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JUNE 29, 2025 THE SOLEMNITY OF Stor Defer and Dawl

# St. Bernadette Church

My Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. It is a long-standing tradition to take up a collection this Sunday to aid the Holy Father and his charities. I do not have to encourage you to be generous. You always are. I simply ask you to continue to the degree that you are able. I have enclosed two passages from Pope Leo's inaugural homily for your reflection.

"I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, *I come to you as a brother*, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family."

"Peter is thus entrusted with the task of "loving more" and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did."

I would also like to encourage you to take time and consider two other inaugural opportunities. You too are called to evangelize like St. Paul. The first is the OCIA meeting that will be on July 1st. If you know of anyone or you yourself would like to inquire about faith, now is the time. Please note the invitation that is in this weeks bulletin. Come ask questions and allow us to share the gift that was freely given to us, our faith.

Finally, please consider joining other parishioners in sharing their time and talents in creating a welcoming and hospitable parish community. We are seeking to create a pool of parishioners who we can call upon to assist in offering Christian hospitality. Please note the bulletin for further information about "Martha's Table."

Know of my prayers and best wishes for a great Fourth of July.

God Bless you,

Father Philip



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th. We will re-open on Saturday, July 5th. Mass will be outside on July 4th, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair. Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!!

Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the soul of: Una Y. Wendt.

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

## + Intentions for the Week +

Monday, June 30, Weekday 9:00 Mary B. Gallagher Tuesday, July 1, Weekday 8:00 Fr. Joseph C. Dempsey (Anniv) Wednesday, July 2, Weekday 9:00 Colleen Steadley Thursday, July 3, Saint Thomas, Apostle 8:00 David Joe Lowry (Anniv) Friday, July 4, Weekday (Outside Mass) 9:00 Barbara Mayer Saturday, July 5, Weekday 8:00 Victoria Mendoza 5:00 Beryl Mangan Sunday, July 6, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 For the Parish 9:45 Mary and Joe Fielding 11:30 Rita Etzler

**Please pray for:** Fr. Lanning; Martin Morisky; Gerri Popovich; Linda Mencke; Bruce Betz; Frank Stepic; Tom Howard; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Bob Becker; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown; Edward Presley.

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#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

First Friday Adoration There will be <u>NO</u> First Friday Adoration in July due to it falling on the Fourth of July holiday.

First Saturday, July 5, 2025 8:00AM Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.

Our next **Youth and Family Mass** will take place on **Sunday, June 29th at 6:00 PM**. Following Mass, we'll gather for a **cookout**, **bonfire, s'mores, and social**—a perfect summer



night to relax and connect with other parish families. We're especially excited to welcome St. Ladislas Youth Group and Families, who will be joining us for a friendly **kickball** 

game: Youth Group vs. Youth Group!



Sign Up to Bring a Dish! Help us round out our cookout by bringing a side, dessert, or non-alcoholic beverages!

## Pray and Play: A Joyful Start to Summer!

Our Summer Pray & Play gatherings are off to a wonderful start! Each Wednesday, families with young children have been coming together for 9:00 AM Mass, followed by playtime and fellowship at the parish playground. It's been a beautiful way to nurture both faith and friendship. Thank

you to all who have joined us so far—check our social media for the upcoming dates. We'd love to see you there!



New Episode Episode 21: Kelley Vlosich's Story Available July 1



St. Bernadette Adult Education Series in the Community Room on Tuesdays from 9:15am-10:45am No registration required, just show up!

#### July 1 JUDGMENT AND PURGATORY: YOU CAN AVOID <u>ONE</u>!

"All of us must appear before Christ to be judged by Him. Each one will receive what he deserves, according to everything he has done, good or bad, in his bodily life." — Paul—2 Corinthians 5

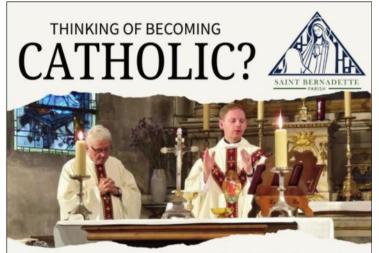
What is this judgement and can one appeal the verdict? By what criteria will I be judged? What are the odds of the good I do outweighing the bad? Does purgatory really exist? If so, where is it and how is the sentence determined? Is there a by -pass route?

## July 8 HEAVEN OR HELL: TAKE YOUR PICK — NOW!

"I'm terrified about the day that I enter the gates of heaven and God says to me, 'Just a minute...'"

— Maureen O'Hara

What evidence do we find for either of the above in the Old and New Testaments? Are they "places?" What will human existence look like? What insurance policy guarantees heaven? Bishop Desmond Tutu says, "We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low!"



Did you every wonder WHY Catholics remain in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who has been thinking about inquiring about Catholicism? Are you?

OCIA inquiry has begun!

Join Fr. Philip Racco and other parishioners as we share our stories about our faith journey!

Join us in the Parish Office on Tuesday, July 1st at 7:00PM!

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# Introducing a new hospitality ministry!

Do you love to cook, bake, or create warm, welcoming spaces? Put your gifts to good use and bless our parish family!

Martha's Table is a team dedicated to hospitality—both men and women who assist at a variety of parish functions. If you are willing to help serve or are comfortable at grilling, this is an opportunity to be active in the parish. Baking and being available to provide refreshments at parish functions as well as setting up and cleaning up is always needed. Consider being part of a team who joyfully serve at a variety of parish events. From the Advent/ Christmas concert to milestone anniversaries, this group of men and women helps set the table for community, beauty, and celebration.

Interested? Contact the Parish Office.

Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making We start our activity at 12:30PM in Dempsey Hall during summer break. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. *Our next sandwich making days are July 9th and July 30th.* 



#### Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Project Update



Thank you to all parishioners who have volunteered for our

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Habitat for Humanity Faith Build project. Unfortunately, our first volunteer day was rained out on Saturday, June 14. We've now added a new volunteer day in July and still have our August and October dates.

St. Bernadette Parish volunteer Saturdays:

# July 12, August 16, and October 11

- 8 volunteers needed for each day
- Approximately 6 hours of work each day 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- No experience/construction skill required
- Volunteers must be at least 16 years old
- Home construction location East 142rd Street in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood of Cleveland

Anyone who is interested in volunteering should use this QR code to express their interest and receive additional information regarding sign-ups.





The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 1:00PM in the Parish Office Library. Call the Parish Office to register.



You are invited to walk with us in the City of Westlake's annual Fourth of July parade!

Show your St. Bernadette spirit and let's celebrate our independence together as a community! Hope to see you there!



The parade route starts at 10am at Dover Center. Vehicles will head east on Hilliard, walkers join the parade just past Canterbury, and will conclude at Clague Park around 11:15am.

> All walkers meet by 9:15am at Sts. Peter & George Church located at 25800 Hilliard Blvd.





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