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The Memorare

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux and
St. Mary of the Assumption – Akron, Ohio
*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was
it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left
unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O
virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you do we come, before
you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother
of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions,
but in your mercy, hear and answer us.
(attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux)*



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A Word from Father Chris

FRUITION! “By their fruits you will know them,” Jesus says in Matthew 7! It has been a great season of realizing the fruit of our parish life so far this March and April. Whether looking at the 23 Confirmandi, our upcoming First Communicants, the 13 who received Sacraments at Easter Vigil, the decision of one of our parishioners to enter the seminary, another one of our parishioners getting a full ride to Walsh Jesuit High School, or, how do we say, “less personal but still very important” fruit of History Room renovation, new drain and pipe installation, a new recess gaga ball pit or finally knocking down that old abandoned house on High St., there is a lot of fruit of hard work coming forward at both parishes recently.

GABY PERALES, new Administrative Assistant has had a strong first four weeks. **JOHN PAUL ANTALEK**, a son of St. Mary Parish, has decided to go into Borromeo College Seminary this Fall and has been accepted! **THE DREAM TEAM** of painters and contractors over at “Ruth’s Rent-Ready and Renovations” have poured out gallons upon gallons of mortar and paint upon the walls of St. Bernard Social Hall, History Room and staircases. There is also obvious fruit of the budding flowers and increased amounts of people travelling to and from Akron for concerts, baseball games, etc. (*Welcome, travelers!*)

We also keep in prayer the Jayland Walker situation and the fruits of it that may yet come. Perhaps we will find positive fruit from it? All good fruit has in common good relationships. I receive regular reminders that magical elves don’t just produce things at the parishes by themselves. (Though when something happens that is mysteriously disruptive, Deacon Ray and I blame it on “mucho Gremlins.”) With all due gratitude to each and all responsible for the great fruit at both of our parishes, I simply say “Thank You!” and I look forward to the work of the Spirit in our midst for even more!

Please keep looking to our ever-increasing amount and type of information circulating to be a part of it all. We are coming to a point of signing contracts for plumbing, plaster renovation, electric, sound and new Hall chairs at St. Bernard and finally that new roof on St. Mary as well as many things for the School building. For the next 40+ days, may we each see, experience and be a part of “the fruits of Redemption” that we hear about in our Mass prayers and celebrate in Easter Time! –

Father Chris

¡Frutos! “Por sus frutos los reconocerán”, dice Jesús en Mateo 7. Ha sido una excelente temporada del fruto de nuestra vida parroquial en marzo y lo que va de abril. Miremos por donde quiera, 23 Confirmandi, 13 parroquianos que recibieron los sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual, los en preparaciones para Primer Comunión,

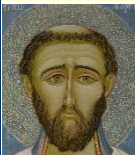
la decisión de uno de nuestros feligreses de ingresar al seminario, otro, ingresando a la escuela secundaria Jesuita Walsh, y "menos personal pero aún muy importante", la renovación del salón histórico, la instalación de nuevos desagües y tuberías, la demolición de la vieja casa abandonada en High St... hay muchos frutos por el arduo trabajo realizado en ambas parroquias recientemente.

GABY PERALES, nueva asistente administrativa, tuvo primeras semanas en una manera muy fuerte. **JOHN PAUL ANTALEK**, hijo de la parroquia de Santa María, ha sido aceptado al seminario universitario Borromeo este otoño, y **EL EQUIPO SOÑADO** de pintores y contratistas en "Ruth's Rent-Ready and Renovations LLC" ha derramado galones y galones de mezcla y pintura sobre las paredes del salón social de San Bernardo, salón histórico y escaleras. Además, no ignoremos el florecimiento en el aumento de la cantidad de las personas que viajan hacia y desde Akron para asistir a conciertos y juegos de béisbol nuevamente. (¡Bienvenidos, viajeros!)

También mantenemos en oración la situación de Jayland Walker y los frutos por llegar. ¿Quizás podamos encontrar algo que hacer para producir frutos positivos? Todo buen fruto tiene relaciones en común. Regularmente muchos me dicen que no son duendes mágicos los que producen cosas en las parroquias (aunque cuando sucede algo que es misteriosamente problemático, Deacon Ray y yo le echamos la culpa a "mucho Gremlins"). Con la debida gratitud a todos y cada uno de los responsables de fruto en nuestras dos parroquias, simplemente digo "¡Gracias!" ¡y espero con ansias la obra del Espíritu en medio de nosotros, animándonos a todos a ir y obtener aún más!

