

Lancaster St Bernadette Parish Bremen St Mary Parish



Saint Valentine Receiving a Rosary from the Blessed Mother

The feast of this priest and martyr is this Tuesday.

February 11, 2018
the 6th Sunday

St Bernadette Parish.

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St Mary Parish.

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Saint Valentine Receiving a Rosary from the Blessed Mother
from a painting by David Teniers III (1638-1685)

This saintly priest was martyred for the faith in Rome on Feb 14 in an unknown year in the 3rd century. Legends tell that he wrote letters of encouragement to Christians suffering in prison for their Faith. This seems to be the origin of the loving notes called “Valentines.”

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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. Try to attend before the child is born. The next session is scheduled for the Spring. If you are expecting or have a new born or somehow haven't gotten around to having an older child baptized, call Kathy to make plans now.

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; those parents are in the same wonderful boat as you are.

At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic. Both godparents need to be practicing Catholics. If you don't attend Sunday Mass regularly (a major component of being a practicing Catholic!), there is something you can do about it: Start coming to Sunday Mass.

Penance

The priest is available for Penance

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

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

We 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."

We bring Penance, Anointing, and Holy Communion to 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 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. Remember, Catholics who marry outside the Church have left the sacramental life and need to change that situation before receiving the other sacraments.

The Church wishes to support couples **through the years** of their married life. That's why our diocese offers programs to enhance married life. To learn about these programs, watch the weekly bulletin.



at Prayer with the Church

At Mass this Sunday the Church Prays

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

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.

In February, the Pope Asks Us to Pray

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Listen to God's Word and Honor His Saints

Feb 11 6th Sunday	Lev 13:1-46	Ps 32 1 Cor 10:31-11:1	Mark 1:40-45
Feb 12, Mon	James 1:1-11	Ps 119	Mark 8:11-13
Feb 13, Tues	James 1:12-18	Ps 94	Mark 8:14-21
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18	Ps 51 2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Matt 6:1-18
Feb 15, Thurs	Deut 30:15-20	Ps 1	Luke 9:22-25
Feb 16, Fri	Isaiah 58:1-9	Ps 86	Matt 9:14-15
Feb 17, Sat <i>Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	Isaiah 58:9-14		Luke 5:27-32
Feb 18 1st Sunday in Lent	Genesis 9:8-15	Ps 25 1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:12-15

Mass Intentions This Week

Monday, Feb 12 8:20 AM at St Bernadette	Donna Abbott
Tuesday, Feb 13 8:20 AM at Bremen St Mary	Lulamae Wolfe
Wednesday, Feb 14 8:20 AM at St Bernadette	Tommy Hartung
Wednesday, Feb 14 NOON at Bremen St Mary	for the people
Wednesday, Feb 14 6 PM at St Bernadette	for the people
Thursday, Feb 15 6 PM at St Bernadette	Barbara Egan
Friday, Feb 16 8:20 AM at St Bernadette	Carol Ramsey

the holy season of Lent

Lent Is about to Begin!

It begins **this Wednesday**, Feb 14. That's why observant Catholics this year will observe St Valentine's Day on Tuesday (which is also a party day known in much of the world as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday).

On Ash Wednesday the Church Prays

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. 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.

Fast and Abstinence

During Lent, Catholics in the United States

- **abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.**

Catholics 14 and older are bound by the law of abstinence;

- **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** That means we eat only one full meal on those days; one or two smaller meals may be taken those days, but may not total one full meal. And no eating between meals.

All adults are bound by the law of fast until they are 59.

Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is Feb 14. Ashes will be imposed at:

- **St Bernadette** at 8:20 AM and at 6 PM Masses and
- **St Mary** at NOON Mass.

Solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Bernadette will occur after morning Mass as usual.

