Queen of Martyrs & St. Bernadette Parish

United in Faith

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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Sunday, March 26, 2023

Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church

10233 S. Central Park Ave.
Evergreen Park, IL 60805
708-423-8110

Mass Times

Weekend
4:00 p.m. Saturday
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Weekday
8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

9343 S. Francisco Ave.
Evergreen Park, IL 60805
708-422-8995

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4:00 p.m. Saturday
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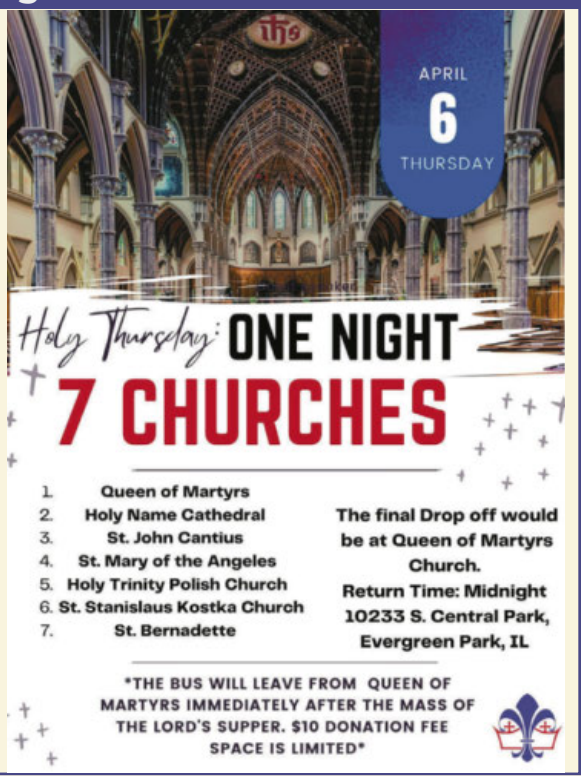
Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

The Seven Churches Visitation is a centuries-old tradition, begun in Rome, where pilgrims would pray at each of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome. Today, the traditions continues as many Catholics visit Churches on Holy Thursday for Adoration.

This year, on Holy Thursday, April 6, we will take a bus to visit seven churches and join in their Adoration, leaving after Mass of the Lord's Supper. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., and will end around 8:15 p.m. The bus will depart shortly thereafter. The final church on the pilgrimage will be St. Bernadette, which will be open for Adoration. After visiting St. Bernadette, the bus will take everyone back to Queen of Martyrs.

If you are interested in joining us on the pilgrimage, please call the rectory at 708-423-8110 and let us know. Space is very limited as we only have one bus, and spots are given on a first-come, first-served basis. We are also asking for a $10 donation. Thank you.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue Restoration

If you have gone by the Adoration Chapel recently, you may have noticed the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which was recently moved from St. Bernadette School's campus. The statue no longer has hands. Don't worry - it was not vandalized!

After over 60 years outdoors, the statue's hands had become damaged. The hands were cracked and missing fingers. Fortunately, one of our parishioners is a restoration expert. He was able to remove the hands and will create a mold in order to craft new hands for the statue.

The hands will be replaced in time for the rededication ceremony we plan on hosting later this spring.

Lenten Weekend V: What's For Us After Death?

What will happen when we die? That truly is an age-old question. In fact, some have asked, "When is my time up or does anyone really care?" If we keep asking these questions, I believe we will fulfill our secret death wish. Only the Lord can answer these questions. He knows when our time is up; yet, we know that there is a **heaven** – a place for those who have remained faithful to the end. Such people live by a moral code of life, respect their fellow human beings, have cared about others, have made God first in their lives, have endeared their family by meeting their needs, have struggled with suffering and thereby have been **compassionate, empathetic, and caring**. Such people have never thought of themselves first; but rather, they have always been aware of the needs of others. Such people as well have not craved for money, never have looked for their own glory, or seem to realize that power is not a need in them. Such people are **Saints!**

Now, have I covered all the bases? I hope I have because this is the **avenue to heaven.**

On the opposite side, **hell** is a place for those who **do not** care about their fellow human beings, obviously never recognize or please God in any way. They may say, "There is no God!" It seems on this road, power, fame, and money are primary. Self-centeredness and forgetting one's neighbor is more important. There may even be no moral code of life. Even though they may struggle with suffering, the experience does not seem to change them for the better.

