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If you have faith THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED...
LUKE 17:5

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 5, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

I would like to begin by quoting the Bishop's pastoral letter. He writes, "Attentiveness to quality liturgy facilitates the full, active, and conscious participation of God's people in worthy worship. For this reason, I would like each parish and each deanery to consider weekend and daily Mass schedules...I would like each parish to consider when it offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation...I would like each parish to consider opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration." This month of October, I would encourage you to reflect upon the celebration of Mass and the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your life as a Catholic.



During the month of October, we have an opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the Holy Eucharist. On the weekend of the 11th and 12th of October, we will be celebrating our 40 Hour Devotion of the Blessed Sacrament. I would encourage you to take an hour during this weekend to simply be in the presence of the Lord. Taking from your reflection a more profound appreciation of Sunday Mass and its importance in your life and the life of your family.

Do you find Saturday afternoon the most convenient time for you to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Prior to Christmas and Easter, the times for confession vary. Would other times assist you in making the Sacrament a more part of your spiritual journey?

Having read or maybe rereading pages 15 and 16 will help all of us become a "More Flourishing Apostolic Church. I close with a meditation from a homily by Bishop Barron:

The Church is about the business of making people holy. That's what the sacraments accomplish. Baptism draws people into the trinitarian life; the Eucharist nourishes them on the Body and Blood of the Lord; Penance restores them to grace when that relationship is compromised by sin; Confirmation strengthens them in the Holy Spirit; Holy Orders and Marriage commission people for the work of the Spirit. "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic," Homily

God Bless you,

Father Philip

The Saturday Vigil Mass is now at 4:00PM through March 2026. Confession is from 3:00-3:45PM.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, October 6, Weekday

9:00 Mary Pollock

Tuesday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 Jim McGrath

Wednesday, October 8, Weekday

9:00 Don and Maria Nunney

7:00 Mass for Unborn Children

Thursday, October 9, Weekday

8:00 Norman John Krieger

Friday, October 10, Weekday

9:00 The Wehrle Family

Saturday, October 11, Weekday

8:00 Dan Perillo

4:00 Richard Crumbley

Sunday, October 12, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Joey Caporossi

11:30 George and Pauline Pofok

Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the souls of: **Natividad Kinney and Robert "Bob" Becker.**



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

Please pray for: Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; 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; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

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Eucharistic DEVOTIONS

Please join us for 40 straight hours of Eucharistic devotion and activity from the evening of October 11th through the morning of October 13th.

If you are available to sign up for one of the Holy Hours, please do so by scanning the QR code or call the parish office at 440-734-1300 and they can assist you in signing up.

Saturday
**OCTOBER
11**

4:00 pm Opening Mass

7:00 pm Light of the World Holy Hour

8:00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

9:30 pm Night Prayer

12:00 am Rosary

3:00 am Rosary

6:00 am Rosary

4:00 pm Light of the
World Holy Hour

5:00 pm Evening Prayer
with Benediction

7:00-8:30 pm **Family
Holy Hour XLT**
Fr. Joe leading praise and worship

9:30 pm Night Prayer

Sunday
**OCTOBER
12**

7:00 am Morning Prayer with
Benediction

8:00 am Mass

9:00-9:45 am Confessions

9:45 am Mass

10:45-11:30 am Confessions

11:30 am Mass

12:00 am Rosary

3:00 am Rosary

6:00 am Rosary

8:00 am Morning Prayer with Benediction

8:15 am Miraculous Medal Novena with
Rosary in the Community Room

8:30 am Procession through the School

9:00 am Closing Mass

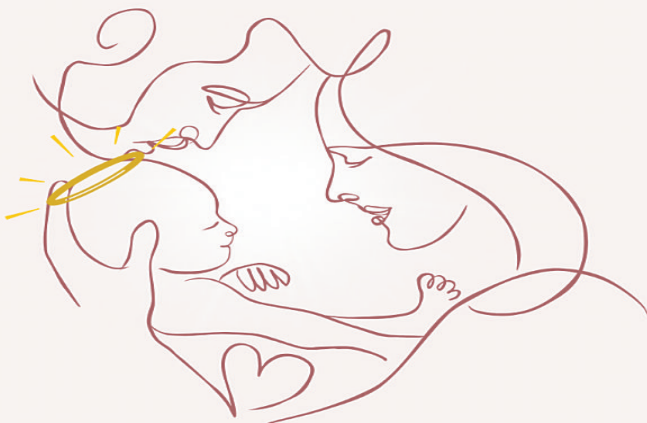
Monday
**OCTOBER
13**



**SCAN ME to
SIGN UP!**

Mass of Anointing of the Sick

On Saturday, October 4th at the 4:00PM Mass and Sunday, October 5th at the 11:30AM Mass, St. Bernadette Parish will celebrate the Mass of Anointing for those who have an illness or those who are elderly and would like to receive the Sacrament of Healing. There is no need to wait until a person is close to death. We welcome everyone regardless of age, who feels the need for physical or emotional healing and the Peace of the Lord.



