

**ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, November 29**

10:00 a.m. +Fritz & Manda Hoffman  
 12:00 p.m. For the people of St. Bernard &  
 St. Mary Parish  
 8:00 p.m. +Ted & Genie Richardson

**Monday, November 30**

12:10 p.m. +Joseph & Ruth K

**Tuesday, December 1**

12:10 p.m. +Marlene Collins

**Wednesday, December 2**

12:10 p.m. +Maria Banks

**Thursday, December 3**

12:10 p.m. For the Homebound of St. Bernard's

**Friday, December 4**

12:10 p.m. +Elsa Lobatón

**Saturday, December 5**

4:30 p.m. +Edward Palazzo

**Sunday, December 6**

10:00 a.m. +Richard Frank  
 12:00 p.m. For the people of St. Bernard &  
 St. Mary Parish  
 8:00 p.m. Special Intentions to Louis Lore, Jr.

\*\*The 10:00 a.m. and Noon Mass will be streamed on our Facebook Page every week\*\*

**ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, November 29**

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary HS  
 Class of 1965

**Wednesday, December 2**

8:45 a.m. Intentions of students & Staff of  
 St. Mary School

**Sunday, December 6**

9:00 a.m. The Frank Ohlin Family

**Special Congratulations**

Ivan and Ingrid Cruz

**Wedding Banns**

II – Carley Smith & Vince Politano

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*Delores Abbott, John Conti, Richard & Mary Ann Cook, Constance Crace, Cora Christoff, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, Domingo Abarzaya Duza, Terry Fercana, Olinda Frazier, Lee Freund, Jorge Gomes, Patrick Grismer, Stephanie Hollinger, David Kaminsky, Jamie Kapes, Bud Lundstrom, Brian Madia, John Madia, Marilyn Maximovich, Mary Ann May, Ann Miller, Rosalie Morhidge, Paula Muehlbauer, Diane O'Connor, Helen Oreskovich, Terrie Pfeil, Clara Jean Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Richard & Ruth Reinhart, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, Olinda Freizer-Santiago, Renee Schillinger, Heleyne Stephanie, Marcia Stuczynski, Charlotte & Thurman Tilman, Georgina Valerio, Margaret Williams, Dave Wojcik*

**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22; Ps 19:8-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24;  
 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37; Ps 23:1-6  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27;  
 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8;  
 Ps 147:1-6  
**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8;  
 Ps 85: 9-14

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

St. Bernard	St. Mary	
November 15, 2020	\$ 7,074.00	\$ 682.00

**#WeGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday!**

You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, right? How about Giving Tuesday? Yes, it is a thing! St. Bernard's is participating in #WeGiveCatholic. It is an online giving event that takes place on December 1st, midnight to midnight. Catholic organizations across Northeast Ohio participate. They have a leaderboard with prizes awarded throughout the day. It is a fun way to donate to your favorite Catholic organization! The beauty of this is that no donation is too small and you can share this with friends and family across the country through social media. Just go to <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/> and search for St. Bernard – Akron. Donations can be made beginning December 1st at midnight. Log on, donate and watch us rise up the leaderboard!

# *St. Bernard Parish*

## *Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign*

Volume XI

Sunday

November 29, 2020

### **A THOUGHT FOR THANKSGIVING**

The pledge we make as our proportionate share in our *Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign* can be made as a way of giving thanks for our personal blessings. Our families, our homes, our health, and everything we possess are gifts from God. Our own pledge of financial support can be made in recognition of God's supreme generosity. Now is the time to review our own particular situation and also to pray for guidance in making a commitment in support of the campaign. *Prayers open minds and hearts which otherwise might remain indifferent.*

**WE GIVE BECAUSE WE ARE BLESSED. ALL THAT WE ARE AND HAVE COMES FROM GOD! THIS IS THE PREMISE OF STEWARDSHIP, AND THE PREMISE WE REFLECT ON DURING OUR CAMPAIGN.**

