

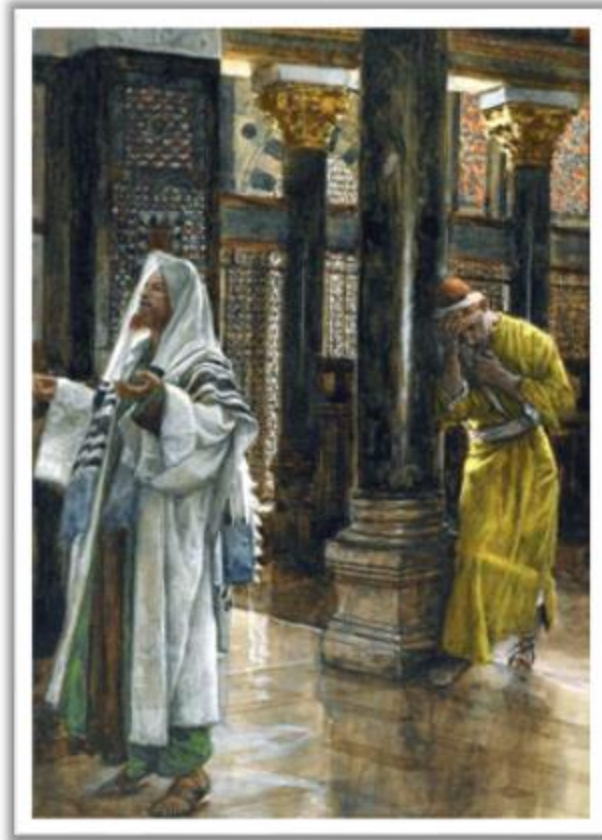
## Saint Bernadette Parish

1343 Wheeling Road NE (740) 654 • 1893  
LANCASTER, OH 43130-8701

## Saint Mary Parish

602 Marietta Street (740) 569 • 7929  
BREMEN, OH 43107

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### **The Pharisee and the Publican**

Portraying the parable of two men praying, in today's Gospel reading

from a portfolio titled **The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ**,  
painted (1886-1894) in opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper  
by James Tissot (1836-1902)

In the Brooklyn Museum

## the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Year

*OCTOBER 23, 2016*

### **October is Respect Life Month**

Pray that we may, in public policy as well as in our personal attitudes and moral behavior,  
return to an unflinching respect for the sacred dignity of all human life,  
from conception to natural death.

## our parishes

### AT BOTH PARISHES

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### AT BREMEN ST MARY PARISH

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<b>The St Mary Parish office</b> is at the church vestibule.			
Hours are 9-11 AM, Tu	602 Marietta St, Bremen, OH 43107	(740) 569-7929	

### AT ST BERNADETTE PARISH

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<b>Liz Latorre</b>	liturgical music	(740) 243-1872	<i>lizlatorre@gmail.com</i>

**The St Bernadette Parish office** is in the Mary Good Center, across the back parking lot from the school.  
Hours are: 9 AM-1 PM, M W Th F; 11 AM-1 PM, Tu 1343 Wheeling Rd NE, Lancaster, OH 43130

### AT ST BERNADETTE SCHOOL

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## the sacramental life

### BAPTISM

To have a child baptized, you must register and attend a class as a couple (unless attendance just isn't possible, in which case some discussion with Kathy Kehnast will be necessary). Sessions are held quarterly for both parishes. The next session will be Wednesday, Nov 30. Take the class before your child is born. If you are expecting, call Kathy to register for the class.

Please don't ask if you "have to go." This is an opportunity to meet with parents of children about the same age as your little one; they are in the same wonderful boat as you are.

At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic. **Both godparents need to be practicing Christians, at least one a practicing Catholic.** If you don't attend Sunday Mass regularly, there is something you can do about it: Start coming to Sunday Mass. If you can't come (health, severe weather, employment requirements, etc.), speak to your confessor. He will help you.

### PENANCE

The priest is available for Penance

1. at St Bernadette Saturdays at 3 PM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM, and
2. at St Mary Bremen on Sunday at 8 AM.

