



*THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD*  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
*KING OF THE UNIVERSE*

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



Dear Parish Family,

Please see below the welcome remarks at our 75th Anniversary closing Mass, made by Richard Klingshirn, Chair of PPC:

*We celebrate a milestone in the life of our parish. As a lifelong parishioner who has called this parish home for 64 of its 75 years, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude as we celebrate today.*

*This Mass marks the conclusion of a year of celebration with the Bishop's Pastoral Letter providing a roadmap of how we would celebrate as a parish, focusing on Worship, Evangelization and Service.*

*Last November on the Feast of Christ the King, we welcomed back to St. Bernadette, Bishop David Walkowiak, son of the parish and graduate of St. Bernadette School to celebrate our opening Mass.*

*Numerous events throughout the year provided our parish the opportunity to not only celebrate the Liturgy, but to worship as a parish community. Our Lenten Mission, a local pilgrimage to several sites dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, a nine-month Novena based on the Bishop's Pastoral Letter, Sunday evening Youth Masses, and a beautiful outdoor Mass as part of our Festival weekend are but a few of the worship activities.*

*Our evangelization efforts continue to grow with our Parish Family Ministries thriving with programs for middle school, high school and adults of all ages; our St. Bernadette Parish podcast has blossomed into a much anticipated opportunity to share parishioner's stories; our Heart and Harvest Festival was the largest yet allowing us to share our faith with friends, neighbors and visitors. St. Bernadette School holds a National Blue Ribbon award and continues to provide a premier Catholic education thanks to the great work of our principal and the dedicated faculty and staff.*

*Among the many service activities, this past year our parishioners volunteered hundreds of hours to participate in the Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity Faith Build program, working alongside families and other faith congregations building homes in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood on Cleveland's east side. Our participation was made possible thanks to the generosity of our St. Bernadette school students and parents who raised over \$3,000 to kickoff the program.*

*We have built upon the good work of the pastors and Parochial Vicars who have come before to create a faith filled and thriving parish as we strive to be a leading example of what it means to be an Apostolic parish.*

*This Mass marks the end to our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year – it is more importantly our opportunity to look ahead and proclaim a bright future filled with hope and God's grace as we march proudly, joyfully and prayerfully forward building the Kingdom of God at St. Bernadette Parish.*

Yours in Christ, Father Philip



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the souls of: **Martin Morisky and Thomas Riedl.**

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

#### + Intentions for the Week +

**Monday, November 24, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 Special Intention— Deacon Joseph Ho

**Tuesday, November 25, Weekday**

8:00 Jack McLaughlin (Anniv)

**Wednesday, November 26, Weekday**

9:00 Elisabetta and Enrico Bucci

**Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day**

**9:00** Hubert Forrey

**Friday, November 28, Weekday**

9:00 Donna O'Donell

**Saturday, November 29, Weekday**

8:00 Rose English

4:00 Dylan Veselic

**Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Charles and Ann Bellem

**Please pray for:** Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Bruce Betz; Frank Stepic; 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.

#### Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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Join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00AM on Thursday, November 27th.

*On behalf of Father Philip and the Parish Staff, we wish all parishioners a safe and blessed Thanksgiving! May the joy of time spent with family and friends bring warmth to your hearts now and all year long.*



The Parish Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 26th and will be closed on Thursday, November 27th for Thanksgiving and Friday, November 28th. The office will re-open on Saturday, November 29th.

## New Sunday Mass Times

Starting  
Sunday, November 30th

8:30 am  
&  
10:30 am

The parishes we support, Blessed Trinity, LaSagrada, and St. Stephen (our sister parish), were very happy to hear they will receive gift cards once again to help purchase what they need to make the holidays memorable.

With these gift cards, they are then able to purchase gifts, food for holidays, etc., and choose sizes and colors appealing to them. Walmart, Target, and Marc's are most beneficial to them as these stores are close to them if they need to walk or take public transportation.

We distribute the cards on December 10th, therefore, we are asking for your donations by December 8th. Cash donations are always appreciated and will be used to purchase gift cards through our parish program, which benefits our school and church.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. We thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. God has blessed this parish immensely with very caring people. We can show our gratitude by helping others during the Christmas season, not only with gifts, but prayers! May God shower you and your family with continued blessings!



## Boy Scout Troop 225 Fall Pancake Breakfast This Sunday!

Enjoy all the buttermilk, blueberry, and chocolate pancakes that you can eat! Unlimited sausage, orange juice, and coffee will also be served.

**When:** Sunday November 23rd, 2025

From 8 a.m. until Noon

**Where:** Saint Bernadette Church; Dempsey Hall  
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**Cost:** \$8 for adults

\$6 for seniors and students ages 5-17

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### First Friday Adoration December 5, 2025

Mass 9:00 AM; Adoration 10AM-5PM;  
Benediction 5:00 PM

Two guardians are needed each hour  
between 10:00AM-5:00PM. Please call the Parish  
Office to sign-up.

