

### ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, June 14**

10:00 +Eitel Banks  
 12:00 The People of St. Bernard & St. Mary Parish  
 8:00 +Harold O'Hare

**Monday, June 15**

12:10 +Willie Orr

**Tuesday, June 16**

12:10 +Eitel Banks

**Wednesday, June 17**

12:10 Happy Birthday Coty Perkins

**Thursday, June 18**

12:10 +Salette Gomes

**Friday, June 19**

12:10 +George Roth

**Saturday, June 20**

4:30 No Special Intention

**Sunday, June 21**

10:00 +Kenh Pham  
 12:00 +Florentino Martinez  
 8:00 Happy Birthday  
 +Ted Richardson



*Special Congratulations to  
 Mary & Brenden Hallinan*

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Delores Abbott, Cora Christoff, Diane O'Connor, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, Terry Fercana, Olinda Frazier, Lee Freund, Ada Gelpi, Jorge Gomes, Patrick Grismer, David Kaminsky, Jamie Kapes, Bud Lundstrom, Brian Madia, John Madia, Marilyn Maximovich, Mary Ann May, Rosalie Morhidge, Helen Oreskovich, Terrie Pfeil, Clara Jean Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Richard & Ruth Reinhart, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, Heleyne Stephanie, Marcia Stuczynski, Charlotte & Thurman Tilman, Margaret Williams, Dave Wojcik.*

Achbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued a statement on George Floyd and the protests in American cities that have taken place over the last several weeks

Archbishop Gomez's full statement follows:

The killing of George Floyd was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice. How is it possible that in America, a black man's life can be taken from him, while calls for help are not answered, and his killing is recorded as it happens?

I am praying for George Floyd and his loved ones, and on behalf of my brother bishops, I share the outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and across the country. The cruelty and violence he suffered does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement, who carry out their duties with honor. We know that. And we trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable. We should all understand that the protests we are seeing in our cities reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity only because of their race or the color of their skin. It should not be this way in America. Racism has been tolerated for far too long in our way of life.

It is true what Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that riots are the language of the unheard. We should be doing a lot of listening right now. This time, we should not fail to hear what people are saying through their pain. We need to finally root out the racial injustice that still infects too many areas of American society. But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us keep our eyes on the prize of true and lasting change.

Legitimate protests should not be exploited by persons who have different values and agendas. Burning and looting communities, ruining the livelihoods of our neighbors, does not advance the cause of racial equality and human dignity.

We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise – to be a beloved community of life, liberty, and equality for all.

### ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, June 14**

9:00 No Special Intention

**Sunday, June 21**

9:00 +Anthony Crookston

**Mass Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16, Mt 5:38-42; Ps 5:2-3, 5-7  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48; Ps 3-6, 11, 16  
**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18; Ps 31:20-21, 24  
**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15; Ps 97:1-7  
**Friday:** Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10  
**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Lk 2:41-51; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34  
**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

**Sunday Offering**

	St. Bernard	St. Mary
June 2020	6,687.00	\$1,801.00
May 2020	14,043.00	

*Wedding Banns*

III – Christine Andres & Justin Casilio  
 III – Angela Paridon & Robert Sassa  
 I – Melanie Davidson & Alex Walker



Make plans to join us for VillageFEST Virtual!

On June 26th and 27th join us and take part in a fun, recreational activity of your choice (biking, hiking, walking, a round of golf, whatever you'd like!), while wearing your "VillageFEST Virtual" T-shirts, and snap a quick photo or video to share with us. While we can't gather in person this year to partake in VillageFEST, we can all come together, remotely to support the health and wellbeing of all residents at The Village! The photos and videos you send will then be compiled into a final video and shared on all of our social media and with our residents. All proceeds from VillageFEST Virtual will support health and wellness programming within all three of our campuses.

For more information or to register, go to [vsecommunities.org/fest](http://vsecommunities.org/fest). Questions? Please contact Rebecca Lamour at 234-466-8792 or [Rebecca.lamour@vased.org](mailto:Rebecca.lamour@vased.org).