Lee el boletín y síguenos en las redes sociales. Tenemos contratos por firmar, plomería, restauración, electricidad, sonido y nuevas sillas en San Bernardo y, finalmente, ese nuevo techo en Santa María, así como muchas cosas planeadas para el edificio de la escuela. Durante los próximos 40 días, ¡que cada uno de nosotros vea, experimente y sea parte de "los frutos de la redención" de los que escuchamos en nuestras oraciones en misa y celebramos en el tiempo de Pascua! - Padre Chris

Catholic Quote



"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) – Feast Day – August 28
Convert, Philosopher, Author, Priest, Bishop, Doctor of the Church


Welcome, Gaby!



Meet Gaby Perales, our new Administrative Assistant for Communication! Notice there is not an "S" at the end of that word! For several years now Father Chris has been listening to the parish councils and to different parishioners and neighborhood members about how what happens at the parish besides Mass and even special times for Mass are not as well known or clearly communicated. Gaby is here to make sure that there is frequent and clear communication! In addition to making sure that as many as possible are in the know, Gaby will take a huge role in the upcoming two years of Eucharistic Revival we will engage in as a United States Catholic Church. Gaby will also make more frequent and available, especially on social media channels, the happenings of our parishes, various teachings and inspirations from our faith, and the occasional photo blast of the events of the day all throughout the week!

Gaby and her family moved from Mexico from the United States in 2005 from and they were blessed to raise their two daughters in NE Ohio since 2008 where family and faith values are so important. Gaby has been married to Carlos for 26 years and they have two daughters: Daniela and Rebeca. She has been working out so well already on our parishes' Staff team! Welcome, Gaby!

Mass Intentions

St. Bernard			St. Mary		
Sun, 4/16	10 AM	+John & Helen Hertzig	Sun, 4/16	9 AM	The People of St. Bernard and St. Mary Parishes
	12 PM	+Refugio Herrera Rodriguez	Sun, 4/23	9 AM	+Richard Farrell
	8 PM	+Joseph T. Gural	 Banns of Marriage III Derek Dunn & Elena Falcione II Nicholas Allen Palmateer & Natalie Marie Wulff		
Mon, 4/17	12:10 PM	+Walter P. Monastyrski			
Tue, 4/18	12:10 PM	+Carmon Horvath			
Wed, 4/19	12:10 PM	+Loretta Roten			
Thu, 4/20	12:10 PM	+Damon Henderson			
Fri, 4/21	12:10 PM	+Walter & Virginia Zajdel			
Sat, 4/22	4:30 PM	+Maria Banks			
Sun, 4/23	10 AM	+Deceased Members of the Horvat, Pribonic, & Krebs Families			
	12 PM	The People of St. Bernard and St. Mary Parishes			
	8 PM	Special Intentions of Fr. Zerucha, Fr. Basa, & Deacon Ray DiMascio			

Offertory Collection Totals – April 8 and 9, 2023

St. Bernard	St. Mary
Easter - \$11,629.00	Easter - \$1,450.00
Good Friday - \$1,099.00	Good Friday - \$438.00
March Avg. per Week - \$8,601.00*	
<i>*includes online donations</i>	

Mass Readings

Sun, 4/16	Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24	1 Pt 1: 3-9	Jn 20: 19-31
Mon, 4/17	Acts 4: 23-31	Ps 2: 1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9		Jn 3: 1-8
Tue, 4/18	Acts 4: 32-37	Ps 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5		Jn 3: 7b-15
Wed, 4/19	Acts 5: 17-26	Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9		Jn 3: 16-21
Thu, 4/20	Acts 5: 27-33	Ps 34: 2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20		Jn 3: 31-36
Fri, 4/21	Acts 5: 34-42	Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14		Jn 6: 1-15
Sat, 4/22	Acts 6: 1-7	Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19		Jn 6: 16-21

Welcome, New Catholics!

What a blessing Easter Vigil at St. Bernard was! We welcomed 13 new Catholics to the Church as they received their Sacraments at Mass that evening (which was unexpectedly accompanied by fireworks from the Ducks game – the fireworks flashed against the stained glass as we sat in the dark!)

Adriana, Rodney, Isabel, James, Amber, Ismael, Rainy, Tyler, Carmen, Jose Luis, Andrew, Mario and Bertalina joyfully took their love of God and brought it to our Church on April 8. Even baby James was happy to be Baptized. He was so fascinated by the shell Fr. Chris used to pour holy water on him that Father had a hard time gently pouring it on his head – James kept watching the shell, wide-eyed, and never cried!