Rice Bowl

This year's theme for Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl is "**Encounter Lent.**" This Lent, we answer the call to serve the "least of our brothers and sisters" through Rice Bowl. It offers Catholics in the US a way to connect with our brothers and sisters around the world. This Lent, CRS invites us to **pray** with our families, **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger, learn about the challenges of poverty overseas, and **give sacrificial contributions** for those in need. Visit the Rice Bowl website at <http://orb.crs.org>. Join our parishes, and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl, and during the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Way of the Cross — aka Stations

On all the Fridays of Lent at 7 PM, St Mary and St Bernadette parishes will both pray the Way of the Cross, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. You could join in. And bring your kids. There are few better ways for them to learn the mystery of the Cross. And for you to let it sink in.

Sunday Mornings in Lent

You are invited to view the acclaimed film series "**Catholicism**" facilitated by Deacon Mark Scarpitti on the Sundays of Lent at 9:30 AM in the Mary Good Center. Each episode will last about an hour and conclude in time for 11 AM Mass. Journey with acclaimed author and theologian **Bishop Robert Barron** to more than 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

The series will begin on Sunday, Feb 18, and continue through the Sundays of Lent, and on into the Easter season.

Fish Fry

- Lancaster **Knights of Columbus** will fry fish on the Fridays of Lent (Feb 16 and 23, and Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30). Cost (for the fish, not the Stations) for adults is \$8 and for children is \$6. The Kof C hall is at 343 East Walnut Street.
- **Bremen St Mary Parish** will fry some fish on Friday March 23. They will accept a donation for the food pantry.

After the fish, come to St Bernadette or Bremen St Mary for the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Penance Services

Lent is definitely the time to come to—or to come back to—the Sacrament of Penance. If you seek to be renewed in baptismal

grace (which is, after all, what Lent is all about) this is the way to do that. Here are some local penance services:

Lancaster	St Mary	Thursday	Mar 1	7 PM
Logan	St John	Monday	Mar 5	7 PM
Lancaster	St Bernadette	Sunday	Mar 11	3 PM
Sugar Grove	St Joseph	Tuesday	Mar 13	7 PM
Circleville	St Joseph	Sunday	Mar 14	4 PM
Bremen	St Mary	Sunday	Mar 18	3 PM
Lancaster	St Mark	Tuesday	Mar 20	7 PM

Lenten Journey towards Easter

A few years back **Pope Benedict had this to say** about the beginning of the Church's "**Lenten journey towards Easter.**"

The Christian life is itself a constant journey of conversion and renewal in the company of the Lord, as we follow him along the path that leads through the Cross to the joy of the Resurrection. **The primary way by which we follow Christ is by the liturgy**, in which his person and his saving power become present and effective in our lives. In the Lenten liturgy, as we accompany the catechumens preparing for Baptism, we open our hearts anew to the grace of our rebirth in Christ. This spiritual journey is traditionally marked by the practice of **fasting, almsgiving and prayer**. The Fathers of the Church teach that these three pious exercises are closely related: indeed, Saint Augustine calls fasting and almsgiving the "**wings of prayer**", since they prepare our hearts to take flight and seek the things of heaven, where Christ has prepared a place for us. As this Lent begins, let us accept Christ's invitation to follow him more closely, renew our commitment to conversion and prayer, and look forward to celebrating the Resurrection in joy and newness of life.

at Both Parishes

Black and Indian Missions

The 134-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for helping impoverished communities among the Black, Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut peoples in our country. Devoted clergy, religious, and laity work tirelessly in parishes, missions and reservations **to bring the light of Christ** to them. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. Please give generously to this appeal at Mass next week.

Confirmation Class Bake Sale

The **St Bernadette and Bremen St Mary confirmation class** is grateful to everyone who donated money at their bake sale. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners. The 18 students will be attending their retreat on Mar 16-18 at the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus in Centerburg. We are all fortunate to live so close to this camp which is the only one of its kind in the US. The cost is \$115 for each student, including lodging, food, and programming for the retreat. They are trying to raise half the cost of the trip. Please remember them in your prayers for their faith journey.

