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St. Bernadette Church February 11, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

It is hard to believe that Lent begins this Wednesday! As we prepare to enter into this penitential season, I am excited to share two pieces of information with you.

- 1. This year, our parish Liturgical Commission has discerned a theme for our Lenten celebrations: "Be Still and Trust in My Love". At our last meeting, we were discussing possible topics that could be addressed throughout this season. It is no secret that we live in a fast-paced, hectic society. There are plenty of reasons to have worry, concern, and anxiety. In the midst of the craziness, one of the most powerful tools that we have as Christians is trust in the love of Jesus. However, to really enter into that trust, we have to take time away from the steam roller that our society can sometimes feel like to simply be still. In the stillness, we have the opportunity to grow in a deeper awareness of Jesus' love for us and how much we can actually trust in Him. In the coming weeks, you will be seeing and hearing this theme in a variety of ways throughout Lent.
- 2. To help us maintain this theme of "Be Still and Trust in My Love", Brook Benedict and I have composed and arranged a hymn that will include this line in the lyrics. May our celebration of the liturgy throughout this Lenten season help us to enter more deeply into the love in the heart of Jesus.

Peace,

Fr. Joe

be still and trust in My love

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Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the soul of: Margaret (Peg) Mullen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, February 12, Weekday

9:00 Francis and Hermine McDonald

Tuesday, February 13, Weekday

8:00 Stan Basista

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

9:00 Robert Bierman

5:00 Prayer Service with Ashes

7:00 John and Margaret Kresovsky

Thursday, February 15, Thursday after Ash Wenesday

8:00 Alison Pappas

Friday, February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 Frank & Mary Stepic & Eric Green

Saturday, February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Catherine and Elmer Beres

4:00 For the Health of Dr. Edgar Tolentino

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Joseph Campagna

11:30 Lucinda Right

Last Call for Palms As we prepare to celebrate the season of Lent, please bring in any palms that you would like to dispose of. We will burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Palms can be dropped in the baskets in the back of the Church or at the Parish Office through Monday, February 12th.

Please pray for: Joe Benedetto; Tom Howard; Pam Foster; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Martin Morisky; Mary Temesvari; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Jose Quienones; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Michael Knurek; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Susan Lewis; Charlotte Castleberry; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Bob Becker; Joan Riccardi; Peter Weiss; Dan Perillo; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Mark Barringer; Martha Hoover; Jillian Weiss; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown; Edward Presley.

 Sunday Collection, February 4th:
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 \$8,876.00

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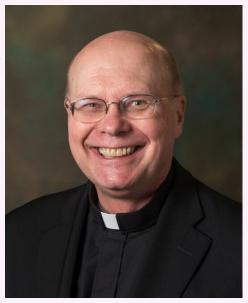
SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

March 3, 4 & 5

7:00PM in the Church

Retreat Director: Rev. James Kubicki, S.J.

An author of two books on Prayer and Spirituality, Jesuit Father Jim Kubicki is a nationally known Retreat Director; former National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network; a contributor to the Catholic media network, via YouTube, Relevant Radio, etc. and also serves as Spiritual Director of St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Recently, Father directed the diocesan priest retreat. We are eager for Father to share his vast experience of people hungry for the Lord Jesus! For...we are hungry, too.



THEMES

THE EUCHARIST: A MYSTERY TO BE BELIEVED, CELEBRATED AND LIVED

SUNDAY: A MYSTERY TO BE BELIEVED...
What do we believe about the Eucharist? Seven different beliefs...

MONDAY: A MYSTERY TO BE CELEBRATED... How do our beliefs get expressed in the way we celebrate Mass?

TUESDAY: A MYSTERY TO BE LIVED... What difference do our beliefs and celebration make? What do they have to do with our ordinary, daily lives?

Lent is a reflective time to reconsider the footpath I am traveling in life.

"Will this route take me home to a deeper relationship with the Lord?

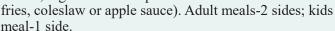
Lent is less about penance, and more about becoming, doing, and changing whatever is hindering me from being the person God intended.

