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I Came into this World for Judgment

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

My Friends in Christ,

Are you having a good Lent? Many years ago, I was talking to my grandfather after Easter, and he said that he (and my grandmother) had one of their best Lents. He then recounted a few of the Lenten goals they had made regarding Stations, Mass, and other Lenten practices. Honestly, it was such an odd conversation on having their best Lent that it has stuck with me for all these years. But it's probably a good reminder at this point in our Lenten journey to stop and evaluate this Lent.



This weekend is the 4th Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday. In Latin, laetare means “rejoice” (again perhaps an odd invocation in Lent), but we have hit the halfway point, we rejoice in knowing that the celebration of Christ’s resurrection at Easter is closer today that it was on Ash Wednesday. We rejoice with the blind man in this Sunday’s Gospel who has his sight restored. We rejoice for those entering the Church and for those who will complete their conversion in a few weeks. We rejoice knowing that God continues to pour out his mercy upon us day after day.

So, while having a “good Lent” might be a little out of place, there is still time to make good on our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Practically, we have our parish mission continuing this week, confession is still readily available, and there is still time to devote yourself to more time in prayer and other devotions of the Church.

May we use this time to make this Lent the best Lent ever!

God bless,

Deacon Jeff

Second Collection This week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. This week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need. **Donate with cash, a check payable to St. Bernadette; use the envelope in your packet.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Immacolata Reale

Tuesday, March 17, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Terry McDonald

Wednesday, March 18, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Kathy Teckman

Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Neilie Cronin

Friday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Lauren Applegate & Alexander & Virginia Roman

Saturday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

8:00 Milly Roth

4:00 Andrew Hudak

Sunday, March 22, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Joseph Barrett

Please pray for: Barbara Waitkus; Loretta Verhiley; Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; 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; 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.

February Monthly Collection: \$61,443.85

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Join Us for the Last St. Bernadette Parish Lenten Fish Fry of the Season this Friday, March 20th. The Fish Fry is held in Dempsey Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our Fish Fry offerings include a fried perch dinner (\$21), fried or baked cod dinner (\$18), kid meal options (\$6-\$8) and a variety of a la carte items including fried butterfly shrimp, pierogies, clam chowder and much more. We offer both eat in and carry out options. Carry-out orders can be ordered in advance via the parish website, www.saintbernadetteparish.org, at the Parish Office with cash or check or in person at the fish fry. Our full menu can also be viewed via QR code below. What a great opportunity to spend time with your family, fellow parishioners and neighbors with great food and fellowship.



The Great St. Bernadette Fish Fry Needs Your Help!

We can't do it without you! Volunteer sign-ups are now open on the parish website under 'Quick Links' or by snapping the QR code below with your phone.



LENT SCHEDULE 2026

PARISH MISSION

March 18 at 7:00PM in the Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

with our cluster parish, St. Ladislav Church, at St. Bernadette, March 23 at 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING HOLY WEEK:

Monday, March 30	9:30-10:30AM
Tuesday, March 31	Noon-1:00PM
Wednesday, April 1	3:00-4:00PM & 8:00-9:00PM
Thursday, April 2	4:00-5:00PM

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

Good Friday, April 3: 9:00AM-Noon
 Holy Saturday, April 4: 9:00AM-Noon
 Closed Monday, April 6th

*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.

Boy Scout Troop 225

Spring Pancake Breakfast

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

When: Sunday March 29th, 2026
 From 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Where: Saint Bernadette Church; Dempsey Hall
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Cost: \$10 for adults
 \$8 for seniors
 \$6 for students ages 5-17
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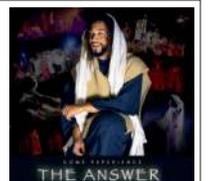


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Easter flower envelopes are on the tables in the back of the Church & in the Parish Office. Please print *In Honor Of* and *In Memory Of* names clearly. Thank you!



St. Bernadette Parish 2026 Mission To Welcome...To See...To Rise

To Rise from Death to New Life
Lazarus and the Tomb

Wednesday, March 18th

Presenter: Rev. Peter Coletti,
Pastor, St. Eugene, Cuyahoga Falls



There will be a Communal Penance Service with our cluster parish, St. Ladislav, at St. Bernadette Church on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00PM.



Altar Servers needed during Holy Week. Please call or return this form to the Parish Office if you are able to assist at the altar.