As a result of the **CARE Initiative**, Father Chris invites you to a first ever weekly general "Parish Zoom Meeting." This is a way to stay together, tune in and do something during this time. Father Chris will kick us off with his topic, "**The Theology and Spirituality of Change.**" Future presenters and topics will be presented and discussed as well. This zoom will take place on Tuesday, June 16th from 7:00-7:40 p.m. To attend, download the Zoom app, open it just before the start time, use personal meeting ID 390 462 8100 and enter the Password 7C5EZg. We will experiment with this and try to make instructions accessible through facebook and the parishes' website ([www.stbernardstmary.org](http://www.stbernardstmary.org)).

As we continue to respond to COVID-19, it is important that our parish office has your current contact info to communicate any changes or upcoming initiatives. We also want to make sure all are being helped. Please fill out the other side of this card and return it to our parish at 44 University Avenue, Akron, OH 44308, or by dropping it through the mail slot in the office door. If you prefer to respond by email, please write to [deemccall@stbernardstmary.org](mailto:deemccall@stbernardstmary.org) and include your name, address, phone number, and your email address. Or you can call the office at 330-253-5161 and leave a message with that information. Thank you! May God Bless you all.

### HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO ALL FATHERS!!!

Fathers' Day Blessing

*God our Father, in Your wisdom and love You made all things. You sent us Your very own Son to save us. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, help them always to be strong in their care and love of their children. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Señor Dios, Padre bueno, creador del género humano, Tú enviaste a tu Hijo Jesús, para redimir y salvar a los hombres. Te pedimos por estos padres Para que al ejemplo de San José amen a sus hijos, los cuiden y protejan, Y sobre todo, les enseñen a amarte a Tí que eres nuestro Padre del Cielo, te sirvan en todo, y alcancen finalmente la vida eterna. Te lo pedimos a Tí que vives y reinas por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*

## PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Parishioners:

This is the second pastor article back since Coronavirus! How exciting! I wish it were under better circumstances or that I was writing after the whole pandemic drew to a conclusion, but this is where we are now, and we are getting to where we need to go; step by step. Unfortunately, we also have another pandemic going on; the hate pandemic! This one we can't address with masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing, however. This one can only be addressed through the conversion of the heart, the forgiveness of Jesus Christ and the decision to love. To help facilitate this, it is important to share with you a document that you can read in its entirety called "Open Wide Our Hearts." It is a pastoral response to Racism published by the US Bishops in 2018 and is available in its entirety if you search online. It is only 32 pages and guides us as to how we might respond to racism as a people of faith. I read it closely last week, (it took 30 minutes,) and this week and last week, I highlight its major points. I encourage you to check out last week's bulletin online or in paper in which Dee McCall and I reflected on 1. The Title of the document and 2. Hearing, with open hearts, tragic stories deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters. This week, I wish to reflect upon three more major themes in the document. 3. The declaration of Racism as a sin and the condemnation of that sin. Several Scripture passages are invoked by the bishops to support this, one of them being the First Letter of John, 3:15, which says, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know no murderer has eternal life remaining in him." This goes along with many other of Jesus' teachings which indicate "if it is a matter of the heart, IT MATTERS!" It is also powerful that this condemnation of hatred takes place up front in the first few pages of the document. 4. The staying power and repetition of Racism. The bishops say, "Racism can be placed in our hearts knowingly or unknowingly by our upbringing and culture." They add that this is the fifth time since 1958 that they have written a letter identifying the evil of Racism in our U.S. culture and calling the people of faith and all people of good will to fight against it. How can we measure the progress? How can we think differently to continue to eliminate Racism? Why does this repeat across different generations? 5. The power of love to overcome Racism, and the commitment of the bishops' committee to work to implement an effective dialogue and structural response of love to Racism, and to work against Racism in any and all structures by the power of love. "Christ showed us that the very life of God is love, and love requires something of each of us" say the bishops. How can what love requires of me put an end to every form of hatred and discrimination around me? Speaking of, Happy Fathers' Day to all fathers!!!

– Father Chris