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SUNDAY MASS 9:00 a.m. St. Mary

10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. St. Bernard

(Bilingüe) 8:00 p.m. St. Bernard

DAILY & HOLY DAY MASSES

(See inside bulletin for schedule)

*The Season of*  
**LENT**

THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. REPENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL. MARK 1:15

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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Every 1st Friday, 11:00 a.m.

At St. Bernard and by appointment

*Confesiones con cita cualquier día.*

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Offices at (330) 253-5161 for a priest to anoint the sick. If confined at home, call for a Minister to bring Communion. | *Favor de comunicarse al telefono para que un sacerdote provea estos sacramentos.*

## FOR OTHER SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION —

Call the Parish Offices at (330) 253-5161 or visit our Websites. | *Para cualquier otro Sacramento por favor comunicarse al teléfono (330) 253-5161, ext. 1009.*

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please have your funeral director contact the Parish Offices to arrange a day and time for a funeral and burial.

## EMERGENCY FOOD

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## FR. CHRISTOPHER ZERUCHA

*Pastor*

## FR. FRANK BASA

*Senior Parochial Vicar*

## MR. RAY DIMASCIO

*Deacon, St. Bernard*

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## Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## Websites

ST. BERNARD

[www.stbernardakron.org](http://www.stbernardakron.org)

ST. MARY SCHOOL/PARISH

[www.stmaryakron.com](http://www.stmaryakron.com)

## PASTORAL STAFF

### *Parish Business Managers*

Mrs. Cheri Colianni, St. Bernard

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Miss Dee McCall

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Mrs. Ana Maria Baker

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Mr. Will Jendrisak, St. Bernard

### *Custodians*

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Mr. Tom Hollingsworth, St. Mary

## ST. MARY SCHOOL

Dr. Patricia Nugent, Ed.D., *Principal*

Mrs. Mary Ann Williams, *Secretary*

## ENROLLMENT

Call the School Office at (330) 253-1233 to enroll a child in K-Grade 8. Financial assistance is available.

*Llame a la Oficina Escolar al (330) 253-1233 para inscribir al niño/a en nivel K-8. Hay becas disponibles.*

## UNIVERSITY OF AKRON CAMPUS MINISTRY

Call Mr. John Szarwark, Campus Minister for the Newman Center, at (330) 208-0703, third floor of the Parish Office building. Dinner & Social there on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, February 21**

10:00 a.m. +Kenny Smith  
 12:00 p.m. The People of Akron and the  
 Surrounding Cities  
 8:00 p.m. Former Parishioners

**Monday, February 22**

12:10 p.m. +Edward Manko, Sr.

**Tuesday, February 23**

12:10 p.m. +Richard Frank & Adeline DeLillo

**Wednesday, February 24**

12:10 p.m. +Sara Caballero de Méndez

**Thursday, February 25**

12:10 p.m. Healing Mass for the Pudlik Family  
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service & Reflection

**Friday, February 26**

12:10 p.m. +Jack Haag  
 4:40 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 27**

4:30 p.m. Intention of Minela Gomes

**Sunday, February 28**

10:00 a.m. +Harvat, Pribonic, Krebs Family  
 12:00 p.m. The People of St. Bernard &  
 St. Mary Parishes  
 8:00 p.m. +Gloria Calderwood

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

**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19; Ps 23:1-6

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32;  
 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12;  
 Ps 138:1-3, 7-8

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26; Ps 130:1-8

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48;  
 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a,10-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34;  
 Mk 9:2-10; Ps 116:10, 15-19

**ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, February 21**

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Debbie & Greg Friedl

**Wednesday, February 24**

8:45 a.m. The Students and Staff of  
 St. Mary School

**Sunday, February 28**

9:00 a.m. +Ron Vargo

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

	St. Bernard	St. Mary
February 14, 2021	\$5,546.50	\$592.00

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*Delores Abbott, Crisra Asmoeelle, 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, Sam & Sara Greer, Patrick Grismer, Timothy Hacker, Rachel & Joshua Jansen, Betty Kahlil, David Kaminsky, Jamie Kapes, Bud Lundstrom, Barbara Lukacik, Brian Madia, John Madia, Marilyn Maximovich, Mary Ann May, Ann Miller, Rosalie Morhidge, Paula Muehlbauer, Diane O'Connor, Terrie Pfeil, Clara Jean Piscazzi, John Rienzi, Richard Reinhart, Odalis Rodriguez, Joey Rundo, Olinda Freizer-Santiago, Renee Schillinger, H. Stephanie Schreiber, Ed Stewart, Marcia Stuczynski, Charlotte & Thurman Tilman, Georgina Valerio, Margaret Williams*

