



## Jesus and the Woman Caught in Adultery

The scene of today's reading from the Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 8,  
painted (1886-1887) by Vasily Polenov (1844-1927).

The Russian Museum, Saint Petersburg

The scribes had devised a clever but malicious test for Jesus. Only the adulteress, but not the adulterer, was being brought to account. If Jesus was strict, he would be urging the crowd to stone her to death, an action forbidden by the Roman authorities for their own reasons. If he spoke of mercy, he would be saying that something very serious was not a big deal. Instead he responded:

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,

“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

She replied,

“No one, sir.”

Then Jesus said,

“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

### Saint Bernadette Parish

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

### Saint Mary Parish

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

## 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 Kehnst will be necessary). Sessions are held quarterly for both parishes. The next session will be Mar 16. Try to take the class before the 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.

### 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.

In addition to Advent and Lenten Penance Services, every Catholic priest is available whenever there is a need. We are beginning to provide Penance opportunities for parochial school children several more 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 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.

The Church wishes to support couples through the years of their married life. For this reason our diocese offers programs to enhance married life. To learn about these programs, watch the weekly bulletin.

## Our Parishes

**FATHER THOMAS KESSLER** pastor  
(614) 634-0499 [wmthomaskessler@icloud.com](mailto:winthomaskessler@icloud.com)

### AT ST BERNADETTE PARISH

**MARK SCARPITTI** 438-3970  
deacon [dcn.mark@frontier.com](mailto:dcn.mark@frontier.com)  
**JEFF CARPENTER** 681-9918  
deacon [carpenter.277@osu.edu](mailto:carpenter.277@osu.edu)  
**ANN ESSMAN** 653-9347  
pastoral minister [aessman001@att.net](mailto:aessman001@att.net)  
**STEVE HUBER** 654-3137  
facilities coordinator [shuber57@yahoo.com](mailto:shuber57@yahoo.com)  
**LIZ LATORRE** 243-1872  
liturgical music [lizlatorre@gmail.com](mailto:lizlatorre@gmail.com)

*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, MWThF; 11 AM-1 PM, Tu.  
1343 Wheeling Rd NE, Lancaster, OH 43130 (740) 654-1893

### AT BREMEN ST MARY PARISH

**BEN FACTOR**  
liturgical music [b\\_factor@lancaster.k12.oh.us](mailto:b_factor@lancaster.k12.oh.us)  
**JIM SCHMELZER**  
maintenance chair  
**TYNA FOX-SCHMELZER**  
religious education (614) 371-7702  
coordinator [schmelifax@earthlink.net](mailto:schmelifax@earthlink.net)  
**BREMEN ST VINCENT DE PAUL** 569-3710

*The St Mary Parish office* is at the church vestibule.

Hours are 9-11 AM, Tu.  
602 Marietta St, Bremen, OH 43107 (740) 569-7929

### AT BOTH PARISHES

**NIKKI SCHMELZER** 654-1893  
bookkeeper [businessmstbparish@yahoo.com](mailto:businessmstbparish@yahoo.com)  
**KATHY KEHNAST** 654-1893  
pastoral coordinator [stbernparish@yahoo.com](mailto:stbernparish@yahoo.com)  
**ANGIE & KENT KERNS** 654-2588  
religious education [kwkerns@gmail.com](mailto:kwkerns@gmail.com)  
**JULIE & CHASE STALFORD** 808-7294  
youth ministry [maristellaspirit@gmail.com](mailto:maristellaspirit@gmail.com)

### AT ST BERNADETTE SCHOOL

**PAM ELTRINGHAM**, principal [peltring@cdeducation.org](mailto:peltring@cdeducation.org)  
**BARB HUBER**, secretary [bhuber@cdeducation.org](mailto:bhuber@cdeducation.org)

*Saint Bernadette School* is located at  
1325 Wheeling Rd, 654-3137  
Lancaster, OH 43130-8701 [www.stbernadetteschool.com](http://www.stbernadetteschool.com)  
[stbernlan@cdeducation.org](mailto:stbernlan@cdeducation.org).

## let us pray

### PRAY WITH THE POPE DURING MARCH

His universal intention concerns families in difficulty:

**That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.**

His prayer for evangelization this month is especially for persecuted Christians

**That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.**

### COLLECT FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
you Son handed himself over to death.

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.



## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Once a year on *Good Friday*, our parishes are called to support Christians in the Holy Land. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. Visit [MyFranciscan.org/good-friday](http://MyFranciscan.org/good-friday). Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

## HOW ELSE WILL YOU HAND ON YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH TO YOUR CHILDREN?

Is a wider range set of recreational and athletics a good tradeoff for formation in the Catholic Christian Faith? Is it a child's call to determine what school is best for her or him? If a child is not enrolled in a Catholic school will there be formation in the Catholic Faith for that child? Really?

Early March is the season for parents to *plan for any changes they will be making in the school they choose for the enrollment of their children for the next year*. There is a financial cost to send a child to a Catholic school, a cost both to the family and to the parish that provides the school. But the Church thinks it is worth the cost. And that is because we believe that it is *the best way to form children in the Catholic Christian Faith. A complete education integrates formation in faith with the rest of the formation of the young*.