So, once again, what will happen when we die? That depends on us. Do we care for heaven or are we satisfied with hell? Is there an afterlife or are we satisfied that after we die, there is just darkness? For senior citizens, this is the most important question of life. Has it been worth it to believe in a God, to believe that there is life after death? For those 20-50 year olds, you are the most vulnerable because you may feel that we will never die early. In fact, nothing can possibly happen to us because we are not old yet. Ah-ha, that is where the fallacy lies. Many young people die without ever making amends and that's sad. It is better to recognize there is a creator who has given us life. When one's time is up, who knows what will happen? It is better to be prepared. That simply means – **God First**, neighbor equally cared for. **That seems to be the ticket for the entry and you don't even have to use a phone for the ticket.**

God expects us to be true to ourselves, young or old. If we are true to him, our ticket is sealed. What a road to follow! It is contradictory to all that this world would have us believe. So, is there a **heaven**? Yes! Is there a **hell**? Yes! What if we are not good enough to be in heaven, but not bad enough to go to hell? Simple! There is always **purgatory** – not a place – rather a spirit world of waiting or roaming until God seems to feel we are ready for the light! Maybe we did not do enough to be immediately in heaven. We needed a little cleansing, but there's a **catch**: we cannot get to the Light of God (heaven) until people on earth pray for us. After all, why do we pray for the dead? If one is in **heaven**, prayers are of no use. They are already there. If in **hell**, prayers are futile; they've sealed their fate. **Answer**: we pray for those who are roaming and are waiting for the **Light**. Our prayers can help.

So, yes we all fear death; but it's easier to face it when we have hope that our spirit will live on in God's Light. If we are willing to take on the crosses of life that lead to Resurrection, if we are convinced that doing for others and putting God first is essential, then we will see God face to face someday. The **ticket** is here to accept. The rest is up to the Almighty! In the meantime, let's live our lives as if it were our last and appreciate the true and loving moments of life. Those moments can pass without us realizing their beauty.

Have a great 5th week of Lent!
Fr. Bob

Parish Naming Report

Over the past few weeks, the Naming Committee has presented information about the lives of the 7 saints they initially selected as candidates for our new combined parish name. Full stories of their lives may be found online in our bulletins (qmstbparish.org/bulletins). Below is a synopsis of each of saints, and a survey for you to let us know which names you feel would be most suitable for the united parish. **Remember that although name is only for the parish, it will not apply to the school. The school will remain Queen of Martyrs Catholic School.**

St. Gemma Galgani (full article was published in the January 29 bulletin)

- St. Gemma Galgani was born in Italy in 1878 and was the fifth of eight children in her family.
- At the age of 19, she developed the stigmata and experienced a mystical vision of Jesus Christ, which led her to devote herself to a life of prayer and service to others.
- She suffered from various illnesses throughout her life, including spinal tuberculosis and meningitis, which caused her great physical pain and suffering.
- Despite her illnesses, she continued to serve others, particularly the sick and the poor, and had a deep devotion to the Virgin Mary and the Passion of Christ.
- St. Gemma died in 1903 at the age of 25 and was canonized as a saint in 1940. She is the patron saint of students, pharmacists, and those suffering from back pain. Her feast day is April 11.

St. Dominic Savio (full article was published in the February 5 bulletin)

- St. Dominic Savio was born in Italy in 1842 and was known for his strong faith and dedication to living a holy life from a young age.
- He became a student at the Oratory of Don Bosco, where he excelled in his studies and was known for his cheerful and helpful demeanor.
- St. Dominic was a model of virtue and encouraged his fellow students to strive for holiness and purity of heart.
- While at the Oratory, he founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception, which aided John Bosco with the neglected boys and with manual labor
- St. Dominic died at the age of 14 from a respiratory illness, and his autobiography was written by St. John Bosco
- He was canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church in 1954 and is known as the patron saint of choirboys and juvenile delinquents. His feast day is March 9.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla (full article was published in the February 5 bulletin)

- St. Gianna Molla was born in Italy in 1922 and grew up in a devout Catholic family.
- She became a doctor and dedicated her life to caring for others, particularly women and children.
- She married and had three children, but faced a difficult pregnancy with her fourth child. She was advised to have an abortion to save her life, but chose instead to sacrifice her own life for the sake of her unborn child, and died a week after giving birth.
- St. Gianna's selfless love and dedication to her family and patients has inspired many around the world, including her own daughter, Gianna Emanuela Molla, who followed in her footsteps and become a doctor
- She was canonized as a saint in 2004 and is known as the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children. Her feast day is April 28.