**Lenten Schedule**

February 25	7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer Service and Reflection – St. Bernard & Online
February 26	4:40 p.m., Stations of the Cross – St. Bernard
March 4	7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer Service and Reflection
March 5	4:40 p.m., Stations of the Cross
March 7	12:00 p.m., Bilingual Family Lenten Retreat
March 11	7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer Service and Reflection – St. Bernard & Online
March 12	4:40 p.m., Stations of the Cross – St. Bernard
March 18	7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer Service & Reflection – St. Bernard & Online
March 19	4:40 p.m., Stations of the Cross – St. Bernard
March 19	7:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Confession – St. Bernard
March 20	NET Ministries Retreat – St. Mary
March 25	7:00 p.m., Lenten Prayer Service and Reflection – St. Bernard & Online
March 26	4:40 p.m., Stations of the Cross – St. Bernard

**Knights of Columbus Council 547**

Council 547 of the Knights of Columbus is delighted to honor the family of Patty Coffman as the family of the month for February 2021. Patty Coffman is the mother of five adult children with two of these, Daniel and Catherine, being active parishioners. Patty and Catherine help with cleaning and decorating the church, Catherine and Daniel are active with the Respect Life Team, and all three are faithful to Parish Rosaries, Marian devotions, and Divine Mercy. They demonstrate loving and respectful relationships with each other and together build up our Parish Life.

**Upcoming Events**

Join us on Monday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall if you'd like to learn more about priesthood, religious life, or the diaconate! All are welcome! We plan to have dinner, games and fellowship.

Calling all families! Join us on Sunday, March 7th at the noon Mass for our Bilingual & Bicultural Family Lenten Retreat with Mass and lunch. We will offer tips and tools to help you, as a family, observe the season of Lent together.

For both of these events, please RSVP to the parish office by calling 330-235-5161 or emailing Dee at [deemccall@stbernardstmary.org](mailto:deemccall@stbernardstmary.org) by Friday, February 26th.

**Catholic Movie Night**

On Friday, February 26, we will watch THE PASSION OF BERNADETTE, a "... film that tells the rest of the story of her life after the Marian visions – the life that made Bernadette a Saint."

She enters a convent where her Novice Mistress "... doesn't believe in apparitions." This highly acclaimed film follows Bernadette! Join Catholic Movie Night on Friday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m., in St. Bernard's Social Hall. Direct access will be from the State Street entrance; avoids stairs! Please BYO snack and beverage as we follow COVID restrictions. See you there! Questions? Call Chris at 330-730-4131.



*Pray for the Repose of the Souls of*  
Raymond DiNuncio  
Charlie Murphy

**Prayer of the Week**  
**Let No Evil Befall Us**

*O God, you are the preserver of men and the keeper of our lives. We commit ourselves to Your perfect care on the journey that awaits us.*

*We pray for a safe and promising journey.*

*Give Your angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways.*

*Let no evil befall us, nor any harm come to our dwelling that we leave behind.*

*Although we are uncertain of what the days may bring, may we be prepared for any event or delay, and greet such with patience and understanding.*

*Bless us, O Lord, that we may complete our journey safely and successfully under Your ever watchful care.*

**The Bringing America Back to Life Convention**

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the impressive line-up of speakers, and to register, visit [www.bringingamericabacktolife.org](http://www.bringingamericabacktolife.org) or call 440-281-1502. Join us March 12th & 13th as we Bring America Back to Life

**Quote of the Week!**

Seek patience and passion in equal amounts. Patience alone will not build the temple. Passion alone will destroy its walls.

– Maya Angelou

**Job Posting**

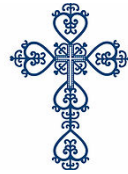
Embrace Clinic & Care Center

Director of Client Services – Job Description Summary

We are seeking candidates for the Director of Client Services position. This is a salaried, part-time staff position reporting directly to the Executive Director and currently requiring a commitment of 28 hrs/week, plus extra hours for meetings, trainings and in-services.

The qualified candidate will be a faithful Christian, willing to uphold the teachings of the Catholic faith and possessing excellent relationship skills, effective communication skills – both written and oral – and a commitment to the best interests of our clients and the pro-life movement.

Interested applicants can send a cover letter and résumé to [peggy@embraceccc.org](mailto:peggy@embraceccc.org), or by mail to Embrace Clinic & Care Center, 180 First Street NW, Barberton, Ohio 44203.

**St Mary's News**

Our Kindergartners have been very busy this second semester. To celebrate attending Mass for the first time, we created churches with a craft stick congregation to show how we are seated in the church. We also made winter scenes out of 'puffy paint' made out of shaving cream and glue, and snowmen out of snow created with baking soda and white hair conditioner.

As always, we are working hard in math, with addition and subtraction, as well as writing sentences in reading. We talked about our new President and were able to watch some of the inauguration in our classroom. For Groundhog's Day, we voted to see how many thought Puxatawny Phil would see his shadow. An overwhelming majority predicted he would and we are ready for six more weeks of winter.

**PASTOR'S NOTE**

Back in November, on a Sunday afternoon, four astronauts entered into the Capsule Dragon and were blasted off from Kennedy Space Center in Florida to dock at the International Space Station (ISS) and then to spend 6 months doing a variety of experiments.

Some have compared this event to our entrance into Lent. Our global Church has launched all believers to enter these forty days working on a strong desire for God. Remember Ps 43, "My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life."