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St. Bernadette Lenten Fish Frys

Fridays: February 16 & 23, March 1, 8, 15 & 22 In Dempsey Hall from 4:00-7:00PM

Meals: Fried perch, fried or baked cod and sides (mac n cheese, regular or sweet potato



A la carte: Pierogies, cabbage and noodles, mac n cheese, fries, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, apple sauce and clam chowder.

Cod Dinners are \$14. Perch Dinners are \$17. Kids meals range from \$5-\$6.

This year we are serving both Dine-In as well as Carry-Out. Carry-Out Meals Only can be conveniently preordered on the parish website using a credit card via PayPal through 10:00AM on Fridays or at the Parish Office by cash or check or you can just come in Friday evening to order meals. To ensure freshness at your pick-up, pre-orders will be filled at the time of your arrival via a separate pre-order line. Wonderful St. Bernadette parishioners needed to work a shift or two at the Lenten Fish Fry. Sign up on the parish website under 'Lenten Fish Fry.'

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special



collection; rather, the

Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Transformed by your love. Your support of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: 'I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2024Appeal.

LENT SCHEDULE 2024

FEBRUARY 14, ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes Distributed at 9:00AM and 7:00PM Mass 5:00PM - Evening Prayer with Ashes

PARISH MISSION

March 3, 4 & 5 at 7:00PM in the Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00PM in the Church

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 8 at 7:00PM

DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, February 28th 5:00-8:00PM

LENTEN FISH FRYS IN DEMPSEY HALL

Every Friday, except Good Friday, in Lent 4:00-7:00PM

*For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. Since February 14th is celebrated by many couples as Valentine's Day, parishioners should be reminded of the norms governing fasting and abstinence from meat since **no dispensation** will be given for this day which marks the solemn beginning of Lent.

Food for Families Please support the Knights of Columbus at St. Bernadette Annual Food Drive for Saint Stephen, our sister parish. We are asking for monetary donations only, instead of collecting actual non-perishable items. Donations can be made after the Masses this weekend,



February 10th and 11th, or this can be in the form of cash or check dropped off at the Parish Office or via PayPal on the parish website. The needs continue to be great this year. Families of this inner-city neighborhood lack basic food and personal items to meet the everyday needs that we often take for granted. The pantry served over 1,500 clients this past year. Thank you and God Bless!

Attention Junior High Parents: There will be no Youth Ministry this Sunday, February 11th or on Sunday, February 18th. We will meet again on Sunday, February 25th from 7:00-8:30PM in the PAC.

Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making We start our activity at 1:15PM in Dempsey Hall. Our next sandwich making days are February 14th & 28th!

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Spirituality & Marriage An Evening for Married Couples Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 6:00-9:00PM St. Bernadette Church Community Room

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"My Cup Runneth Over With Love"

Please join us for an evening celebrating marriage with your spouse while also enjoying great conversation with friends new and old. To round out the evening, guest speaker Fr. Lukas Laniauskas, SJ will share his reflection on spirituality of marriage in light of the Celebration of Eucharist.

Fr. Lukas M. Laniauskas, SJ was born in Cleveland, OH into a Lithuanian-American family. He is a citizen of both the United States and Lithuania. He attended Catholic schools throughout his life. After his sophomore year at Loyola University Chicago, he entered the Society of Jesus in Lithuania. Having completed the novitiate, he professed perpetual vows and continued his studies in the US. Fr. Laniauskas, SJ studied philosophy at Loyola University Chicago and theology at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, CA.

During his tenure in Chicago, Fr. Laniauskas completed his doctorate at the University of St. Mary of the Lake. His thesis was titled: An Ignatian Encounter with Christ in the Eucharist. Fr. Laniauskas then was sent to tertianship (the final stage of Jesuit formation) in Dublin, Ireland. In the summer of 2022, he began his appointment as the pastor of The Church of the Gesu in University Heights. It has been a thrilling and challenging assignment with a large congregation (which continues to grow) and bustling school. In this current assignment, he feels so deeply blessed to be able to walk with people in every stage of their lives. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks, & Dessert provided.