In a very special way, we thank Deacon Ray DiMascio, Jon Woost, Ana Maria Baker, Monica Coon-Anda, Jim Griggy, John Kline, Andrew Turpin and all others responsible for this year's RCIA process and the actual facilitation of Holy Week 2023! And of course, Fr. Chris, Fr. Frank, and Jim Kintz and the choir!

Welcome home and welcome to our family! We've been saving a pew for you!

Borromeo Bound!



John Paul Antalek of St. Mary parish recently received confirmation that he has been accepted for the Fall class at Borromeo Seminary!

John Paul has been thinking of serving God as one of His priests for some time. He was inspired while playing dodge ball at a retreat when he was in the 6th Grade. Fr. Kevin of the Legionaries of Christ joined in the game, and John Paul was struck by how much fun and joy he had in his vocation as a priest. Fr. Mike McCandless (*now pastor of Holy Family Parish in Stow*) talked to him about the realities of life as a priest and the great satisfaction of serving God and His Church. Of course, having fine

parents like Mike and Colleen who serve as the ultimate example of living the vocation of marriage and parenthood in obedience to God and the Catholic Church has helped prepare John Paul for his future. Jesus is the best boss!

John Paul has learned a few truths which helped him decide to go forward to Borromeo:

1. Pray the Rosary. It has all the answers.
2. Sacrifice is always involved, no matter what vocation a Catholic is given.
3. Always turn your troubles and problems over to God to find peace.
4. Even if God does not want him for a priest, the education and training he will receive at Borromeo will give him an excellent foundation as a Catholic family man.

John Paul is 18 and will graduate from Kent Roosevelt High School this Spring. He has been an altar server for 8 years and is a member of the St. Mary choir.

John Paul asks the parishioners of St. Mary and St. Bernard to please pray for him to remain firm in his Faith and his plan to serve God for the rest of his life.

Let's do this, St. Mary and St. Bernard parishioners! How about a Memorare every day for John Paul? It takes less than a minute, and a lot of good can happen when we pray together. See the front page of this newsletter for the words to the Memorare. And John Paul promises to pray for all of us! (Photo courtesy of Linda Crookston – thanks!)

The Crusaders Corner by Deborah Sesek St. Mary School Enrichment Center



The St. Mary School Enrichment Center offers students an opportunity for a one-on-one learning experience after school on Thursdays. Adult, college, and high school volunteers work with students on homework and basic skills such as math, reading and writing. The purpose of the after-school Enrichment Program is to help St. Mary students be successful academically, encourage them to learn and study, and provide positive reinforcement and role models.



From its beginning in 2017, the after-school Enrichment Program has been open to all St. Mary School students in grades one through eight. The number of St. Mary students participating in the program has grown from about 70 in the 2017-2018 school year to over 100 students during this current 2022-2023 school year. There is no cost to the students who are provided all necessary learning materials and an after-school snack.





The Enrichment Program is possible because of the support of the St. Mary School administration and faculty and the participation of many volunteers. Teachers provide instructions and worksheets to assist and guide volunteers. Most volunteers have no educational experience or training but are people of goodwill who want to help a child succeed. Volunteers come from all over Summit County and identify as members of 22 different parishes, including St. Bernard. Students and Volunteers work together for one hour from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. on most Thursdays from September to May.

The St. Mary School Enrichment Program is working on many levels. Students benefit both academically and personally from the individual attention and encouragement provided by volunteers. The volunteers in turn learn about the challenges and potential of inner-city children caught in the life cycle of generational poverty. Relationships are being developed and all involved are learning from one another. Through education we hopefully make a difference in the lives of our students and our community.



If you are interested in participating in the program during the 2023-2024 school year, please watch your Church bulletin for a volunteer invitation in late August or early September.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Mary and St. Bernard

Here are some Holy Week and Easter memories from the past couple of weeks. ***Many thanks to Suzann Mernagh for the food blessing photo, Rikki Horrigan and Fr. Chris for the St. Bernard photos, and Linda Crookston for the St. Mary photos!***





*Jesus is Risen!
Indeed, He is Risen!*



*Blessed Easter!
Bendita Pascua!*



but
He
was

PIERCED FOR OUR
transgressions, he was CRUSHED
for our iniquities; the punishment that

brought us
Peace
was upon

HIM
and by

HIS
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ARE

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