Our mission, should you accept, will demand discipline and self-sacrifice. The traditional tools of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving are our pre-set program. However, more personal items can be undertaken and encouraged.

Try daily to reduce the number of times one smokes or takes alcohol. Write it on the calendar to mark your progress. Same can be said about gossiping, using bad language, lying, gambling, internet and TV usage.

I am sure the astronauts flying through space have a strong desire to return earth-bound with a renewed sense of God's beauty. May we, too, after our completed mission offer greater praise to the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday.





68/2021  
27 January 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past week in our country we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. I celebrated a Mass at the Cathedral that was virtually watched in all our Catholic Elementary Schools. It was a great joy for me. In that same joy, I wanted to share some exciting news! Since coming to the Diocese of Cleveland this past fall, I have come to see that one of our great treasures is our Catholic School System. We are blessed with 87 Elementary Schools and 20 High Schools as well as a number of preschools, childcare centers, colleges and universities. We educate over 37,000 children in our K through 12 schools. Without a doubt, this is a very important youth ministry of our diocese.

Aware of shifting demographics, enrollment challenges, and a desire for a renewed vision for Catholic education here, a yearlong “Think Tank” was convened under the leadership of my predecessor, now Archbishop Nelson Perez. This Think Tank emphasized the need for a plan for Catholic schools in the Diocese as well as the need to address several areas of concern, ranging from governance and finance to efforts to offer high quality and vibrant Catholic schools accessible to all.

With the transfer of Archbishop Perez and the limitations caused by the pandemic, strategic planning was put on hold. Over the last few months I have met with various stakeholders around the Diocese as well as many priests and other leaders. They have encouraged me to restart this strategic planning process as soon as possible. I am now able to move this forward.

**I am very excited to announce the *Keeping the Faith: The Future of Catholic Schools Initiative* in our Diocese.** This initiative is a major undertaking in our Diocese, and I have assembled a task force to lead us through this process and present me with a strategic plan for our Catholic Elementary Schools by May 2022. After reviewing the plan with additional consultation, I hope to begin to implement this plan in the 2022 – 2023 school year.

The Task Force is charged with creating a plan with objectives, strategies, and tactics to keep our schools grounded in the Catholic faith, academically excellent, and as widely available and affordable as possible within our Diocese. The hope is that this plan will serve as a model that can be used to strengthen our Catholic high school system and guide our Parish Schools of Religion, Youth Ministry and Adult Faith Formation programs.

The Task Force includes just over 50 members to assist in this work. These members represent clergy, school staff, diocesan staff, and members of the business community and experts in education.

This initiative is not about closing schools, merging them, or suggesting major reconfiguration throughout the Diocese. While some of this may come naturally as part of the process, I believe that we can create something that allows Catholic schools to be viable, accessible, and vibrant for those who want them to be the best option for their children’s education and Christian formation.

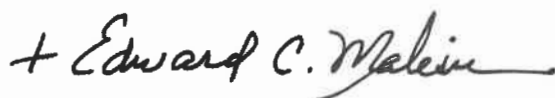
The Task Force will use the guiding principles of **Strong Mission, Multiple Models, Subsidiarity, Parish and Diocesan Support, Parental Choice, and Innovation** in creating this plan. The Task Force will look specifically at and make recommendations to strengthen six areas of Catholic Schools: Quality &

Catholicity, Leadership, Data Systems, Finances, Governance and Marketing and Communications. Finally, we will work to create an atmosphere within the Diocese of Cleveland that emphasizes the relationship of our Catholic schools to each other rather than one that encourages an unhealthy competition among them. **The education and Christian formation of our youth is the responsibility of all of us, and this must also include our common support of our Catholic schools.**

Considering this treasured heritage and shifting context, I, and leaders of Catholic schools in the Diocese believe it is the right time to reflect deeply and creatively on the vision, strategy, and operational norms of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cleveland, to deepen and renew the commitment to our mission, and to chart a course for the future of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cleveland. We look forward to sharing with you in the coming months and years our plans to *Keep the Faith* with a secure and strong *Future for our Catholic Schools*.

May God bless the children in our care, their families, all those who serve the educational mission of our Church, you, and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Edward C. Malesic". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL  
Bishop of Cleveland

**The Steering Committee for the Task Force:**

Fr. Don Oleksiak, Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia, Diocese of Cleveland  
Frank O'Linn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Cleveland  
Fr. John Betters - Pastor, Ss. Robert and William Parish & St. John of the Cross Parish  
Ed Vittardi - Principal, St. Albert the Great School  
Tracey Arnone, Associate Superintendent, Diocese of Cleveland  
T.J. D'Agostino, Ed.D., Education Professor, University of Notre Dame

**In addition, the following serve as Diocesan Liaisons & Sub Committee Co-Chairs:**

Augie Pacetti, Campus Minister, St. Ignatius High School  
Fr. Patrick Schultz, Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart Parish (Wadsworth)  
Diane Corrigan, Clinical Associate Professor, Cleveland State University  
Katie Dougherty, Principal, St. Francis De Sales School (Akron)  
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