

**ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, September 20**

10:00 a.m. +Harvat Pribonic Krebs  
 12:00 p.m. +Emma Santiago  
 8:00 p.m. Intentions of Gina Caponi

**Monday, September 21**

12:10 p.m. +Ermelinda Neves

**Tuesday, September 22**

12:10 p.m. +Rose Grande

**Wednesday, September 23**

12:10 p.m. +Robert Freund  
 8:30 p.m. For the people of St. Bernard &  
 St. Mary Parish

**Thursday, September 24**

12:10 p.m. +Suzanne Novak

**Friday, September 25**

12:10 p.m. +Jim & William Scafidi

**Saturday, September 26**

4:30 p.m. +John & Ann Hornacek

**Sunday, September 27**

10:00 a.m. +Armocida & O'Hare Family  
 12:00 p.m. +Francisca Maria Villalba  
 8:00 p.m. +Christine Holman

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

	St. Bernard	St. Mary
September 13, 2020	\$6,625.00	\$1,153.00

**Wedding Banns**

III- Kathryn Bezbatchenko & Kevin Mora  
 II- Chelsea Whims & James Triner  
 I- Ian Tanner & Bianca Leonardi MD



Special Congratulations to  
 Brian & Amanda Enright

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*Delores Abbott, John Conti, Richard & Mary Ann Cook, Cora Christoff, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, 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, Diane O'Connor, Helen Oreskovich, Terrie Pfeil, Clara Jean Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Richard & Ruth Reinhart, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, Olinda Freizer-Santiago, Heleyne Stephanie, Marcia Stuczynski, Charlotte & Thurman Tilman, Georgina Valerio, Margaret Williams, Dave Wojcik*

**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13; Ps 19:2-5  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21;  
 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44  
**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6;  
 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9;  
 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22; Ps 144:1-4  
**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43-45;  
 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17  
**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11, 2:1-5;  
 Mt 21:28-32; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14

**ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, September 20**

9:00 a.m. Deceased members of Schillinger &  
 Bralek Families

**Sunday, September 27**

9:00 a.m. +Edward & Dolores Ruquet



If you are interested in becoming a counter please contact the parish office at 330-253-5161

**Do You Have Questions About Becoming Catholic?**

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Maybe you wonder who God is. Or maybe you want to understand whether the Catholic Christian understanding of Jesus makes sense. Maybe you have already been baptized as a Roman Catholic or in another Christian tradition and wonder what it takes to complete your sacraments of initiation. It's only natural to have questions.

It is also understandable that you may want a few basic answers before making any kind of commitment. Here is your opportunity. St. Bernard's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will hold an inquiry meeting on Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Newman Center above the parish offices. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK, AND PLAN TO OBSERVE APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. If you have questions, call Jim Griggy at 330-773-1248 or leave a message at the parish office. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Regular RCIA Meetings will begin Sunday, October 4, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**Rosary Rally**

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 10th at 11:30 a.m. at St Bernard Parish Parking lot. Please contact Gabrielle at 330-696-6968 for more information.



## REFLECTIONS ON CHOOSING POLITICAL CANDIDATES

### SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

“In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [Gaudete et Exsultate], Pope Francis writes: The call to holiness requires a “firm and passionate” defense of “the innocent unborn.” “Equally sacred,” he further states, are “the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.”

[Introductory Letter](#), *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2019

### APPLYING A CONSISTENT MORAL FRAMEWORK

“Pope Francis has continued to draw attention to important issues such as migration, xenophobia, racism, abortion, global conflict, and care for creation. In the United States and around the world, many challenges demand our attention.

The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty.”

[Introductory Letter](#), *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2019



### PRUDENTIAL DISCERNMENT

“The Church’s teaching is clear that a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good—by defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by promoting religious freedom, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, by welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment—it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable. We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended.”

[#20 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#)

### SERVE AS MODELS OF CIVIL DIALOGUE

“Our commitment as people of faith to imitate Christ’s love and compassion should challenge us to serve as models of civil dialogue, especially in a context where discourse is eroding at all levels of society. Where we live, work, and worship, we strive to understand before seeking to be understood, to treat with respect those with whom we disagree, to dismantle stereotypes, and to build productive conversation in place of vitriol.”

[Introductory Letter](#), *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2019

**What is the candidate’s commitment to protect all human life, from conception to natural death?**

**What is the candidate’s commitment to addressing threats to marriage and family, as understood by the Church, as well as other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care, or an unjust immigration policy?**

**How does the candidate measure up in both words and actions with the totality of Catholic Social Teaching?**

**What would be morally grave reasons to support and/or oppose a candidate? (Please refer to the U.S. Bishops document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, [paragraphs 34 through 37](#)).**

**What is my assessment of the candidate’s personal integrity, governing philosophy, performance and ability to influence a given issue?**

**Has the candidate demonstrated sufficient competency to hold such an elected position?**

**We encourage prayerful reflection upon reading the entire *Faithful Citizenship* statement which can be found at: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship)**

# *St. Bernard Parish*

## *Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign*

Volume I

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### **Our Parish Capital Campaign**

Over the next few weeks we will be unveiling additional plans for our *Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign*. Through this campaign, it is our goal to ensure that our church continues to endure for the families of today and tomorrow. Making the necessary improvements and updates to our church will allow us to continue the work started here so many years ago, while also building on the foundation laid by those good and faithful parishioners, who have now gone before us. From generation to generation, parishioners have responded to the challenges of their time with generosity, humility and passion.