St. Joseph Moscati (full article was published in the February 12 bulletin)

- St. Joseph Moscati was born in Italy in 1880 and grew up in a devout Catholic family.
- He studied medicine at the University of Naples and became a renowned doctor known for his compassionate care of his patients and his dedication to using medicine as a means of serving God and his fellow human beings.
- There are a number of stories of Dr. Moscati paying close attention to the state of his patient's soul as well as their body, sometimes even bringing the patient back to the sacraments.
- He also had a strong devotion to the Mary and the Rosary, often carrying one in his pocket, and spent much time in prayer and contemplation.
- St. Joseph Moscati died in 1927 and was canonized in 1987. His feast day is November 16 and he is the patron saint of diabetes patients, doctors, and medical students. Dr. Moscati was the first modern medical doctor to become a saint.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (full article was published in the February 19 bulletin)

- Edith Stein, who later became St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was born in Germany in 1891 to a Jewish family.
- She rejected religion as a teenager, but later became interested in Catholicism after reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila.
- Edith converted to Catholicism in 1922 and became a Carmelite nun in 1933, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.
- As the Nazi regime gained power in Germany, St. Teresa was forced to flee to the Netherlands, where she continued to write and study. She urged Pope Pius XI to condemn the Nazi injustices.
- In 1942, she was arrested by the Nazis and taken to Auschwitz, where she was killed in the gas chambers.
- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was canonized as a saint and is venerated as a martyr. Her feast day is August 9 and she is the patron saint of Europe and those who lost parents.

St. Benedict Joseph Labre (full article was published in the March 12 bulletin)

- Benedict Joseph Labre was born in France in 1748 and was the oldest of 15 children.
- His mother believed he would become a religious figure because of his calm demeanor and he was sent to live with his parish priest uncle to study.
- Benedict wanted to become a Trappist monk at 16 but was unable to due to his age and an outbreak of plague in the town.
- He eventually joined the Third Order of Saint Francis and became a poor pilgrim traveling on foot throughout Western Europe, known as the "Saint of Forty-Hours" and "Beggar of Rome."
- St. Benedict Joseph Labre lived a life of prayer, poverty, and charity, giving up everything for the love of God, and his life serves as an inspiration to others.
- St. Benedict Labre is the patron saint of bachelors, mentally ill people, beggars, and the homeless, and was canonized in 1881 by Pope Leo XIII. His feast day is April 16.

St. Winifred of Wales (full article was published in the March 12 bulletin)

- St. Winifred of Wales was born in the 7th century and was the daughter of a Welsh nobleman.
- She private vow of chastity and became a bride of Christ, but was pursued by a local prince named Caradog who wanted to marry her.
- When she refused him, he beheaded her, and a spring of water miraculously sprang forth from her grave. Winifred was restored to life by her uncle, St. Beuno, who prayed over her remains and restored her head to her body.
- She lived a monastic life, created a congregation of virgin women, and called a synod known as the "Synod of Winifred" which resulted in the creation of a monastery based on strict discipline, regular worship, and manual work.
- She became a beloved saint and her shrine at Holywell became a popular pilgrimage site for Catholics in Wales and England.
- St. Winifred is officially recognized by the Vatican as a saint by popular acclaim, rather than ever being formally canonized. Her feast day is celebrated on November 3.

Please choose how suitable each of these names would be for our parish name after reading these saint stories. **Your first choice being your most favorable.** You can detach this sheet and leave it in the collection or drop it off at the rectory or school office.