In addition to Advent and Lenten Penance Services, every Catholic priest is available whenever there is a need. There are Penance opportunities for parochial

school children **four times during the year so that they will learn the beauty of frequent confession.** The Church's law requires us to receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

### ANointing AND CARE OF THE SICK

The Sick receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **when dangerously ill, facing major surgery, or suffering from the ravages of old age.**

We celebrate the sacrament communally at a Sunday Mass before Advent and during the Easter season so that we can all pray with you for "health of mind and body."

And, we are happy to bring Penance, Anointing, and Holy Communion to the homes or hospitals of the sick or shut in. It is very helpful to **call the parish office to let us know before a hospitalization or when it has been too long since the sacraments were last available.**

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to marry sacramentally should contact the parish office six months before they wish to celebrate the sacrament. Why so long?

Because **this sacrament, not just the ceremony, requires serious preparation.** And the Church needs to be involved in that preparation.

She tries to support couples through the years of their married life. For this reason our diocese offers programs to enhance married life. To learn how, watch the weekly bulletin.

## let us pray together

### THE 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### WITH POPE FRANCIS IN OCTOBER

His universal intention is :

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

His evangelization intention is :

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement

## Mass times and intentions

at St Bernadette		at St Mary	
4 PM	<i>for the people</i>	Saturday, Oct 22	
		Sunday, Oct 23	8:30 AM <i>for the people</i>
11 AM	<i>for the people</i>	Sunday, Oct 23	
8:20 AM	<i>Ethel Christian</i>	Monday, Oct 24	
		Tuesday, Oct 25	8:20 AM <i>Frances Labrasca</i>
8:20 AM	<i>Wilford &amp; Loretta Beiter</i>	Wednesday, Oct 26	
6 PM	<i>deceased members of Schmelzer family</i>	Thursday, Oct 27	
8:20 AM	<i>Kenneth Hauser</i>	Friday, Oct 28	
4 PM	<i>Earl Mathias</i>	Saturday, Oct 29	
		Sunday, Oct 30	8:30 AM <i>for the people</i>
11 AM	<i>for the people</i>	Sunday, Oct 30	

### st bernadette

#### st vincent de paul 5th sunday

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be at Masses on Oct 29 and 30 to receive your donations. Please continue your generous giving. They operate entirely on income from their store and your voluntary donations.

#### youth choir

The Saint Cecilia Society (our parish youth choir) begins its sixth season on Sunday, Oct 30, at 6 PM in the church. All parish students in grades 2-8 (public, parochial, or home school) are invited to join. SCS members in grades 4-8 are also invited to be members of the Handbell Ensemble, which meets on Sunday evenings at 7 PM, immediately after the full SCS meeting. The Handbell Ensemble will have a special workshop on Sunday, Oct 23, from 6:30-8 PM. Mrs Latorre is happy to answer questions and provide registration materials after Mass, or you may call or text her at (740) 243-1872.

#### adult choir

St Augustine once said, "He who sings, prays twice." The St Bernadette Adult Choir resumes practicing on Wednesday, Oct 26, at 7 PM in the church. Our adult choir is both a vocal ensemble devoted to making beautiful music for the Lord and a small faith family within our parish. We love to welcome new members into this family. Please consider membership in the choir as an opportunity for you to get involved in the parish and grow in your faith. Contact Liz Latorre either in person after Mass or call/text at (740) 243-1872 if you have questions.

#### psr classes at st bernadette

St Bernadette PSR has begun but it is not too late to enroll students. Just a reminder: Catholic parents have a **solemn moral duty** to see that their children are properly and completely instructed in the Catholic Faith. And they have a duty to see that their children attend every week (barring health or weather deterrents). And children will find **getting to know Jesus and his Church to be an irreplaceable and joy-filled part of their upbringing.**

#### parish contributions

The **St Bernadette offertory** for Oct 16 came to \$6,916.

### bremen st mary

#### parish support

The **St Mary offertory collection** for Oct 16 came to \$1,673.