We will reach out to all parishioners in a few weeks asking for your help with a variety of different tasks. However: **all parishioners can participate in this campaign through the following:**

**PRAYER** - Through our prayerful voices, we ask God for his guidance going forward with our individual sacrifices to be made and vision to accept the blessings that come. Please pray for the success of our Campaign.

**VOLUNTEER** – When you are asked to help, please do so if you can. We will have several teams working on many specific projects that need your helping hand. This campaign is for the benefit of everyone and we will not succeed if we don't all work together.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING** - Everyone can give equally to God, not in actual dollars, but in equal sacrifice. Please prayerfully consider your financial pledge after receiving your informational packet and please remember that we will be asking for *equal sacrifice not equal giving*.

**High School Faith Formation Opportunity**

St. Bernard Parish will be offering a Faith Formation Program (PSR) for high school students again this year. It will be based on the Life in the Holy Spirit by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR and will be held on Sundays from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at St. Bernard's History Room beginning on September 27th. The program is intended to help teenagers understand and live their faith more fully, to challenge them personally and to grow in their relationship with our Lord. More simply, they will learn how to nurture their relationship with the Holy Spirit. To register or seek additional information, please call the parish office at 330-253-5161 or John Zmurk at 330-867-1267.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday, October 10-11, 2020**

The 34th annual Blanket Sunday appeal kicks off the weekend of October 10-11, 2020. Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase and distribute over 6,000 blankets and 200 beds to the homeless and low-

income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio. Although the pandemic has caused a reduction in the number of parish in-pew Blanket Sunday donation envelopes available, the **need is still great** and donations can be made securely online at <https://www.svdpcle.org/donate-today/blanket-sunday/>. Checks may also be mailed to: **St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday**, 1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

**ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL**

One Holy Cross Boulevard

Akron, OH 44306

Phone: 330-849-2149

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Email: [admissions@hoban.org](mailto:admissions@hoban.org)

Contact: Sara Handy, Director of Enrollment Operations

Experience what it's like to be an Archbishop Hoban High School Knight by participating in our fall visit opportunities. Seventh and eighth grade students are invited to shadow a current Hoban student for the day on select dates starting in September. Eighth grade students wishing to apply to Hoban are required to take the High School Placement Test being offered at Hoban on October 3, November 7 or November 14. All families seeking to learn more about Archbishop Hoban High School are encouraged to register to attend the Fall Open House on Sunday, October 25 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Remote options and private tours of the school and facilities are available for those interested. To register and learn more visit [hoban.org/visit](http://hoban.org/visit) or contact the Office of Admissions at 330-849-2149 and [admissions@hoban.org](mailto:admissions@hoban.org).

**Hospice of the Western Reserve Virtual Volunteer Training**

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. We are excited to announce virtual volunteer training for new volunteers. For more information, contact us at 216-255-9090 or fill out an online application at [hospicewe.org/volunteer](http://hospicewe.org/volunteer). Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits when it is deemed safe.

**Coming This Week**

- 9/20 Hot Meals 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Holy Land Carving in Social Hall 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- Sacraments Meeting/ Orientation- 1:20 p.m.
- 9/21 Sacraments Meeting/ Orientation- 7:00 p.m.
- 9/22 Campaign Volunteer Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- 9/23 Hot Meals 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Roo Catholic Wednesday Gathering 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 9/24 Gospel of Life 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 9/26 First Communion 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**PASTOR'S NOTE****WE HAVE A NEW BISHOP!!!**

If you did not yet hear the news or did not watch the Installation this past Monday, you can still go to [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org) and watch the whole thing happen. It is very interesting how the whole thing works, especially at the beginning. I don't think we will ever hear such applause anywhere else in the world for a person immediately after that person sits down! When Bishop Edward Malesic sat down on the chair in the cathedral, a chair called the *cathedra*, he officially became our 12th bishop since our diocese was founded on April 23, 1847. (And we know for sure that one of those 12 bishops was only sitting in that chair for about 2.5 years! ☺) With the coming and going of each bishop we see different styles of leadership, different priorities, different job titles and different people carrying out the goals of the bishop.

When to his surprise and ours he was called to be the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Bishop Perez was diligently working on restructuring the diocesan government model, renovating Borromeo and St. Mary Seminaries, doing his own restructuring of diocesan offices, inviting missionary groups INTO our diocese and test-implementing two national-level initiatives for parish life and Hispanic ministry. Philly must have really needed someone like him! Though we will miss him and the life he was bringing to our diocese, imagine being Bishop Malesic and walking into all of Bishop Perez' unfinished work! He will need our prayers and support for sure! It seems he was carefully chosen for this work and so we can look forward with great anticipation to the decisions that he will make and to his visitation of all 185 parishes in the diocese just like his predecessor. (He already promised to do this!)

Finally, another reminder to #WAKEUPTHEVOTE; vote absentee or in-person in this election and encourage others to do the same. Only about 58% of people who could have voted did vote in the last election! Remember that including the future choices a candidate will have to make that they cannot foresee is also important.

Please see this week's insert on other important factors for voting from our Ohio Bishops' Conference and look forward to more materials like it in the weeks to come. Discerning our candidates and reminding ourselves of the critical Catholic values at play when we vote is second only to prayer in our ability to form a more just society.

WE MUST VOTE!!!

Have a great week!!!  
– Father Chris