Your Name (optional):_____

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

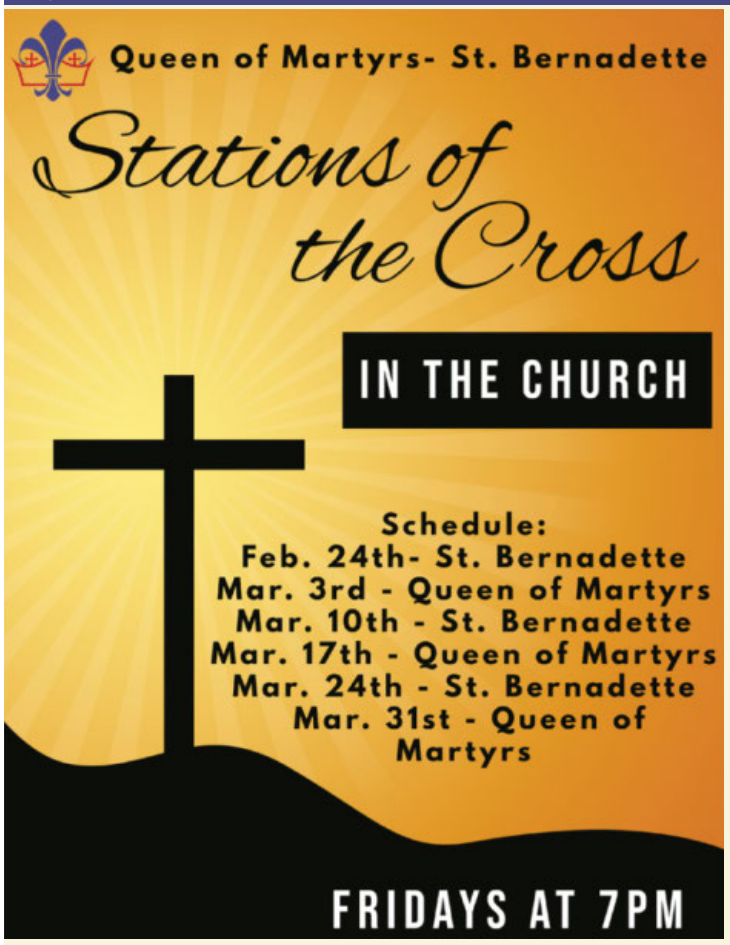
4th choice: _____

5th choice: _____

6th choice: _____

7th choice: _____

We will be printing these names and choices until Sunday, April 2.



Cash & Carry/RaiseRight Order News

The RaiseRight/Sharing Program is a fundraiser for the school. The school purchases gift cards at a discount. Families can purchase gift cards either online or in person at face value.
Once a family signs up for the program, each quarter they will receive a rebate based on their purchases. The school earns 40% of the percentage and the family receives 60% towards their tuition. For those participating that do not have children in the school, you can designate a student to donate your rebate to, or receive a check. Example of a purchase: $100 gift card bought by the school at a 10% discount. The family would receive $6.00 toward their rebate and the school would earn $4.00 It is easy to enroll: Email Risk@raiseright.com and use code L161C1442288. You can place your order online or in person, on Wednesdays in the rectory from 5:45 until 7:00 p.m. or after the 8:30 mass and before the 10:30 mass in the breezeway between Queen of Martyrs Church and the school. If you have any questions please contact Bob Pellegrini at 773-852-3209 or rpellegrini@qmschool.com

Outreach Ministry

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we are presented with Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It is somewhat of a prophecy of what lies ahead for Jesus in the coming weeks. Jesus comes to Martha and Mary and learns of Lazarus' death. He weeps with them as Lazarus was also dear to him. He has the stone removed from the tomb and calls Lazarus to come out. This is one of Jesus' final miraculous acts that in turn leads to his own arrest, suffering, death, and resurrection.

If you are in need of Outreach support or know of someone who is, please contact the ministry at 708-423-8110 or 708-425-7697. All requests are confidential and kept private.

Sandwich Schedule

The parish Outreach Ministry is preparing sandwiches at 9:00 a.m. at **St. Bernadette's Rectory** on March 29.

Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation Classes are offered on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. You must call the Rectory at 708-423-8110 to register for the class by the Monday prior. Our next class is Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

Domestic Violence Outreach Annual Benefit Gala

Thank you to the members of our Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry who attended the Archdiocese of Chicago's Annual Benefit Gala, hosted to support awareness raising, education & training and prevention initiatives. The Archdiocese of Chicago has taken the lead among dioceses in the United States in our faith-based response to this epidemic of abuse that afflicts families in every community, and we thank our parishioners for being a part of this important ministry.