#### ***STEWARDSHIP IS...***

- *A FORWARD PATH*
- *A PRIVILEGE*
- *A WAY*
- *A CHOICE*
- *A PLEASURE*
- *A HELPING HAND*
- *A PROMISE*
- *A CONNECTION*
- *A RIGHT*
- *A RESPONSIBILITY*
- *A THANK YOU*
- *A COMMITMENT*
- *A GIFT*
- *A CONNECTION TO EACH OTHER*
- *A LITTLE BIT OF YOU FOR GOD.*

St. Bernard Parish Presents... The ST. BERNARD CAMPAIGN CONCERT SERIES will raise awareness and funds for the restoration of our historic church. We have a \$1.5 Million goal to fund building restoration efforts and are more than halfway there! We will host a concert once per week from November 15 until January 2 at St. Bernard as a way to increase awareness of our campaign and earn contributions and pledges.

Visit <https://www.stbernardakron.org/moving-forward-in-faith-campaign-events> to see the whole story and make a contribution. We hope you will enjoy these performances streamed live, previously recorded or in person. The first 100 attendees will be given in-person seating. The cost is only that a donation is requested. Thanks for your help!

## **Campaign Concert Series**

November 28 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Collaborative Voice Recitals from Rising Stars in Music with Emarii Lopes, Mezzo-Soprano; Lexi Johnson, Soprano; Michelle Mahklouf, Piano

December 4 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Historical Concert: A Hybrid Performance of Remote and Live Musicians and a Lecture on the History of St. Bernard by Father Dave Halaiko, Author of [Akron Area Catholic and Orthodox Churches: A Photographic Pilgrimage](#); True Historical Covid Togetherness!

December 12 at 4:30 p.m. – Our Lady Guadalupe Mass and Mariachi Concert. Mariachi Santa Cecilia will lead 4:30 p.m. Mass and play Mariachi music from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (May not be much live seating available due to it starting immediately after Mass.)

December 18 and 19 – Summit Choral Society Christmas Candlelight Series 2020– Visit <https://www.summitchoralsociety.org/season-events.html>. There will be no live seats available for sale for these concerts, but please watch them online and show SCS your support!

December 27 – St. Bernard Choirs and Schola, POSSIBLY with Special Guests from a Special Certain Derby Chorus. (A Christmas Concert) Time TBA.

January 2nd Celebration Event! 7:00-9:30 p.m. – Contemporary Christian Worship Concert and Holy Hour of Thanksgiving and Praise with Jaime Masetta and Matt Fafrak (<https://jaimemasetta.com/> <http://www.mattfafrak.com/>)

**Coming This Week**

- 11/29 Catholic Movie Night Spanish Edition at St. Bernard Social Hall, 1:00 p.m.  
Hot Meals at St. Bernard Social Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- 12/1 Bilingual Bible Study at St. Bernard History Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/4 Campaign Concert Series at St. Bernard Church, 6:30 p.m.

**Coffee & Donuts**

Coffee Hour after 10:00 a.m. Mass has resumed. All COVID-19 protocols are being practiced. There will be no Coffee Hour November 29th or December 27th.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:**

Here is an invitation to join the Arts & Environment Ministry to clean the church and/or decorate for the Liturgical seasons. Cleaning is every other Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Decorating times vary with the seasons of the church. Contact Ruth Klein or the Parish Office at 330-253-5161.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**

Saturday, December 12, at 4:30 p.m., we will be celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Mariachi Band and the option to have traditional food to-go for \$10.00 per plate. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

**Keep Christ in Christmas** and help raise money for Knights of Columbus Charities! Share your faith with beautiful yard displays available on sale from our parish's Knights of Columbus Council 547. An example display can be seen in the back of the St. Bernard Church vestibule where you can pick up an information flyer. For more information or to order online visit: [www.nativitytree.com//kofc-547-st-bernard/](http://www.nativitytree.com//kofc-547-st-bernard/) or you may call the St. Bernard office, or call Howard Carter at 234-738-6463.

**Jesus is the reason for the season!**

**St. Bernard Mailbox Ministry**

With many parishioners choosing to remain at home during this time of COVID-19, we recognize the importance of reaching out and remaining connected, especially entering into the holidays. Responding to our CARE Caller outreach a couple months ago where many confirmed the importance of communication, St. Bernard is beginning a **Mailbox Ministry** program. If you would like to participate, the process is simple.

