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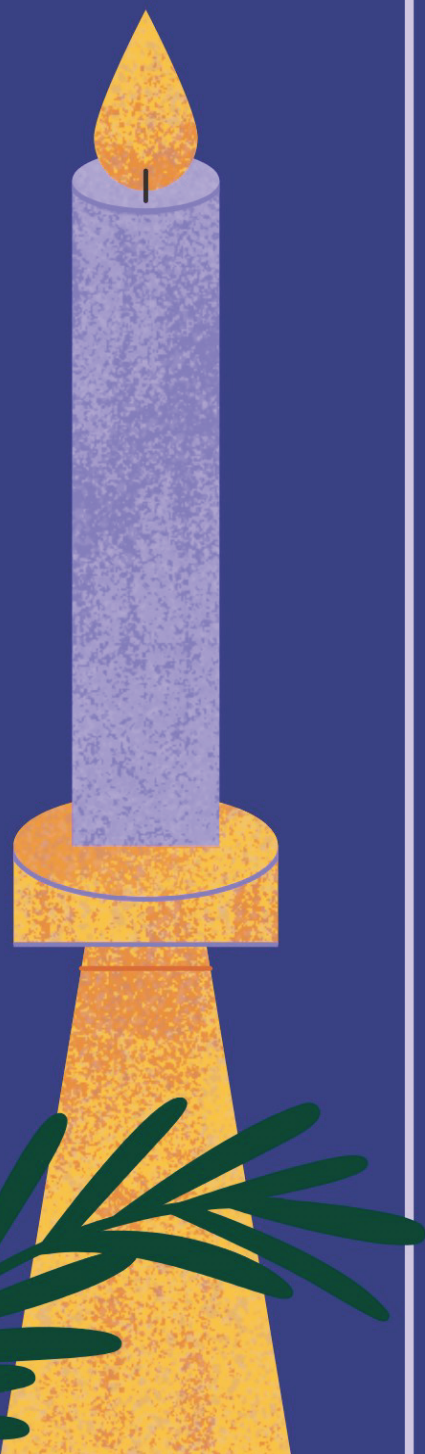
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hope

The people who walked
in darkness have seen a
great light;

Upon those who lived in
a land of gloom a light
has shone.



My Friends in Christ,

As we paused to give thanks for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us this past week, please be assured of my thankfulness to be here with you. My assignment St. Bernadette Parish has been one of the many blessings of my diaconate ministry.



This weekend marks a lot of “newness” in the parish. It is the beginning of the new liturgical year. It’s the beginning of the new Sunday Mass schedule. Lectors and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion are using a new system for scheduling.

One of the joys of my diocesan ministry is helping produce the TV Mass for those who homebound or ill and unable to attend Mass. As we recorded the TV Mass for this weekend – The First Sunday of Advent— the celebrant, Fr. Joe Mamich (vicar for clergy and religious and pastor of the cathedral), used his homily to remind the faithful that even though we’ve experienced Advent before, we’ve never experienced THIS Advent season in 2025.

So, I extend this invitation to you...find a new way to ready yourself for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Get an Advent wreath for your home, look for a new way to encounter the Lord through acts of service and charity, attend parish Advent opportunities over the next few weeks, increase or perhaps re-energize your prayer life (maybe through My Daily Prayer – dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers). While we have experienced Advent before, it’s never been THIS Advent. May we be ready to experience Advent anew so that we can receive the infant Jesus in our hearts just like that manger in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.

God bless, Deacon Jeff

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.

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.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, December 1, Advent Weekday

9:00 Adelio Bucci

Tuesday, December 2, Advent Weekday

8:00 Lee Aggolino

Wednesday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 Francesco Reale

Thursday, December 4, Advent Weekday

8:00 Dee Dee Winkel

Friday, December 5, Advent Weekday

9:00 Rose English

Saturday, December 6, Advent Weekday

8:00 Linda Hurt (Anniv)

4:00 James Timko

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Rudy and Patti DiDonato

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.

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Please support our bulletin sponsors. Because of their generosity, our bulletin is supplied to our parish free of charge.