#### bremen food pantry

The Bremen Food Pantry **needs margarine or butter**. Donate at the refrigerator in our kitchen. The Food Pantry will have an **open house** at the Bremen Methodist Church on Walnut St on Saturday, Oct 29, from 9-11 AM. **Any family in need** can come by there that morning for food assistance; no registration or sign up is needed.

## in the diocese of columbus

#### interactive weekend retreat for men

The Catholic Laymen's Retreat League sponsors this retreat with the theme :

#### The 4 Last Things :

#### Judgment, Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven,

directed by Father John Corbett, OP, on Nov 4-6, at St Therese Retreat Center in Columbus. A contribution of \$130 covers the cost. Contact Dave Mignerey at (614) 392-0146 for information or reservations, or visit [www . retreatleague . org](http://www.retreatleague.org).

#### catholic youth summer camp

Catholic Youth Summer Camp is Ohio's one week-long residential high adventure camp for students entering grades 6-12. Activities typically include jet skis, water tubing, paintball, blobbing, high ropes, archery tag, zip lining, rock climbing, giant swing, and mountain boarding. CYSC offers a **truly Catholic and safe environment with daily catechesis that awakens faith and builds missionary disciples**. A week at camp includes daily Mass, adoration, reconciliation, small group conversations, worship, service and authentic community. Go to [www . cysc . com](http://www.cysc.com) for information and to register for 2017 dates: high school sessions run the weeks of June 11, 18, 25, and July 2; middle school sessions run the weeks of July 9, 16, 23, and 30. Registration is open now.

#### marian dinner

In order to better **foster dedication to consecrated religious life among women** of the Diocese of Columbus, Bishop

Campbell hosts the annual Marian Dinner at 6 PM on Wednesday, Oct 26, at St Andrew Church's Bryce Eck Center, with presentations by Bishop Campbell and Sister Sharon Baldy, SCN. Call (614) 224-2251 for information or to register for this Evening of prayer, friendship, learning, and discerning about vocations for women.

### **fiber fair (formerly knit in)**

It will take place on Saturday, Oct 29, from 11 AM to 2 PM, at the Church of the Resurrection, New Albany. All are welcome. Those who knit, crochet, sew, quilt, weave, or work with fiber are invited to come and share with others who enjoy this work and ministry. Participants should bring lunch; desserts and drinks are provided. To register, call Sandra Walsh, (614) 342-6003. For information, call Sandra or contact Erin Cordle, diocesan Office for Social Concerns, (614) 241-2540 or [ecordle@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:ecordle@columbuscatholic.org).

### **happily ever after ... despite the rough spots**

Join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn ways to use your marriage's ups and downs to deepen your love for each other and for God. Why not **try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend**? The next weekends in central Ohio are Nov 11-13 and Feb 17-19. For information or to register, contact Paul or Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit [www.wmecolumbus.org](http://www.wmecolumbus.org).

### **vocation discernment group for women**

Would you like to connect with other single, Catholic women, age 18-45, who are interested in discerning their vocation? Why not join the Dominican Sisters of Peace on Friday, Nov 4, to explore the possibility of religious life or service in the Church. The first discussion topic will be "**Growth in Relationship with God.**" The group will meet in person in Columbus, OH and via Skype, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, to pray, discuss, and ask questions. If you wish to participate, contact Sr Pat Dual, OP at (614) 216-7688 or email [pdual@oppeace.org](mailto:pdual@oppeace.org).

## **in the deanery**

### **cemetery sunday and cemetery flowers**

Cemetery Sunday is a time of prayer for our beloved dead. It will be observed this year on October 30

- at **St Mary Cemetery** at 1:30 PM, weather permitting, and
- at **Sacred Heart Cemetery** at 1 PM (if weather doesn't permit, we pray at the shelter at Schmelzer's Grove).

All are welcome to both services.

In both cemeteries **artificial flowers**, including stone top arrangements, are permitted from Nov 1 until Mar 1. Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you for helping keep our cemeteries **places** of respect and Resurrection faith.

