

He is Risen!

Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of the staff, Fr. Joe, our deacons, and myself, I wish you a blessed Easter. May the next fifty days of celebrations be a time of joy and deep gratitude and reflection. In the weeks ahead there will be Confirmations, First Communion celebrations, the ordination of Joseph Ho to the priesthood, a new pastor named, Fr. Joe's new assignment and my retirement. This will be a time of growth and change filled with hope and new opportunities to live out our faith by participating in parish life.



All will occur in the light of the fifty days of rejoicing in the Lord's resurrection. As pastor, I would like to encourage you not to talk about the truth of the resurrection but passionately participate in the risen Lord's conquering of sin and death and living from it. Because Christ is raised from the dead, we know that He is now present in our community of faith. As Son of the Father, the risen One can be for us and with us, beyond the limitations of time and space. We celebrate that the Lord is given back to us as sheer gift. He is with us victoriously present in his words, deed, in his body and spirit. He is present in a new and wonderful form of life.

The God of surprises surprised the first followers of Jesus, truly by an outpouring of limitless mercy. The resurrection of the Lord inspires us to live the mission of the Church. The resurrection is the truth that our God is a God of life and of love that makes all things new. This spring will bring many opportunities for our parish to heed the words of St. Theresa of Calcutta, "let nothing so disturb you as to forget the joy of that first Easter morning." Meeting the challenges that we face personally and as a parish community, we do so this Sunday and every Sunday proclaiming that Christ is risen, indeed He is truly risen!

Blessed Easter to all with my promise of prayers,

Father Philip

Risen Christ, guide my heart in your peace. Let your light order my days and strengthen my steps in virtue. May Easter grace renew my spirit and keep me faithful to your world. Amen.

—St. Benedict

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, April 6, Monday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 Donna O'Donnell

Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Staff Sgt. Philip J. Racco

Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 Rita Etzler

Thursday, April 9, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 Albert Gelatka

Friday, April 10, Friday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 Carol Knisely

Saturday, April 11, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 Gloria Gillespie

5:00 Colleen Steadley

Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Judy Cattani

Please Note: The Saturday Vigil Mass will move to 5:00PM next Saturday, April 11th. Confession will move to 4:00-4:45PM.

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.

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Deacon Joseph's Ordination

On Saturday, May 16th, Deacon Joseph will be ordained to the priesthood. His first Mass will be celebrated at 5:00PM on the 16th at St. Bernadette.



A reception for the newly ordained Father Joseph will follow in Dempsey Hall. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ho, his aunt and sister will be in attendance. They will stay at the seminary while in Cleveland. Reception plans are now in place. Further information will be made available closer to May. If you have any questions, please call Mary Egan in the Parish Office.



The Clergy Personnel Board assists the Bishop of Cleveland by making recommendations to the Bishop for clergy assignments. The Board is interested in feedback from the parishioners of St. Bernadette Parish and invites you to participate by responding to the survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SaintBernadetteWestlake>

The link is also available on the parish website. Please be assured that you remain in our prayers during this time of transition. This survey will be open until Monday, April 6, 2026. —Clergy Personnel Board

From Fr. Philip:

This is a wonderful opportunity to express the importance of a pastor in our parish community. I ask, that as I wrote in my bulletin article, you pray for those who will discern who will be the best choice for St. Bernadette Parish. I appreciate your time in completing the survey. Joining you in prayer, Father Philip

O Christ our light,
your rising scatters
every shadow. Lift my
heart to trust your
mercy and rejoice in
your truth. Let your victory over death
renew my love for you. *Amen.*
—St. Augustine



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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 April 8th and April 29th.***

Growing Through Grief Our last session will be held on Wednesday, April 8th at 1:00PM in the Community Room of the Church. **Subject: Strength & Solace.** Register at either St. Ladislas or St. Bernadette Parish Office. Questions? St. Ladislas Parish Office at 440-835-2300 or email pdubois@stlads.org or Denise at dfeyes@stbern.net/ 440-734-1300.

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