MASS FOR INFANT LOSS
October 8th, 7:00 pm
 St. Bernadette Church

BLANKET SUNDAY The weekend of October 11-12 has been designated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Catholic Charities as BLANKET SUNDAY. Please consider a monetary donation to help them purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All money raised stays in NE Ohio. Please visit BlanketSunday.org for more information or to donate online or scan the QR code. Donations can also be made through the envelope in your parish packet payable to St. Bernadette. Checks may also be mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday (check payable to St. Vincent de Paul), 1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114. Envelopes are at the door of the church for your convenience.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN CARING FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY!



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 1:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

Attention Lectors: Lector books for 2026 are available for pick-up in the Parish Office.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

What is the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and where did this sacrament of healing originate? Like all seven sacraments, it originated from the words and deeds of Jesus Christ. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he gave the Apostles the power to heal the sick by laying hands on them. We hear Jesus commission the Apostles in the Gospel of Mark: "Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. In my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 16:15-18).

There are numerous accounts in *The Acts of the Apostles* where Peter and Paul healed those who were sick. The power to lay hands on someone and to heal them was passed from Jesus to the Apostles and then to the bishops and priests of the Church, and it became known as the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The *Letter of James* gives us further scriptural evidence for the Sacrament of Anointing: "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:13-15).

For the first 800 years of the Church's existence, the Sacrament of Anointing focused on the restoration of bodily health, but under the Emperor Charlemagne in the late 8th century, the sacrament became referred to as "Extreme Unction" (unction is Latin for "anointing") as it focused on preparing people for death. With the publication of the *Summa Theologica*, by Saint Thomas Aquinas in the mid-thirteenth century, the theological shift of the sacrament was made complete. For centuries to come, the Sacrament of Anointing was administered in order to prepare a person for immanent death.

In the mid-sixteenth century, the Council of Trent slowly began restoring the original practice of the sacrament as being one that was administered to those who were sick and not necessarily on their deathbed, and this shift continued through the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960's. Finally, in 1972 Pope Paul VI established a new sacramental form of anointing and approved the new rite which is still used today: "Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites and Anointing and Viaticum."

There are many Catholics today who still associate the Sacrament of Anointing with imminent death and what is known as the "Last Rites." Because of this association with death, some people are very hesitant or even refuse to be anointed since they don't want to tacitly admit that they are in imminent danger of dying. What many Catholics don't realize is that the "Last Rites" is not the same as the Sacrament of Anointing. A person who is not in imminent danger of death can receive the Sacrament of Anointing to help them recover from an illness.

Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. You may bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are October 8th and October 29th.***



One Wednesday a month, from Noon until 1:30 PM, all those who are “**YOUNG AT HEART**” and over 50 (!) are invited to attend a gathering in the Community Room. The purpose is to join with other parishioners, meet some new friends, enjoy lunch together, a short presentation of various kinds, and a time to chat together!

Given limited spacing, reservations are necessary. Our maximum capacity is 30 – this number includes couples and individuals.

Join us for Young at Heart on Wednesday, October 15th from Noon to 1:30PM in the Community Room.

Topic: A Glimpse of What Catholics Might Expect From Their Future Priest-Leaders...from a voice of experience!

Presenter: Rev. William Bouhall, M. Div, Spiritual Director of Borromeo Seminary, Pastoral Associate, Parish Pastor, Spiritual Director of Seminarians



Please submit your registration with the lunch fee to the PARISH OFFICE.

Do not use the Collection Baskets at Church.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Lunch fee: \$15.00 per person; tea, coffee, water included
Questions? Confidential Contact– Sister Donna Marie at 440-734-1300

____ Registration confirmed ____ Lunch fee enclosed



Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Project Update

Our final volunteer day for the 2025 Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity Faith Build project is Saturday, October 11. We have a few volunteer slots available. Please contact Richard Klingshirm at richard.klingshirm@gmail.com or 216.406.4879 if you are interested in joining us. Here are the details:

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

St. Bernadette School's 17th Annual Holiday Mart

November 8, 2025 from 10:00AM-3:00PM

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To register for online giving through ParishSoft Giving, visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-35/>



Saint Bernadette Parish 75th Anniversary Gala

Westwood Country Club
Saturday, November 8, 2025
6:00PM
Cocktail attire



Dinner, a Selection of Wines and Beers, Music and Friendships New and Old await your presence.



Please return this portion to the Parish Office with your payment.

Name(s): _____

\$75.00/ per person # Tickets: _____

(To make this opportunity available for all choosing to attend, the parish will absorb costs for the gala over and above the ticket price.)

I would like to be seated with:

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

*Tables of 10 are also available.

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