### **pancake breakfast at fisher catholic**

The Fisher Catholic Irish4Life Club is hosting a series of pancake breakfasts **to raise money for the annual March for Life in Washington DC in January**. They are an organization of young people who willingly stand up in defense of the inherent dignity of every human life. The next breakfast will be today, Sunday, Oct 23, from 8:30-1:30 in the Fisher Catholic cafeteria. They will have blueberry, chocolate chip, and regular pancakes along with sausage, OJ, milk, and coffee. Please support our young people. The cost is your generous donation.

## **around and about**

### **archdiocese for the military services**

There are many organizations that support U.S. military and their families, but there is no other diocese or non-profit organization like the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The AMS provides **the same pastoral care and services** as any other Catholic diocese, **to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces**, or undergoing treatment at any Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, as well as persons working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond US borders and the families of these populations. The Archdiocese was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics who serve their country. Programs and services vital to the unique mission and ministry of the Archdiocese include: vocations, evangelization and catechesis, sacramental records, tribunal, and veterans affairs. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of these programs and relies solely on private donors. The AMS annual operating budget is over \$6.8 million.

While the Government is reducing the size of the Armed Forces, the world situation, as we have repeatedly and dramatically witnessed both at home and abroad, continues to make the need for a strong military more evident. The Catholic faithful who defend our religious freedom must not be made to sacrifice their religious freedom.

The collection for the AMS coincides with Veterans Day only every third year. So please be especially generous. To learn more about the mission and ministry of the AMS, please visit [www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.com](http://www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.com).

### **infertility seminar**

The Diocese of Cleveland will present a seminar titled the Struggles of Infertility from a Catholic Perspective on Saturday, Nov 12, 9 AM-4 PM at St Basil Catholic Church, 8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, Ohio 44141. The cost is \$25 @ person or \$40 @ couple. There is no charge for clergy and seminarians. The event includes continental breakfast and lunch. Contact Cleveland NFP Coordinator Kathy Patton at (216) 334-2973 or [kapatton@ccdole.org](mailto:kapatton@ccdole.org). Clergy interested in helping to plan a similar event in the Diocese of Columbus are invited to contact Jennifer Fullin, Marriage and Family Life Office, (614) 241-2560 or [jfullin@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:jfullin@columbuscatholic.org).

### **world mission sunday**

We forgot to say so in last week's bulletin, but **today is World Mission Sunday**. No problem. We can still accept and pass on your envelope today or next Sunday. Today we remember that all the Catholics of the world are called to be one community of faith and to **pass on that Faith to those who have not heard**. At Sunday Mass today we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. With our brothers and sisters in the missions we offer our prayers and sacrifices so that others may come to know Jesus—and to experience His mercy as we express our merciful concern for those in greatest need.

# The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

## Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

“If indeed ‘the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,’ the Church ‘cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.’”<sup>1</sup> So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.<sup>2</sup>

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

## Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to “love one another” (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

## Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

## How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, “progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as ‘primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.’”<sup>3</sup> The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a “consistent ethic of life” (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens “to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest” (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include **human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.**<sup>4</sup>

## The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being “must

*always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person”* (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, “It is necessary to ‘consider every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity’ (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27). Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society.”<sup>5</sup>

## Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.<sup>6</sup> The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.<sup>7</sup>

## The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily.”<sup>8</sup>

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency— food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to **care for God’s creation**, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si’* as “our common home.”<sup>9</sup> We all are called to be careful stewards of God’s creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us].”<sup>10</sup> Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

## Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible *for all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one’s neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one’s own advantage.”<sup>11</sup>

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

## Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

## Notes

1 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 183.

2 This specific list of issues is taken from the Introductory Note to *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015. For a fuller consideration, see the second document in this series, “The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship; Part II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles” (2016), and the full statement of the bishops’ *Forming Consciences for Faithful*

*Citizenship*, 2015.

3 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221.

4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see *Forming*

*Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2016, nos. 40ff

5 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.

6 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.

7 *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6.

8 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164

9 *Laudato Si'*, no. 77.