Catholic Times

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the parish office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of only \$17 (less than 39 cents per issue). Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the Catholic Times. Think of it as an evangelization tool. We need the Catholic Times to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world.

Lancaster St Vincent de Paul

The Society has a new website. You can learn about the many activities of the Lancaster St Vincent de Paul Society at www.svdplancasteroh.com.

at Bremen St Mary Parish

St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Bremen takes up a collection on the first Sunday of each month. St Vincent always needs members. Call Angi Skinner at (740) 438-0027 if you can help.

Ministry at Mass at St Mary

Feb 11- 18	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher
6th Sunday, Feb 11, at 8:30 AM	Barb Van Fossen-Cook	Caden & Cody Fyffe	Neil Boch, Angi Skinner, Barb Van Fossen-Cook	Catherine Noll, April Schmelzer	Angi Skinner
Ash Wednesday, Feb 14	Jeanne Schmelzer				Jim Schmelzer
1st Sunday of Lent, Feb 18, at 8:30 AM	Joe Young	Carly Kunkler, Nicole Terry	Tyna Schmelzer-Fox, Joe & Cathy Young	Joe Young family	Joe Young

You Can Feed the Hungry Here in Bremen

The Bremen Food Pantry needs margarine or butter (among other things!). Place your donation in the refrigerator in the kitchen at St Mary parish hall. This will help the **Pantry Open House** in Bremen, on Saturday, Feb 17, from 9-11 AM, when any family in need can stop by to receive food assistance, with no prior registration or sign up needed.

at St Bernadette Parish

May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leon Sevigny of St Bernadette Parish who died last week.

Assistance with Tuition

You want to send your children to a fine Catholic school like St Bernadette, St Mary's middle school, or Fisher Catholic High School, but you wonder about the cost? Assistance is available. To be considered for the Diocese of Columbus **tuition assistance program**, you must be registered in your parish and be a supportive member. And then you need to register in the school by Mar 15. The diocese can only accept online applications (www.factstuitionaid.com). The application must be submitted by Mar 15; supporting documentation must be postmarked by Mar 15. Verification of application must be completed within 14 days from application submission. (Be sure to file early in case additional documentation is required.) Payment of the \$30 application fee must accompany the application, but only one application per family is required. Required documents are **current year W2** and **previous year federal tax return** or if you do not receive a W2 then previous year & current year Federal Tax Returns. There is help out there!



Scholarship Available

The Brenda Jo Laihr Galbraith **Nursing Scholarship** & The Karen Louise Laihr **Teaching Scholarship** is available through The Catholic Foundation. Requirements are as follows:

- Must be a graduating high school student from the diocese.
- Must provide a letter of nomination from a parish leader, such as clergy or youth minister
- After reviewing the biography, students must submit an essay answering the following two questions in 350 words or less: In what ways can you apply these Christ-like characteristics in describing your daily life today, and how will you put them to use in the vocation of nursing or teaching?
- Demonstration without financial prejudice that the scholarship will most enable the student to realize his/her vocation may be considered in close decisions

St Bernadette Tuition Assistance for 2018-2019

Ed Choice Expansion Scholarship.

Students, meeting the income eligibility (ie: family of 4 < \$50,200) can attend St. Bernadette School next fall at no cost to parents, thanks to 8000 vouchers available from the Ohio Department of Education. Scholarships are available for kindergartners, first, second, third, fourth and fifth graders. This is an extraordinary opportunity for single parents, one-income homes, fixed-income households, and working families. We encourage every family to explore this possibility. And please share the information with family and friends. Call or stop by the school office.

Diocesan Tuition Assistance.

Applications must be completed on-line at www.factstuitionaid.com. File your 2017 taxes early, because that information is required on your application. All applications must be submitted and verified by Mar 15th.

Local Assistance.

You must complete the diocesan application to be eligible for any local assistance. Local assistance will be awarded based on the prioritized list generated by the diocese. (This does not refer to your parish subsidy.)