Top: Jeanne Leonard, Joyce O'Brien, Patty Lowry, Fr. Chuck Dahm, Char Bermele, Mary Galazkiewicz
Bottom: Peggy Hassan, Jane Jachim Campbell, Kathy Dapkus, Kathy Gergits

Wildcat Wheel of Winnings

Want a great way to help support Queen of Martyrs-St. Bernadette Parish & School. All you need to do is join the Wildcat Wheel. The QR code will bring you to the Facebook Page which will give information on how to join and what the Wildcat Wheel is all about. The proceeds from the wheel will be used to purchase items needed for the School & Parish. A few of the things we were able to so far are: Promethean Boards for the classrooms, New Reading Series, Ring Cameras, Ice Machine, Redid the stage floor in Vitha Hall, Support Families in Need, I-Pad Cart, Drinking Fountains, Toys and Games for Extended Day, and more.

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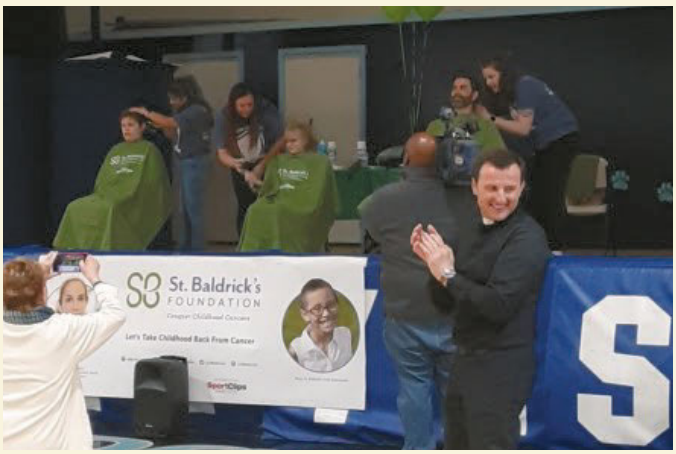
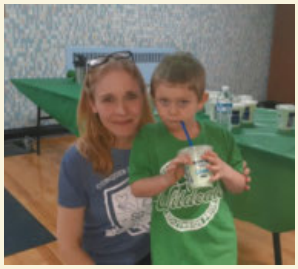
WHERE FAITH & KNOWLEDGE MEET

Q of M students and their families enjoyed a wonderful afternoon celebrating a great cause and supporting childhood cancer research. Our very own Crispin B., who is in 4 Year Old Pre-K student at Q of M School, was our honorary child for this event, as he is a brave cancer survivor! Crispin's family was on hand to speak about the journey they have been on since Crispin's diagnosis and the support they have received from family, friends, our Q of M community and the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Crispin's dad, Troy, brother, Thijs, and sister, Emma all raised money and had their heads shaved in support. Crispin is doing very well after battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and his family is happy to report that there is no longer evidence of disease. We are thankful to the Bofinger family for being instrumental in helping us to understand the importance of St. Baldrick's!

There was a bagpiper as well as Irish Dancers on hand on this fun day to help cheer on all of our Shavee's. Our "Wildcat Wheel" generously donated delicious Shamrock Shakes for all of our students and staff to enjoy during the event. Our top student fundraisers were Jack E., Emma B., and Marty M.! We are so proud of their efforts on behalf of this wonderful cause. A big thank you to Jenna Ruggiero, a Q of M parent, and her committee for coordinating such a successful event. Fr. Benedykt was also very gracious to participate as a Shavee. He challenged our donors to raise $7,500 in order for him to have his head shaved! Our wonderful School and Parish Community rose to the occasion by raising over $12,500.00 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation! We are so proud of everyone's efforts on behalf of this worthy cause! What a great day to be a Wildcat!





FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AND YOUTH MINISTRY

THANK YOU!! We are so grateful to have shared a meal with you at the Youth Ministry Pasta Dinner!

++Faith Formation Classes 4/2, 4/23, and 4/30 from 8:30-10:15am.++

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Pack Meals with Youth Ministry on 3/28 or 4/4 from 7-8:45pm.

Contact Tina O'Shea at QMFaithformation@gmail.com

Youth Ministry Stations of the Cross

Practice THIS MONDAY 3/27 6:30-8pm with Jr. High teens!

Practice Friday 4/7 at 12pm meet in the Youth Room.