10 *Laudato Si'*, nos. 219 and 217.

11 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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### ministers at Mass at st Bernadette

	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion		
Saturday, Oct 22 4 PM	Jennifer Spiegel	Kendall Cox, Gus & Olivia Spiegel	Rosalie DeFillippo Lee Guinan	Jim Kuhn Becky Kuhn	Sandy Landefeld Shelia Taylor
Sunday, Oct 23 11 am	Scott Wood	Samantha Kems, Logan & Tori Loy	Terry Carpenter Ben Peters	Bob & Angie Christy Nancy Griffith	Amy Woo
Monday, Oct 24 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Carley Matson, Sarah Woo	Pat Dreyer	Kathy Kehnast	
Wednesday Oct 26 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Mitchell Ortiz, Lexi Utz	Mary Guinan	Mary Jane Vajen	
Thursday, Oct 27 6 PM	Kathy Kehnast	Jack Gentile, Brianna Hilyard	Lee Guinan	Paul Lonergan	
Friday, Oct 28 8:20 AM	Jim Merk	Joey Mannella, Gunner Robertson	Jim & Rita Merk		
Saturday, Oct 29 4 PM	Brad Rider	Mallory, Mason & McKenzie Ortiz	Susan Garrett Joyce Guenther	Kathy Kehnast Denise McGuire	Mickey Steyaert Kathy Wagner
Sunday, Oct 30 11 AM	Terry Carpenter	Avee & Drew Solt, Jack Tencza	Pat Dreyer Larry Sanford	Jim & Rita Merk Anna Sevigny	David Shonk

### ministers at Mass at bremen st mary

	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher
Sunday, Oct 23 8:30 AM	Karen Wolfe	Caden & Cody Fyffe	Pam Redding, Jim Schmelzer, Karen Wolfe		Nick Schmelzer family Jim Schmelzer
Sunday, Oct 30 8:30 AM	Joe Young	Abby Skinner, Nicole Terry	Angi Skinner, Joe & Cathy Young		Joe Young family Joe Young

### confessions & weekday Mass nearby These times sometimes change, though, so call ahead!

parish	confessions	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Bremen St Mary</i>	8 AM Sunday		8:20 AM				
<i>Lancaster St Bernadette</i>	5:30 PM Thursday, 3 PM Saturday; 8:30 AM on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	8:20 AM		8:20 AM	6 PM	8:20 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat @ 9 AM
<i>Lancaster St Mary</i>	4 PM Saturday	7 AM	9 AM	7 AM	9 AM		
<i>Lancaster St Mark</i>	5:30 PM Saturday	8 AM	8 AM	6 PM	8 AM	8 AM	
<i>Sugar Grove St Joseph</i>	½ hour before Mass	8 AM	NOON	8 AM	NOON	8 AM	
<i>Circleville St Joseph</i>	4 PM Saturday	9 AM	7 PM	9 AM		9 AM	10 AM
<i>Logan St John</i>	4 PM Saturday	8 AM	8 AM	9 AM		8 AM	9 AM

### the Church's plan for reading God's word this week

Sat Oct 22	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Sirach	35:12-18	2 Timothy	4:6-18	Psalm	34	Luke	18:9-14
Sun Oct 23									
Mon Oct 24	St Anthony Mary Claret	Ephesians	4:32-5:8			Psalm	1	Luke	13:10-17
Tues Oct 25		Ephesians	5:21-33			Psalm	128	Luke	13:18-21
Weds Oct 26		Ephesians	6:1-9			Psalm	145	Luke	13:22-30
Thurs Oct 27		Ephesians	6:10-20			Psalm	144	Luke	13:31-35
Fri Oct 28	Sts Simon & Jude	Ephesians	2:19-22			Psalm	19	Luke	6:12-16
Sat Oct 29		Philippians	1:18-26			Psalm	42	Luke	14:1-11
Sun Oct 30	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Wisdom	11:22-12:2	2 Thessalonians	1:11-2:2	Psalm	145	Luke	19:1-10

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