St Bernadette School Registration

St Bernadette School announces some important dates:

- **Now registering students** for the 2018-2019 school year, grades preschool through 5th. Private tours and classroom observations are available at any time.
- **Sunday, Feb 25, Open House** from NOON to 2 PM. Tour the building, meet the staff, and receive registration and financial assistance information.

The preschool program offers a progressive learning approach, and kindergarten-readiness goals, within a flexible schedule.

Elementary grades (full-day kindergarten through 5th grade) offer a highly respected program of academic excellence and positive experiences.

St Bernadette Catholic School ... celebrating Christ's love ... feel the difference the moment you walk through the doors!

For information, call the school office at (740) 654-3137.

Listen in Lent

Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820. Listening to AM 820 is **a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith.**

Ministry at Mass at St Bernadette

<i>February 11- February 18</i>	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, Feb 10, at 4 PM Vigil of 6th Sunday	Patrick Gins	Jack Tencza, Diana & Sarah Woo	Susan Garrett Joyce Guenther Kathy Kehnast Sandy Landefeld Teresa Scarpitti Amy Woo
6th Sunday, Feb 11, at 11 AM	Dennis Forquer	Gunner Robertson, Avee & Drew Solt	Tara Craaybeek Jim & Rita Merk Ben Peters Larry Sanford Anna Sevigny
Monday, 8:20 AM	Mary Jane Vajen	Olivia Reynolds, Amelia Robertson	Pat Dreyer Kathy Kehnast
Ash Wednesday, 8:20 AM	Robin Sanders	Morgan Cox, Hyde O'Rielly	Denise McGuire Mary Jane Vajen
Ash Wednesday, 6 PM	Terry Carpenter	Anna Hartig, Addy Myers	Rosalie DeFillippo Kathy Wagner
Thursday, 6 PM	Kathy Kehnast	Silus Hopkins, Kyndra Nagle	Rosalie DeFillippo Paul Lonergan
Friday, 8:20 AM	Jim Merk	Isabelle Lazar, Daschel Neighbor	Rita Merk Mary Jane Vajen
Saturday, Feb 17, at 4 PM Vigil of 1st Sunday of Lent	Becky Kuhn	Kendall Cox, Brianna Hilyard, Carley Matson	Rosalie DeFillippo Marguerite Grimm Jim Kuhn Denise McGuire Craig Shaw Kathy Wagner
1st Sunday of Lent Feb 18, 11 AM	Sandy Landefeld	Samantha Kerns, Brooke & Bryson Vogel	Terry Carpenter Nancy Griffith John & Teresa Hartig David Shonk Mary Jane Vajen

Here and There

A Lenten Retreat: Contemplatives in the World

The Franciscan Sisters TOR invite you to be spiritually enriched during this special season in the Church at their Lenten retreat on Saturday, Mar 10, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. The retreat includes Mass, adoration, lunch, talks, and testimonies and happens at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery in Toronto, Ohio. Registration is required by Monday, Feb 26 and space is limited. Suggested donation is \$25. Register online at www.franciscansisterstor.org/lenten-retreat-2018/ or call (740) 544-5542 ext 115.

Share the Journey Migration Campaign

Pope Francis has launched Share the Journey, a global campaign **to support migrants and refugees** around the world. The U S bishops are asking Catholics around the country to join the campaign at www.sharejourney.org.

Responding to the Sin of Racism

"Racism is **a sin that divides the human family**, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family..." (Brothers and Sisters to Us, U.S. Catholic Bishops). For resources, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

On this 160th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes, Fr Michael Dosch op, from St Gertrude Parish in Cincinnati (until recently at St Patrick in Columbus), invites you to join him on the 64th **US National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from July 2-11. This pilgrimage, which departs from Cincinnati, is **accompanied by a medical staff** to meet the needs of the pilgrims. For information, contact Fr Michael at michael . dosch @ juno . com or contact the Catholic Travel Office toll free at 1-877-276-7279 or lourdespilgrimageoffice @ comcast . net. Their website is lourdes-pilgrimage . com. The reservation deadline is Mar 30.

in the Diocese of Columbus

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life extends from Feb 14 to Mar 25. This **peaceful prayer vigil** will take place at an abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts and sign a statement of peace. For details, visit [www . 40daysforlife . com/columbus](http://www.40daysforlife.com/columbus).

