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SATURDAY MASS 4:30 p.m. St. Bernard
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)

Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, Pietro Lorenzetti (1320)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION • MARCH 28, 2021
MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME? PSALM 22

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions/*Confesiones*
Saturday, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
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 communicarse 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 ASSISTANCE

— Call the Parish Offices at (330) 253-5161 to be directed to one of our hunger programs.

FR. CHRISTOPHER ZERUCHA
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ST. BERNARD
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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.

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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.*

ST. BERNARD MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 28
10:00 a.m.* + Daniel Margaret + Lorie Lukasiewicz
12:00 p.m.* + Fr. Jack Fleck
8:00 p.m. + Chrisine Holman

Monday, March 29
12:10 p.m. Intentions of Rosemary Douglas

Tuesday, March 30
12:10 p.m. +Armenia & Patrick Ross

Wednesday, March 31
12:10 p.m. + Pro Populo

Thursday, April 1
12:10 p.m. + Robert Burza

Friday, April 2
Good Friday
No Mass

Saturday, April 3
12:00 p.m. Blessing of Food
8:30 p.m. + Ryan Klesh

Sunday, April 4
10:00 a.m.* + Rob Lucas
12:00 p.m.* + Leonard Filaseta
8:00 p.m. No Mass

*Will be streamed on our Website and on our Facebook Page.

Please call the office if you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions. There are spots available!

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13–53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1–19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1–2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15–15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32–4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 ; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

SUNDAY OFFERING

	St. Bernard	St. Mary
March 21, 2021	$5,312.00	$678.00

ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 28
9:00 a.m. + Donald & Joan Ruquet

Wednesday, March 31
8:45 a.m. + Mark Calvin Janes

Sunday, April 4
9:00 a.m. + Helen Oreskovich

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Delores Abbott, Crisra Asmoeelle, Richard & Mary Ann Cook, Constance Crace, Cora Christoff, Pam Daer, Jeanne Dorka, Rosalia Duran, Domingo Abarzya Daza, 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 Rodriquez, Joey Rundo, Olinda Freizer-Santiago, Renee Schillinger, H. Stephanie Schreiber, Marcia Stuczynski, Charlotte & Thurman Tilman, Georgina Valerio, Margaret Williams, Mary Pete, Sharon Cicora, Robert Bodosi, Arlene Franco Torres.

Vaccine News
The United States Bishops have recently declared the Johnson & Johnson vaccine morally unacceptable to receive IF THERE ARE MORE AGREEABLE OPTIONS AVAILABLE. Moderna and Pfizer are two examples of more morally agreeable options because they do not use the cells of aborted babies in the production of the vaccine like J&J does but only do so in the testing. Even the testing is something we should speak out against but still may receive the vaccine, especially if in great danger. For more explanation and discussion on how the vaccines line up with the standards of Catholic Moral Teaching, visit https://lozierinstitute.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/.

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Alumni Association seeks nominations for its annual alumni awards. Deadline May 1. Anyone may nominate. Nominees should be a living graduate of St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. **Marian Medal of Peace and Justice** to be awarded to a graduate for his or her efforts to protect human rights, steward the earth's resources, and/or to promote peace. **Father Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award** awarded to alums for service to church/ministry, school, community, youth, and/or professional achievements. For additional information or to submit a nomination www.stvm.com/alumni-awards-scholarships. For questions, contact Michelle Schaeffer at mschaeffer@stvm.com or 330-253-9113, ext. 120.

There will be no coffee hour on Easter Sunday

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."
– Saint Josemaría Escrivá

St. Bernard Parish | St. Mary Parish
2021 Holy Week Schedule

(At St. Bernard unless otherwise noted)
Virus safety protocols will be observed.

Holy Monday - Wednesday

March 29-31, 2021

Daily Mass | 12:10 pm
Confession | 11:30 am (M,T,W)
7:00-8:00 pm (W)

Holy Thursday

April 1, 2021

Mass of the Lords Supper | 7:00 pm

Good Friday

March 28, 2021

The Passion and Communion Service | 3:00 PM
Sorrows of Mary | 4:00 PM (in Spanish)
Stations of the Cross | 4:30 pm (in Spanish)

Holy Saturday

April 3, 2021

Blessing of Food | 12:00 pm
Easter Vigil Mass | 8:30 pm - 11:30 pm

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Mass | 9:00 am (St. Mary)
10:00 am (streamed)
12:00 pm (Spanish, streamed)
(No 8:00 pm)

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

¡Felices Pascuas! Jesucristo ha resucitado, ¡Aleluya!

Akron Men's Retreat

Thrive Together

"How good it is when brothers dwell in unity."
-Ps 133

April 10 9am-7pm
St. Bernard Church

Join us as we spend a day focusing on fraternity and spirituality in light of the bold witness of the Apostles. It will be the perfect opportunity to reinvigorate your faith and connect with other Catholic men after a challenging year that may have taken a toll on your spiritual life. The retreat will cost $15 and will include speakers, time for prayer and reflection, small group discussions, a vigil Mass, lunch and dinner, and more.