Holy Thursday, 7:00PM

1. Z. Smolak
2. A. Bedell
3. S. O'Malley
4. Z. Krihwan
5. _____

Easter Sunday

8:00

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2. _____
3. _____

9:45

Good Friday, 3:00PM

1. Z. Smolak
2. A. Bedell
3. S. O'Malley

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Holy Saturday, 8:30PM

1. Z. Smolak
2. A. Bedell
3. S. O'Malley
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Growing Through Grief The St. Ladislav Bereavement Group is designed to help individuals navigate the grieving process after the loss of a loved one. Beginning February 18th we will offer Growing Through Grief, a weekly program that provides a compassionate and supportive environment allowing participants to share their experiences, receive emotional support, and grow through their grief. **Note: Sessions will be held in the Community Room of St. Bernadette Church at 1:00PM.** Register at either St. Ladislav or St. Bernadette Parish Office. Questions? St. Ladislav Parish Office at 440-835-2300 or email pdubois@stlads.org or Denise at dfeyes@stbern.net/440-734-1300.

March 18	Shared Emotions	April 1	The Story Retold
March 25	Coping & Skills	April 8	Strength & Solace

Please Remember that as of March 16th, Faith Direct will no longer be able to be accessed. With the transition to ParishSoft Giving completed, all relevant data is now in ParishSoft Giving and you should be logging in to ParishSoft Giving for all electronic records and information. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Donor Support at 866-930-4774 Option 6 or email at donorsupport@parishsoft.com.

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. **Our next sandwich making days are March 25th and April 8th.**

St. Bernadette School to Host 7th Shave Event to Raise Money for Childhood Cancer Research on March 16, 2026

St. Bernadette Bulldogs Brave the Buzz 7

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to raising money for children’s cancer research, will host one of its signature head-shaving events at: **ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL** on Monday, March 16, 2026, where more than 100 girls, boys, men, and women will brave the shave in solidarity with kids with cancer and raise money to Conquer Childhood Cancers! The event will be held from 9:00 –11:00. Our 7th St. Baldrick’s event “St. Bernadette Bulldogs Brave the Buzz 7” is being held in memory of our hero and friend, Michael Orbany, who was a beloved student here at St. Bernadette. Twelve years ago, Michael won his victory in heaven on May 1, 2014 at the age of 9. Please help us to honor Michael and all the brave children who show their strength and heroism daily. You can join us! We need your help to reach our \$75,000 goal! **Simply donate to Fr. Joe and Deacon Jeff’s CLERGY TEAM fundraising page. They have both agreed to shave their heads if they can reach their fundraising goal of \$15,000. Please help us get Fr. Joe and Deacon Jeff up on the big stage on March 16th, while at the same time helping us raise funds for much needed childhood cancer research.**

Visit the Clergy Team’s St. Baldrick’s page at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/142047/2026> or use the QR code, call our school office at 440-734-7717, or contact msanders@stbern.net. Posters with more information and **paper donation forms are also available in the church foyers**. Fundraising paper charms will also be sold in the church foyers after some Masses.



You can join us to be heroes for kids with cancer and help the biggest non-government funder of childhood cancer research grants do more to speed up the search for cures. Whether you decide to join us by signing up yourself, sharing our information, or making a donation, please help us to give kids with cancer the long, healthy lives they deserve. Thank you for your help and consideration!

Angel Scholarship Fund Direct your taxes to support a Catholic education! The Angel Scholarship Fund provides Ohio state taxpayers with an opportunity to help students receive just such a gift. You can make a positive impact by supporting students from any of the 108 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cleveland by making a “no net cost” donation that is eligible for a dollar-for-dollar scholarship tax credit. Turning your taxes into tuition through the Angel Scholarship Fund is a simple and easy way to make Catholic education more affordable for families throughout Northeast Ohio. There is still time to act if you have yet to claim a 2025 tax credit. **Ohio taxpayers have until April 15, DEADLINE YEAR* to make a donation that is eligible for a TAX YEAR state tax credit. There are multiple ways to donate at: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/give/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund>.** A receipt will be provided for all ASF donors to submit with their Ohio IT 1040 form. Those who make an online gift will receive their receipt on the same day; and those who mail in their donation will be mailed approximately a week after we receive it.

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*This tax credit scenario does not constitute income tax advice. Always consult with your tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donation.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT: WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL OR CONTACT FRED ROBERTS: FROBERTS@CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG OR 216-902-1312



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