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



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

TIMES FOR CONFESSION

Saturday, December 6th	3:00-3:45PM
Saturday, December 13th	3:00-3:45PM
Tuesday, December 16th	4:00-5:00PM
Wednesday, December 17th	9:30-10:30AM
Thursday, December 18th	8:00-9:00PM
Saturday, December 20th	3:00-3:45PM
...or by appointment with a priest.	

Communal Penance Service with St. Ladislav Parish at St. Ladislav Church

Monday, December 15th at 7:00PM

Advent/Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14th at 4:00PM

Holiday Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, December 24th:	9:00AM-Noon
Thursday, December 25th:	Closed
Friday, December 26th:	Closed
Wednesday, December 31st:	9:00AM-Noon
Thursday, January 1st:	Closed
Friday, January 2nd:	Closed

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

9:00AM	Morning Mass
4:00PM	Mass in Church & Parish Activity Center
6:00PM	Mass in the Church
11:00PM	Mass During the Night (Music program begins at 10:30PM)

Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day **9:00AM & 11:30AM**

Wednesday, December 31st, New Years Eve **No Morning Mass**

4:00PM Vigil

Thursday, January 1st, New Year's Day- Solemnity of Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation **9:00AM and 11:30AM**

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH PRESENTS

REJOICE **75th Anniversary** **ADVENT CONCERT**



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DECEMBER 14
4:00 PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



Christmas Flower envelopes are in the Church and the Parish Office for those wishing to donate to the St. Bernadette Christmas Flower Fund. *In Memory Of* and *In Honor Of* names will be printed in a Christmas time bulletin.



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



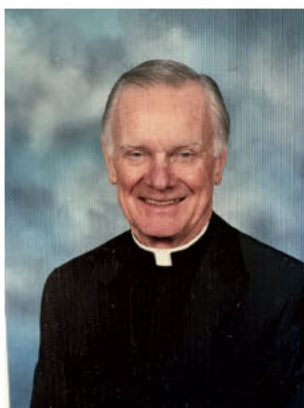
One Wednesday a month, from Noon until 1:30 PM, all those who are “**YOUNG AT HEART**” and over 50 (!) are invited to attend a gathering in the Community Room. The purpose is to join with other parishioners, meet some new friends, enjoy lunch together, a short presentation of various kinds, and a time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



**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.

Miraculous Medal Novena The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed every Monday at 8:15AM followed by the rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet right before the 9:00AM Mass. During the week the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed one half hour before the 9:00AM Mass and right after the 8:00AM Mass. At Fatima our Blessed Mother asked us to pray the rosary every day for peace Please join us in praying for peace.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Attention Altar Servers

Help is needed for the following Christmas Masses. If you can serve, please call Fr. Racco at 440-734-1300.

Help is needed at the following Mass times:

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm Church (4 servers needed); 4:00pm PAC (2 servers needed); 6:00pm Church (3 servers needed); 11:00pm Church (4 servers needed).

Christmas Day: 9:00am (2 servers needed); 11:30am (3 servers needed).

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 do 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!



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 December. ***Our next sandwich making day is December 10th.***

You've heard about Black Friday and Cyber Monday — now you can share your blessings on Tuesday, December 2nd—Giving Tuesday. Visit

www.wegivecatholic.org and make a donation to our parish OR our parish school. You will have 24 hours to make donations. If you would like to make a donation prior to December 2nd, feel free to do so by placing an envelope in the offertory basket or send it to the Parish Office. In the spirit of the season of gratitude, remember to Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday.

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December 2, 2025

Northeast Ohio's Online
Day of Catholic Giving

St. Bernadette & 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

SAVE THE DATE

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REVIEW YOUR TAX LIABILITY FROM LAST YEAR

Use this to estimate tax liability for the current year. The maximum tax credit is \$750 per tax payer (\$1,500 for married filing jointly).

2

DONATE AND DESIGNATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

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

CLAIM YOUR TAX CREDIT

A tax receipt will be provided that documents your Angel Scholarship Fund contribution. This receipt is then submitted with the Ohio 1040 tax form.

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ANGEL

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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.

ANGEL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition with the
Catholic Community Foundation*



ST. BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

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