- Please write out a card (or more than one) with a message appropriate for anyone (thinking of you, holiday specific, etc.)
- Sign the card, place it in the envelope (but do NOT seal the envelope) and affix postage, leaving the recipient information blank (the Parish Office will add this on the envelope later)
- Drop the unsealed card in one of the baskets at each entrance of the church.

There will be cards available by the baskets if you don't have one, but feel free to purchase your own, be creative, or engage your children in handmade cards. **If you know of any parishioners who should be added to our outreach list, please contact the Parish Office at (330) 253-5161 or [communications@stbernardstmary.org](mailto:communications@stbernardstmary.org).**

**PASTOR'S NOTE**

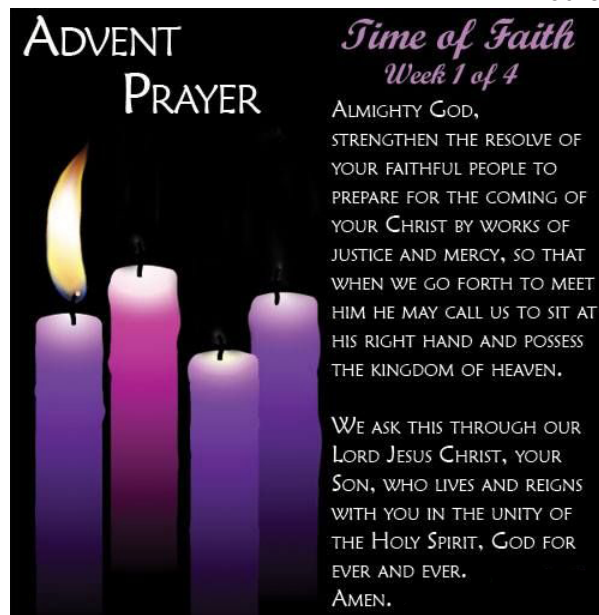
Dear Parishioners,

This article is due about two weeks in advance to accommodate the holiday printing schedule for Thanksgiving, so I do not know what current events to reflect upon because I cannot write "concurrently!" ☺. However, in this year of 2020 it seems that plans are constantly changing and shifting anyways, so maybe it doesn't matter ☺! I can only imagine how hard it has been for all of you too. Please know that I thank God for you in this time of Thanksgiving and that I pray for you first thing every morning so that the constant shifts in the daily events we experience at the office can't rip me away from getting a good word in to the Lord for you! ☺

Please note that next week we will have our December/January edition of the Memorare newsletter. In it will be all of the wonderful inside stories of the lives of both our parishes you've come to expect from it PLUS it will include the schedule for Confessions, Masses and office hours now until January 3, 2021. Please know that Father Frank, Deacon Ray, our parishes' staffs and I are always available to talk or help you however we can, especially in this season that can be actually more difficult than joyful for some. Please also note that whether you would like to sign yourself up or someone you know for a Christmas/New Year greeting card or would like to help write out the cards to those who will receive them, the list of recipients is kept at the office and the boxes to pick up and drop off cards are available at the main entrances to the church. If there is any kind of announcement you want to make for December, please submit it to the parish office ASAP as December printing deadlines are also a little atypical.

Besides change, God is our only constant. May life with the Lord be our unchanging and "stable hope in a constantly changing world" (Psalm Prayer 1, Vespers, Wednesday, Week 2)!

– Father Chris



**ADVENT PRAYER**

*Time of Faith*  
*Week 1 of 4*

ALMIGHTY GOD,  
STRENGTHEN THE RESOLVE OF  
YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE TO  
PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF  
YOUR CHRIST BY WORKS OF  
JUSTICE AND MERCY, SO THAT  
WHEN WE GO FORTH TO MEET  
HIM HE MAY CALL US TO SIT AT  
HIS RIGHT HAND AND POSSESS  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR  
SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS  
WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD FOR  
EVER AND EVER.  
AMEN.