Join us April 7th at 3pm in QM Church for this prayer experience.

Pray for the sick, especially

Joan Sullivan
Bob Morris
Johnny Esposito
Shirley Evans
Tom Mallon
Maureen Johnson
Kitty Creed
Mary Lois Newark
Tommy O'Connell
Lucille McDonough
Eileen Sayers
Mary Lichtenstein

Congratulations to two formers students who are honorees at the 2023 McAuley Hall Induction Ceremony this Sunday, March 26th. M. Bridget Reidy of Queen of Martyrs & Mary Kean Coffey of St. Bernadette.

Queen of Martyrs 50/50 Raffle

On Monday, March 20 Envelope No. 6742 was drawn. There was NO winner. The total amount of the prize pot was $11,855.

To qualify for the raffle, use two envelopes: one for your regular weekly contribution of at least $5.00, and another for the corresponding week's 50/50 raffle with a $5.00 contribution. Envelopes must reach the rectory office by 8:30 a.m. on Monday after the weekend to be eligible for the weekly drawing. Best of luck next week!

Sunday Collection Report

Weekly Budgeted Amount $13,700.00
March 19 Sunday Collection..... $10,603.00
FY '23 Budgeted Year-To-Date $519,600.00
FY '23 Collected Year-To-Date..... $498,342.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for FY '23..... ($21,258.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

Altar bread & wine will be offered
in memory for
The Kruzil Family
from Joe Kruzil
for the week of March 27, 2023.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 27, 2023
at Queen of Martyrs Church
6:30 a.m. Communion Service
at St. Bernadette Church
8:30 a.m. ✞Maria Gajda, Int. of Brigitta Immaculata and all her loved ones

Tuesday, March 28, 2023
at Queen of Martyrs Church
6:30 a.m. Communion Service
8:30 a.m. ✞John O'Connell

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
at Queen of Martyrs Church
6:30 a.m. Communion Service
at St. Bernadette Church
8:30 a.m. ✞Jean Wozniak

Thursday, March 30, 2023
at Queen of Martyrs Church
6:30 a.m. Communion Service
8:30 a.m. ✞Agnes Giermak

Friday, March 31, 2023
at Queen of Martyrs Church
6:30 a.m. Communion Service
at St. Bernadette Church
8:30 a.m. ✞James Budz

Saturday, April 1, 2023
at Queen of Martyrs Church
8:30 a.m. Families of Queen of Martyrs and St. Bernadette Parishioners
4:00 p.m. ✞Arlene McGrath, ✞Joel Hanshaw, ✞Johnny Donahue
at St. Bernadette Church
4:00 p.m. ✞Mary E. Mulry, ✞Sharon Bandemer, ✞Tom McKeating

Sunday, April 2, 2023
at Queen of Martyrs Church
8:30 a.m. ✞Denise Clemens, ✞Jim Shea, ✞Marie Ligurotis
10:30 a.m. ✞John Therriault, ✞Virginia Katalinic, ✞Peggy Corley; Mary Lou Zidek, for God's Blessings
at St. Bernadette Church
8:30 a.m. ✞Carla Kirkland, ✞Frances Kundrat, ✞Rudy Litak
10:30 a.m. ✞Marie Zuklic, ✞Frances Kundrat, ✞Laurence Msall

While They Serve…

We pray for our parishioners and the relatives of parishioners who are serving in the Military and protecting us…

Martin Beemsterboer
Matthew Beemsterboer
Ted Bos
Cpt. Rev. Marcin Bulinski
PVT Michael Cihocki
SFC Steven D. Galvin
Pvt. Joey Golden
Cpt. David Jackson Jr.
Mjr. Daniel R. Johnson;
LCpl. Patrick J. Kinnerk
SFC Wayne Mutnansky
Lt. John Mutnansky
Maj. Chris O'Neil
SSG. Clifford Oskvarek
Pvt. Jake Polselli
Ens. Daniel M. Reidy
Lt. Matthew Sebok
Col. Ellen Shannon-Ball
Spc. Kevin Smith
Pvt. Vincent Secor, Jr.
Cpt. Martin Springer
Sgt. Steven Surdynski

If you would like us to pray for a Parishioner or a Relative serving in the Military, please email the parish office at jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com or call at 708-423-8110.

