kapes, Bud Lundstrom, Brian Madia, John Madia, Marilyn Maximovich, Mary Ann May, Ann Miller, Jim Nevadomi, Helen Oreskovich, Clara Jean Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, Heleyne Stephanie, Marcia Stuczynski, Charlotte & Tilman Thurman, Dave Wojcik*

"Names will be left on the prayer list for 90 days unless an additional 90-day period or cancellation is requested."

Diocesan-wide retreat day for women



– Join us on Saturday, March 28 at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Akron, from 9:30-3:00 p.m. Speakers include Mother Jeanette of the Mercedarians Sisters of the

Blessed Sacrament and Mother Theodora of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery. This year's theme is **Friendship and the Saints**. For more details and to register, visit stparish.com and click on the Women's Retreat link.



Walking the Passion with Mary

Saturday April 4th

Beginning with Mass at 8am
& ending at noon

St. Mary Parish

750 S. Main St. Akron, OH

A day of fellowship with your sisters in Christ in meditation of Lent through inspiring talks, Confession, Adoration, and Stations of the Cross.

Guest Speakers Include:

Marian Neugebauer

Lucy Antalek, Kent State student

Cost: \$10 (Light breakfast included)

Registration: Send in form with check or cash (Check made out to St. Mary Parish)

Questions: dycrookston@aol.com or 330-819-8901



Women's Retreat Registration Form- Deadline Saturday, March 28th

First Name

Last name

Phone Number

Email Address

Parish

Mail form and check to Lisa Crookston at 16262 Woodlawn Dr. Doylestown, OH 44230

PASTOR'S NOTE

(ALMS)GIVING. The word "Alm" in the modern English language, comes from the Old English *ælmesse*, *ælmes*, from Late Latin *elemosyna*, from Greek *ἐλεημοσύνη eleēmosynē* ("pity, alms"), from *ἐλεήμων, eleēmōn* ("merciful"), from *ἔλεος, eleos* ("pity"). (Wikipedia) In Spanish it is "Limosna." The *eleos* of the Greek calls to mind the liturgical prayer "Kyrie, Eleison;" "Lord, have mercy. In simple terms, giving alms is "an act of charity towards those less fortunate" (Wikipedia). "Catechism 2462 teaches us, "Giving alms to the poor is a witness to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God." Why? Because the life of God is Charity itself; God is love! Therefore in doing charity, in being giving, we are acting in "God's lifestyle;" we are doing the life of God. God gives us Himself and the way back to Himself in Jesus Christ. As a parish we kicked off our parish almsgiving last weekend with the baby bottles that will collect change and donations and change things for families who come to the Embrace Clinic for assistance with necessities for their children. As standards change daily in our individual and communal responses to the Corona virus, we have so many opportunities to be generous and give! They say that even if we contract the virus and overcome it with our immune system alone, we can still carry it to others who are unable to fight it off on their own, and then they can die from it. That is the reason for all of these precautions. In our overly abundant cautious responses to Corona virus, the caution we exercise will give us perfect opportunities for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Pray for all those affected and killed by the virus and pray for the patience and wisdom and strength to overcome it. Pray for a faith and love that casts out all fear. Fast from the things you may have done so that others are kept safe and can have the life to do what they are still called to do. Give of your kindness, "bear this wrong patiently," and they will say of us what outsiders looking in have long said in admiration of the Church before they came to Christ, "See how they love one another." The Newman Center and its activities are closed until further notice but as of 3/11/20, we will continue as planned with all scheduled parish activities, with due caution and respect to diocesan mandates of no cup and empty baptism and holy water fonts. Through our prayer, fasting and giving of alms, may we conquer our own spiritual challenges and also this global challenge of Corona virus.

–Father Chris

AVISOS PARA LA COMUNIDAD

NOTA – No se olvide que la clase de Liturgia con la señora Hortensia Rodriguez es este domingo 15 de marzo después de misa, los esperamos a todos, no se les olvide traer algo para compartir. Gracias por todo su apoyo.

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN – La clase para los padres y niños será el 1 y 15 de marzo, después de misa de 12. Por favor llamar al 330-253-5161 ext. 1009 de 9-5pm. Recuerde que su niño tiene que estar registrado antes de venir a la clase de primera comunión. Los esperamos a papás y niños en el Salón Social.

CLASES DE PRE-BAUTIZO – Se les informa a todos los padres de familia que la próxima clase de pre-bautizo será el sábado 21 marzo a las 5:30 pm. En el Salón Histórico. Por favor hable con la Sra. Nancy después de misa o llame a la oficina para que se registre al 330-253-5161 ext. 1009. De 9-5pm. Recuerde que para venir a la clase su niño/a tiene que estar registrado/a.

CONGRESO 2020 POST-ENCUENTRO – El post-encuentro será el sábado 28 de marzo de 9 am–3:30 pm. En la Cathedral Square Plaza 1404 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Más información llame 216-696-6525 ext. 2530 o 4300. Por favor necesitamos que se registren con Fr. Chris 330-253-5161 ext. 1002 o Nancy 330-322-4452, solo hay 20 puestos. Gracias.

HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL – Les informamos a todos los padres de familia que tienen hijos de grado 8, para que pidan información de que es lo que se necesita para que su hijo/a entre al grado 9 de Hoban High School. Más información hable con Pachi Bell y deje un mensaje 330-768-6591 o llame a la oficina lo más pronto posible 330-253-5161 ext. 1009, todavía hay oportunidad de que ellos apliquen para ese colegio. No desaproveche esta oportunidad para los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad hispana.

ESCUELA DE EVANGELIZACION – Formación de Liderazgo Pastoral. El ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Cleveland invita a los movimientos apostólicos, grupos parroquiales y comunidad en general a participar un

sábado por mes en las clases de formación de Liderazgo Pastoral Hispano de 9-5 pm. Escuela Católica de la Iglesia Holy Name, 8328 Broadway Ave. Cleveland, Oh 44105. Marzo 21, April 25, Mayo 23, Junio 27, Agosto 22, Octubre 24. Se ofrecerá un certificado al final de las clases a los interesados en la certificación. Puede participarse también como oyente de cualquier clase para crecimiento de la fe. Para registrarse llame a 216-696-6525 exts. 2530 y 4300.

PROYECTO RAÍCES - Es un programa para los niños de la Comunidad Latinoamericana de Akron, enfocado en incentivar la educación bilingüe, mantener la Cultura Hispana y promover su participación en eventos educativos y culturales. Proyecto Raíces invita a todos los niños de la comunidad para el 21 de marzo 10-1 pm. Para más información hable con Nancy 330-322-4452