First Saturday, December 6, 2025  
8:00AM Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Confession.

## TURKEY TROT & MASS

BEGINS AT 7:45 AM

## THANKSGIVING DAY

REGISTER ON THE  
PARISH WEBSITE TODAY!

CONTACT MARIA FOR MORE INFO!  
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## READ AND RESPOND



Very recently, Sept. 11, 2025, the U.S. Census Bureau released a one year survey on poverty and population data for the 10 largest cities. Cleveland ranks second highest at 28.3 % residents in the city – just over 100,000 residents including the elderly, working folks, teens and children. **1,637 people were homeless on any given night!**

**At the weekend Masses of December 6 & 7**, Social Concerns will receive your donations of **NEW Hats, Socks, Gloves and Scarves** for adult men or women to be distributed by the students of St. Ignatius and St. Edward High Schools to the homeless who live on the street, under the bridges, etc. For those unable to donate on that weekend, feel free to bring your donation to the Parish Office **prior to December 6 & 7. GOD BLESS THE WORK!!**



### Our coat closet will reopen on Monday, December 1st!



Sweatpants or regular pants, hoodies, socks, gloves and warm “watch” hats and of course warm winter coats. Please, no other clothing other than these items! The coats and the above clothing will protect against the Cleveland weather and the vicious winds off Lake Erie. Thank you for your support!

**St. Bernadette Care Ministry** If a family member is homebound because of the challenges of winter weather and/or mobility issues and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 440.734.1300. Arrangements can be made to receive the Eucharist.

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## 75th Anniversary

# ADVENT CONCERT



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4:00 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



St. Bernadette &amp; St. Ladislav Presents...

## TO BE A MAN

*A Men's Retreat of Faith, Strength & Mission*

St. Ladislav Church  
Saturday, December 13th  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
*Breakfast provided*

**For All Men**  
Bring a Son, Grandson,  
or Nephew (16+)

Please register online or  
call the parish office  
(St. Ladislav or St. Bernadette).



Be a Man of Strength and Mission

Join St. Bernadette Parish in celebrating the Advent season with acts of kindness. Ideas for adults and children will be written on strips of paper available in baskets at the back of the church. Once completed the parishioners are to bring them back to be incorporated in the manger within the nativity scene.



Light of the World  
PARISH RETREAT

**Save the Date!**  
**Light of the World Retreat**  
**January 30-February 2, 2026**

**Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making**  
We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. There will only be one sandwich making day in November and December. ***Our next sandwich making day is December 10th.***



**Christmas Oplatki (wafers)** are available for sale in the Parish Office until Christmas Eve.



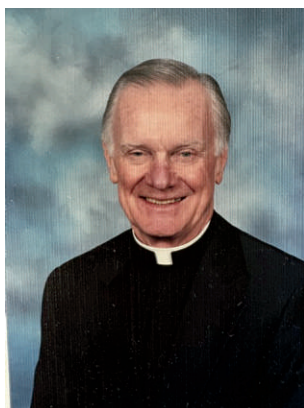
One Wednesday a month, from Noon until 1:30 PM, all those who are “**YOUNG AT HEART**” and over 50 (!) are invited to attend a gathering in the Community Room. The purpose is to join with other parishioners, meet some new friends, enjoy lunch together, a short presentation of various kinds, and a time 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, December 17th from Noon to 1:30PM in the Community Room.**

**Topic:** Advent Reflection:  
Grace, Gratitude,  
Generosity

**Presenter:** Rev. Allan R.  
Laubenthal, STD,  
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**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

## Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

**Please notify the Parish Office of any  
updates by November 30th!**

## Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



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Designate your contribution to St. Bernadette School

\*Contribution can be any amount. The amount of the tax credit cannot exceed the amount of your tax liability.

3

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Last year, St. Bernadette parishioners generously contributed over \$116,000 to the Angel Scholarship Fund, providing vital tuition assistance to 174 of our students. Your support directly strengthens our mission by making a Catholic education accessible to more families in our parish community. As we look ahead to #weGiveCatholic on December 2nd, we invite you to continue this spirit of generosity—this time focusing on important campus safety and security upgrades at our school. Together, these two efforts help ensure that St. Bernadette remains a place where faith, learning, and safety grow side by side.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition with the  
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St. Bernadette School is excited to participate in this year's #weGiveCatholic campaign on December 2, 2025.

Our campaign will focus on important campus safety and security upgrades for our students and staff.

Thank you for supporting a community that is faith-filled, welcoming, and secure for all.

December 2  
Giving Tuesday

[wegivecatholic.org/StBernadetteSchool](http://wegivecatholic.org/StBernadetteSchool)

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