****If your relative is NO LONGER serving, please call the Rectory office so we can remove them from our list.****

Unification Working Group

The Unification Working Group for Queen of Martyrs and St. Bernadette Parish looks to bring the community of Queen of Martyrs and the community of St. Bernadette into a single, active and vibrant community. We are also tasked with evangelizing and welcoming more and more people into the Church! If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us via email, QMSTBunification@gmail.com, or you can read the summaries and minutes of our meetings online at https://qmstbparish.org/unification

Unification Working Group Members

Fr. Benedykt Pazdan
Fr. Bob Tonelli
Char Bermele
Linda Blaeser
Lois Kettering
Johanna Konieczny
Eileen McNichols
Diane Pajkos
Peggy Remiasz
Jennie Schmitt
Carol Zofkie
Fr. Ritchie Ortiz
Deacon Bob Landuyt
Rick Biszewski
Katie Clark
Kevin Kirkland
Phillip Maher
Gina O'Connell
Terry Reidy
Maribeth Rodela
John Woolley

Early Bulletin Deadlines

As we approach Easter, please be aware there are some early deadlines for bulletin submissions:

Bulletin	Submission Date
Sunday, April 2	Monday, March 27
Sunday, April 9	Friday, March 31

Thank you for your cooperation!

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 27
Junior High Youth Ministry
6:30-8 p.m., St. Joseph's Room, Queen of Martyrs

Tuesday, March 28
Unification Committee
6:30-9 p.m., Rectory Mtg. Room, St. Bernadette

Wednesday, March 29
Outreach Ministry/Sandwich Making
9-10 a.m., Rectory Meeting Room, St. Bernadette
Sharing/Script Sales
5:45-7:30 p.m., Rectory, Queen of Martyrs
Youth Ministry Retreat Formation
6-8 p.m., Youth Room, Queen of Martyrs

Thursday, March 30
Bingo
6-10 p.m., Vitha Hall, Queen of Martyrs

Friday, March 31
Stations of the Cross
7 p.m., Queen of Martyrs Church
Adult Volleyball League
7-11 p.m., Vitha Hall, Queen of Martyrs

Saturday, April 1
Lenten Prayer Tables
3-6 p.m., St. Joseph's Room, Queen of Martyrs
Holy Name Society Meeting
3-10 p.m., Vitha Hall, Queen of Martyrs
Confessions
3-3:45 p.m., Queen of Martyrs Church
3-3:45 p.m., St. Bernadette Church
Mass
4 p.m., Queen of Martyrs Church
4 p.m., St. Bernadette Church

Sunday, April 2
Mass
8:30 & 10:30 a.m., Queen of Martyrs Church
8:30 & 10:30 a.m., St. Bernadette Church
Faith Formation Classes
8:30-10:15 a.m., School Classrooms, Queen of Martyrs
Lenten Prayer Tables
9-12 noon, St. Joseph's Room, Queen of Martyrs
Cub Scouts Meeting
12-6 p.m., Vitha Hall, Queen of Martyrs
Scouts Meeting
7-8:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Room, Queen of Martyrs

Ministry Schedule, April 1-2

Queen of Martyrs Church	**4:00 p.m.**	**8:30 a.m.**	**10:30 a.m.**
Presider:	TBD	TBD	TBD
L:	Pam Ryback	Edward Langle	Tom Wegesin
L:	Nancy Andrasco	Kim Boucher	John Springer
EM:	Pam Ryback	Jean Swiecicki	Lisa Gagner
EM:	Erin Brady	Eleanor Griegel	Bob Pellegrini
EM:		Mike Griegel	Tom Wegesin
S:	Marguerite Connell	Jill Clark	Renzee Docog
S:	Zach Mitchell	Elizabeth Farritor	Danny Famera
S:	Mitchell Monroy	Matthew Farritor	Dominic Garofalo
S:	Emma Rosas		Mia Schmitt

St. Bernadette Church	**4:00 p.m.**	**8:30 a.m.**	**10:30 a.m.**
Presider:	TBD	TBD	TBD
MC:	Dave Burmeister	Diane Pajkos	Linda Blaeser
L:	Judy Grant	Mike Vrtis	Dante Mosely
L:	DeAnna Morgan	Ryan Brennan	Jean Roth
EM:	Pat Kobel	Kevin Kirkland	Mary O'Neill-Schmit
EM:	Mary Prendergast	Bernadine Rogers	Joseph Albarran
S:	Alex Arguello		Ian Hansen
S:			Keagan Hansen