Bid O'Luck at Fisher Catholic High School

Donations are being gathered for the **Bid O'Luck dinner auction** happening on Saturday, Apr 28, with the theme of **Saturday Night Irish Fever**. Not sure you have anything fabulous to donate? Give cash, and let the committee shop for you. Goods and services are wanted for the silent and grand auctions. Contact Milea Quaintance at (740) 689-3288. A limited number of Bid O'Luck **raffle tickets** are on sale at \$100/ticket for a chance at one \$7,500 prize and five \$500 prizes. Contact Kellie Shonk at keshonk @ cdeducation . org or (740) 654-1231.

Spirit of Hope Gala

Catholic Social Services presents the Spirit of Hope Gala on Saturday, Mar 3, from 6:30 to 10:30 PM at St Charles Preparatory School in Columbus. The annual event benefits Catholic Social Services' **14 programs that help poor and vulnerable seniors and families**. To purchase tickets or to sponsor, visit [www . colssc . org](http://www.colssc.org) or contact (614) 857-1236.

Opiate Addiction Epidemic Resources

For a list of **resources and suggestions** for families, schools, and parishes to respond to the opiate addiction epidemic in Ohio, visit [www . columbuscatholic . org/drug-awareness](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness) or contact the Social Concerns office at (614) 241-2540.

A Conference for Catholic Youth

Catholic teens in the Diocese are invited to a day of music, inspiration, making new friends, and celebrating our Catholic faith with Bishop Campbell. The DCYC is the official Catholic conference of the diocese for grades 9-12. The DCYC will be hosted by St Cecilia Parish, Columbus, from 9 AM- 9 PM on Saturday, Mar 3; the theme is **Rise to Joy**. Bishop Campbell and Bob Rice are keynote presenters. There will be workshops, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and small group discussions. Registration has to be in by Feb 16. High school students should register through their parish youth ministry leader or DRE. A charge of \$50 will cover lunch, dinner, and a t-shirt. For information, visit [https:// columbuscatholic . org/dcyc](https://columbuscatholic.org/dcyc).

Talking about Walking with Purpose

Attend a lecture and reception **with Lisa Brenninkmeyer**, author of the *Walking with Purpose* women's bible studies, at St John Neumann Parish in Sunbury on Wednesday, Mar 14, at 10 AM or 7 PM. Registration is available at [http:// www . saintjohnsunbury .](http://www.saintjohnsunbury.org)

org. Tickets are \$15 per person. Contact Christina Weber, director of marriage & family life at St John Neumann, with questions at [cweber . saintjohn @ gmail . com](mailto:cweber.saintjohn@gmail.com).

Called to Serve One Another

Sts Peter and Paul Retreat Center has launched a **capital campaign** to support updates and continued improvements of the retreat center. Funds raised will provide an efficient space to serve the faith communities which enter the doors. Learn more at [www . stspeterandpaulretreatcenter . com](http://www.stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.com) or (740) 928-4246.

Religious Freedom in Crisis

The Theological Consortium of greater Columbus presents the 14th annual Lecture on World Religions and Interreligious Relations on Thursday, March 8, at 7 PM at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. Dr Thomas Farr, president of the Religious Freedom Institute, speaks on *The Crisis of Religious Freedom in America and Abroad: How it Affects Us All*. Reservations not required; for information visit [pcj . edu](http://pcj.edu) or call (614) 985-2274.

World Marriage Day: The Vocation of Marriage, A Supernatural Calling

All married couples are invited to the diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day today, from 2-4 PM at Seton Parish in Pickerington. Dr. Perry Cahall of the Pontifical College Josephinum will share **God's plan for marriage** and how with God's grace **couples can live out their vows and love their spouses as God loves them**. The afternoon will conclude with a time of prayer. The event is free.