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Sign up on physical form and turn into your parish office **or** online via St. Bernard website

Applications Wanted!

Administrative Assistant for St. Bernard and St. Mary Parishes. If you are proactive, creative and would like to help our parish make a difference in the community, this job is for you! 25-28 hours per week, Monday through Friday, $14.00 per hour. Please send or email résumés to czerucha@stbernardstmary.org or to the parish office. Previous Administrative Assistant experience is a plus. Spanish language skills are ideal and a plus. Catholic identity is incredibly important.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity – Holy Humor

Please join us for our next session based on the book, "Sister Said" written by our St. Bernard parishioner, Lee Friend. This holy and humorous book provides plenty of laughs, fond memories of our Catholic school days with religious sisters, and faith formation at the same time. There will be 4 sessions on Tuesday afternoons starting May 11, May 25, June 8 & June 22. The sessions will be from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. If you attend our 12:10 p.m. Mass, you are welcome to bring your lunch if you wish. The cost of the book is $14.00. As a group, we intend to pray for an increase in religious vocations. We practice social distancing and wear masks. If you would like to register for the group, order a book, or have any questions, please call Michele at 313-319-1188 or email at mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net. Thank you & God bless you!

Pictures for Bridal Room

We are looking to fill the walls of the Bridal Room with pictures of couples married at St. Bernard 25 years ago or more. Please mail or drop off a copy of you, your parents, or grandparents to the parish office. Include names and dates, please. If you need more info or would like to see the Bridal Room call Joanne at 330-633-5143. Thank you!

My Dear Fellow Parishioners: Come bike with me in a book!

During my bike ride across the U.S. from the Pacific to the Atlantic, many notes and pictures were taken. So many, in fact, that it was time to write a 231-page book, including colored pictures, covering this 52-day adventure! Please allow me to share this bicycling adventure with you! Starting on page 1 and mile 1, pretend *you* are the cyclist! Embark with me and the other cyclists on a 3,000 mile journey from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean, riding over mountains, through the desert, 19 days across Texas, in the deep south of Bayou country, and finally to Florida! The book is called "The Time of My Life" and you can obtain a copy delivered straight to your door by emailing me or paying via the Zelle app using user name "b515490@aol.com" or by sending a check to Clarence Bechter, 4260 Wickliffe Drive, New Franklin, OH 44203. The cost is $16.69, $23.69 if shipped. It is a good read! I've even read it four times! Call or write with questions to 330-690-6235. Thank you! Clarence

Divine Mercy Novena Pamphlet Pick-Up

The Divine Mercy Novena pamphlet is available in English and Spanish. Pick up your copy from the tables in church.

Begin praying the Novena on Good Friday. This will prepare us to celebrate the end of the Novena with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on April 18th at St. Bernard! This is a wonderful way to grow close to Jesus and many have done so through the meditation and praying of this prayer!

St Mary's School News

In music this month, we have been enjoying a "Musical March Madness" activity. Students are voting for their favorite songs, until we can declare a champion! Some of our early favorites include: *The Imperial March* from Star Wars, *Help!* by The Beatles, *You've Got a Friend in Me* from Toy Story, and *What a Wonderful World* by Louis Armstrong.

Students in Kindergarten through second grade have been learning to read rhythms and have been doing an excellent job! The third through fifth grades just ended a unit on jazz music, and will soon begin creating their own cup rhythms and body percussion to the songs from the March Madness competition. Sixth graders are finishing a project about artists from Motown. They have been enjoying learning more about artists that we have all grown up listening to.

PASTOR'S NOTE

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." The Jews again picked up rocks to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?"

– John 10:27-32

Always a wonderful meditation: "For which of Jesus' good works, merciful assistance moments and saving actions are we condemning Him?" And yet the world continues to find many! Probably more by His followers than those He Himself does. We certainly will see many of the world's most powerful forces combine this week in reading and proclaiming our Sacred Scriptures that lead Jesus to Crucifixion. None of these powers is perhaps a greater player than misunderstanding who Jesus is and what He is doing. And also, therefore what He is NOT doing! Adversaries these days often choose the way of the gun and the rock throwing either literally or through their choice of words as solutions to misunderstanding. It is important to note that nothing has changed in this regard; violence as a solution is still an exercise in futility. What about trying to understand more than trying to be understood? What about forgiveness? What about letting go of the past violence in favor of sharing the joy of Christ's Resurrection? This HOLY WEEK especially, let us follow the voice of the Good Shepherd who shares with us everything, especially the strength to forgive, to understand, to rise from fault and to transcend and overcome every single kind of evil.

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