Sunday, Mar 26, 2023

Hints of resurrection

While the Hebrew scripture written before Jesus lived doesn't explicitly speak of resurrection in the same way it is spoken of after Jesus is raised from the dead, there are certainly rumors and whispers. Perhaps the most explicit references are in chapter 37 of Ezekiel, where God, working through the prophet, raises a valley of dry bones to new life and promises to restore them to the promised land after their captivity in Babylon centuries before Christ. Saint Jerome called the vision of the valley of bones a "simile" of the Resurrection to come. There's hope for these old bones yet!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (34). *"Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!"*

Monday, Mar 27, 2023

A profile in courage

In the last week of Women's History Month, here's another Catholic woman who made history: Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985). Born wealthy in Russia, she escaped the Russian Revolution and fled to Canada. During the Great Depression, she founded Friendship House, a Catholic outreach movement to serve the poor and promote interracial friendship—a movement that started in Toronto and spread to Harlem, Chicago, Washington D.C., and Portland, Oregon. As a nation and a world community, we face trials comparable to the ones Doherty faced. She responded with courage, generosity, love, and gospel witness. Let us do the same!

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251). *"Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

Tuesday, Mar 28, 2023

'Tis a gift to be simple

Happy birthday to Saint John Neumann today—nicknamed the "little bishop" not only for his stature but for the humility that came from his Redemptorist vow of poverty, which he honored even after becoming bishop of Philadelphia. Neumann's simplicity invites rich reflection for Lent. "Our great mistake is that we allow ourselves to be deceived by the spirit of worldly shrewdness, the desire for fame, and the love of comfort," he wrote to a fellow priest. "The principles of faith fade out of our hearts in proportion as we allow the principles of the world to come in." Simplify your life to make more room for what feeds your faith.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *"You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world."*

Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023

Redemption is at hand

Though they, along with other ancient societies, engaged in some forms of household slavery, Jews as a general rule frowned upon the institution. Slaves who were not Jewish were to be offered conversion to Judaism and if they became Jews, immediately freed. Jews were also required to redeem Jewish slaves from non-Jewish owners. Memory of their own captivity in Egypt and Babylonia loomed large, and they resented Jesus promising to free them. But when Jesus spoke of the truth setting Jews free, he was talking about another kind of enslavement, the kind we all fall into through unskillful actions, behaviors, habits, compulsions. Look honestly at what might be restricting your inner freedom and ask Jesus to redeem you.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). *"We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free'?"*

Thursday, Mar 30, 2023

Help your unbelief

Can a believer doubt? It can be a relief to learn that a whole school of thought among Catholic theologians asserts that doubt, while seemingly corrosive, can actually bolster faith in the end. Doubt can lead to exploration, which often leads to better understanding, greater clarity, or sometimes simply a willingness to not know, to live without all questions fully answered, leaning into religious practice with an open heart. Most would call that an adult faith. What questions nag at you? Doubt, dig, and remain open to God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death."*

Friday, Mar 31, 2023

Miles to go

Women's History Month concludes today, but the work of ensuring the rights of women continues. In a November 2022 press conference, Pope Francis acknowledged that more work needs to be done. "We have to tell the truth," the pope said. "The fight for women's rights is an ongoing fight." This includes equality in public life and also "equality of opportunities." How might we each open a door of opportunity for women in our own families, parishes, neighborhoods, schools, or offices?

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). *"If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works."*

Saturday, Apr 01, 2023

A well-traveled pilgrim helped shape Holy Week

Holy Week begins tomorrow. It's in the description of Jesus' last week—immediately ahead of his death and Resurrection—that all four gospels resemble each other the most. The church's liturgical celebration of Holy Week, however, was a late development. Originally, Christians had only a single *Pascha* liturgy to observe Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. Specific Holy Week liturgies for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday grew from individual shrines in Jerusalem where each event occurred. Thanks to a detailed travel journal, written in 383 by a remarkable woman pilgrim to the Holy Land named Egeria, these liturgies began to take shape. As Holy Week begins, let's not only honor the women at the empty tomb but the woman who helped define Holy Week.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). *"He prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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