Men's Conference and Women's Conference

You won't want to miss the entertainment, displays, and fellowship with a thousand or two of the most interesting people in central Ohio. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass and many priests of the diocese will provide opportunities for Penance.

- Women of our diocese will gather on **Feb 17**.
Their theme: "*Ask Jesus What He Wants from You and Be Brave.*"
 - Speakers are Uju Ekeocha, Lisa Hendey, the Labodas, and Fr Mazanowski.
- Men will meet on **Feb 24**.
And their theme: "*Cast Your Nets... Become Fishers of Men*"
 - Speakers are Jeff Cavins, Dr Scott Hahn, and Chris Stefanick.

Put these days on your calendar now. Both events will be at the Ohio Expo Center at the Ohio fairgrounds in Columbus.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Come to 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. The next weekend in central Ohio is Feb 16-18. For information or to register, contact Paul or Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit [www . wmecolumbus . org](http://www.wmecolumbus.org).

Foundation Scholarships

The Catholic Foundation's **applications for scholarships** closes on Mar 9. Scholarships support promising and deserving students by assisting them with the costs of their education. Donors often establish a scholarship to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, family members, or other loved ones. Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded over \$430,000 in scholarships empowering over 100 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For information and to apply, visit [www . catholic-foundation . org/scholarships](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships). If you

are interested in **opening a Scholarship Fund of your own**, contact Scott Hartman at shartman @ catholic-foundation . org or (614) 443-8893.

Can Non-Catholic Christians Receive Holy Communion?

In 1996, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the following guidelines on the reception of communion. These guidelines seek to remind all those who may attend Catholic liturgies of the discipline of the Church with regard to the sharing of Eucharistic communion.

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

That's what the bishops teach us and require of us. It is and must remain the policy and practice of our parishes. Please be prepared to explain this wise discipline to your friends when you invite them to our church for worship. If you need help in explaining it, please contact one of the priests.

The insistence that we not extend communion to non-Catholic Christians or to Catholics in serious sin or who are married outside the law of the Catholic Church is not snobbery or elitism. It is a facing up to facts:

Protestantism rejects the reality of the real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion. It rejects a belief that Catholics insist on: the bread and wine, while continuing to have all the accidental details of appearance (smell, taste, chemical composition, tendency to spill, etc), have had their substance changed. They have become the body and blood, soul and divinity, of Jesus Christ. Jesus said (John 6): "Unless you eat my body and drink my flesh, you can not have life within you." He repeated that several times. And at the Last Supper (as reported in the other three gospels and in 1 Corinthians) he said, "This is my Body. This is my Blood." Catholics aren't concerned about the literal accuracy of the Genesis story of creation, for example. It teaches a vital religious lesson about who God is and who we are, but it is not concerned with science or history. But Catholics take at face value the words of Jesus about the bread and wine actually becoming his Body and Blood. This is because we see no other reasonable explanation for these words. One who belongs to a religious tradition that rejects this cannot mean what a Catholic means by saying "Amen" to the words "The Body of Christ." It would be dishonest to speak those words. If a person believes what Catholics believe, she or he should become a Catholic. There is nowhere else to go to get the Lord's body for nurture.

And further, Catholicism believes that the Eucharist can only be effected when the consecratory words of Jesus are spoken by the priest (who is ordained by the priest who is in the succession of the apostles). He may or may not be as good a man or as effective a preacher as the minister in a Protestant ecclesial communion, but that Catholic is a priest who has been empowered to speak those words effectually.

And Churches that aren't in communion can't share Holy Communion. And Catholics must not receive Holy Communion where there is a different notion of what is going on in this ritual.

This is a painful and uncomfortable issue. The benefit of the pain is that it reminds us of the awesome treasure we have and incites us to work for and pray for Church union.

— Father Kessler

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