Cost: \$35/couple

Please return registration forms to the Parish Office by Monday, February 12th.

Names:		 	
Email:			
Phone:			

St. Bernadette School

Preschool adventurers exploring the wonders of our church with Father Joe and Mr. Benedict. Little hearts filled with curiosity and awe as they embark on a journey of discovery.



Heart and Harvest Survey

It is that time of year when we begin preparations for our next Heart and Harvest Festival! We are asking parishioners to please respond to a survey so that our committee can build on what made last year's festival so amazing, as well as improve on growth areas. You can visit this link https://forms.gle/8yNbM9dozCMjDucU8 or use the QR code to respond. If technology is not your thing, please fill out this sheet and return it to the parish office by Monday, March 4th. Thanks so much!

- 1. What did you like about the 2023 festival?
- 2. What did you not like about the 2023 festival?
- 3. Do you have any suggestions?
- 4. Are you willing to assist with planning the 2024 festival?
- 5. If you are willing to be contacted about your feedback please provide your email or a phone number.

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For more than two decades, the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University has formed and prepared men and women, lay and religious, to serve in ministry in the church in Cleveland, Northeast Ohio and beyond. If you have interest, consider joining us for our next cohort, which begins in August 2024. The two year program coincides with the John Carroll University academic calendar and provides a graduate certificate in spiritual direction in the Ignatian tradition. The first year of the program focuses upon learning the tradition of spiritual direction with a particular emphasis upon St. Ignatius of Loyola, as well as a study of various spiritual masters and mystics of Christian spirituality. The second year of the program is a practicum, in which students practice giving spiritual direction. Particularly rewarding is the community which forms as a given cohort (class) learns together.

While the focuses of the program is the art and science of the spiritual direction, the knowledge and skills gained in the two years of the program may be used in a variety of ministries. The program provides both professional development at a high level as well as spiritual and personal growth for participants. More than 200 ISI graduates have been trained to serve as spiritual directors, accompanying others in their own faith journey. The skills from the program are useful in college and high school campus ministry, parish programs such as Bible study, prayer groups, RCIA groups, confirmation preparation classes, etc. Program participants become adept in spiritual conversation and have the opportunity to develop skills in retreat facilitation.

Please visit their website, join one of the Zoom information sessions and of course, apply. For an application or if you have any questions please call or email the ISI Administrative Assistant, Michelle Buehrer at 216-397-1599 or mbuehrer@jcu.edu. Applications are due on June 1, 2024. Earlier applications are preferred. Tuition for the program is \$3,000 per year, but scholarships are available, so cost should not be a barrier to participation.

A Virtual Information Session via ZOOM to be held on: Monday, February 26 at 7:30PM; Monday, March 25 at 7:30PM; or Monday, April 8 at 7:30PM. Please email Michelle Buehrer at mbuehrer@jcu.edu to register.

Can't find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using $\bar{F}aith\ Direct$ for automated giving to St. Bernadette Church. It is secure, convenient and Faith Direct will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/OH641.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM

Saturday: 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Closed Monday – Friday: 12:30-1:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Vigil: Saturday, 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:45AM & 11:30AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM

Masses are Livestreamed on our website daily as well as Sunday at 9:45AM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Winter Schedule: Saturday, October through March:

3:00-3:45PM

Summer Schedule: Saturday, April through September:

4:00-4:45PM

*Confessions may also be arranged by an appointment with a priest.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal class. Arrangements to be made at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least six months before intended date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at 12:00PM. Please send articles to emorris@stbern.net.

Phone: 440-734-1300 School: 440-734-7717

Parish Web Site: www.saintbernadetteparish.org





St. Bernadette Parish, Westlake

Mission Statement

As parishioners of St. Bernadette, we commit ourselves to refresh our participation of Liturgy through attentive listening to God's Word, in raising our voices in prayer and song, and in reverent reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. We pledge to work for justice for those inside and outside of our boundaries and to be instruments of healing in our families and in our community.



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