Government schools have per pupil costs twice as great as those of Catholic schools.

Parish Schools of Religion are a wonderful volunteer effort to supply what government schools are not currently permitted to do in our country. We are doing our best to make it good, but in about an hour a week for about half of the weeks of the year, with attendance always voluntary (and thus just not very regular), *PSR cannot do what parochial school can*. It is *great to see what PSR volunteers do in in our parishes*, but they don't have the time with the children that is possible for kids enrolled in our church schools.

We invite all of our parents to *consider—or reconsider—enrolling your children in St Bernadette Primary School, St Mary Middle School, or Fisher Catholic High School*. Our parishes have done and will do *a lot to defray the costs*. If you think you can't afford it, think again ... and talk with the pastor or the school authorities about the *financial assistance that is available*. It is vital to the Catholic community and for your child that we all make a strong effort to *pass on our most valuable heritage—our Faith—to our young*.

## BECOMING CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS

*Richard "Buster" Skinner* of St Mary Parish Bremen has been enrolled by Bishop Campbell as a catechumen, beginning the last stage of the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). At the Easter Vigil he will receive all three initiation sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Please pray for him and for *Tisha Gildee* of St Bernadette Parish who has received the initiation sacraments already and is completing the instructional process along with him. And pray for their families and for two others whom schedules require to pursue their entry into the Church privately and at a different pace. While the beginning of a new

school year is the ideal time to begin the process (which ordinarily leads to an Easter reception of the sacraments and an Easter season of orientation to the new reality), there is *never a time that is not a good time for coming to the Lord* and his Church.

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

This Fridays at 7 PM St Mary and St Bernadette parishes will each pray *the Way of the Cross, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament* for the last time this Lent. There will be Friday evening Stations at Bremen (but of course without Benediction) and no service at all on Friday evening at St Bernadette.

## Bremen St Mary Parish

### BREMEN ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Bremen St Vincent de Paul Society took in \$754, thanks to your generosity last Sunday. Their next meeting will be on the third Tuesday this month, Mar 15, at 7 PM. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, call Angi Skinner at 438-0027.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Ed Wolfe celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Mar 24. His family would like to *surprise him with a card shower*. If you would like to send a birthday card, his address is 700 Marietta St, Bremen, OH 43107.

## Lancaster St Bernadette Parish

### MARDI GRAS THANK YOU

St Bernadette School—faculty and staff, children and parents—wishes to thank all who attended and supported the Home and School Association's Mardi Gras Fundraiser this year. Thanks to your generosity, this big annual fundraiser earned over \$22,500 which will be used to help cover general operating expenses of the school. Your support and prayers for our staff and students is a very big help.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Income-Based EdChoice Expansion Scholarships allow more students to attend St. Bernadette School. Students, meeting the income eligibility (ie: family of 4, income \$48,600), 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 and third 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. Contact the school office for information.

### SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY

Come pray the rosary together at St Bernadette on Sunday at 10:35 (shortly before the 11 AM Mass). Pray for the peace that comes to our society from the conversion of our hearts to the Lord. For questions or if you are interested in *the Women's Faith Sharing Group* sponsoring this, contact Kara . Tencza @ gmail . com.

## CATHOLIC CAMP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St Bernadette Parish families will be *invited* to participate in Catholic Youth Summer Camp this summer. All our families will be *invited* to a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser to be held in April or May to assist in covering fees for camp. Families with a child attending are now being *asked to get involved in this fundraiser*. They can contact Mitzi Neighbor at (740) 503-0806 by Easter. This camp is an amazing opportunity for our youth to explore and deepen their faith.

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

The collection at Bremen St Mary for Mar 6 netted \$3,367. The St Bernadette offertory collection for Mar 6 came to \$9,421.

## in the deanery

### LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

"*Mercy Upon Mercy*" is the theme of a morning of reflection on Saturday, Mar 19, from 9 AM-noon at Sts Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark. Facilitator is Sr Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Cost is \$20, includes continental breakfast. Visit [www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com](http://www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com), email [info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org](mailto:info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org) or call (740) 928-4246 to register.

### HOLY HOURS AT LANCASTER ST MARY

Lancaster St. Mary has exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Sundays of Lent at 4 PM, with Vespers sung at 4:45 followed by Benediction.

### CARRY THE CROSS

Men of the Columbus diocese can complete their Lenten fast with a truly masculine prayer and participate in *Carry the Cross*, a 12-mile hike featuring the Stations of the Cross, on Holy Saturday, Mar 26, from 7:30 AM to 2 PM, at Clear Creek Metro Park. *Carry the Cross* is a Stations of the Cross hike sponsored by Wilderness Outreach. A timber cross approximately 10 feet long with a 7-foot cross beam will be carried by the men on the journey. The men should bring a day pack with 2-3 liters of water, snacks and rain gear if appropriate. During the hike, *silent meditation on our Lord's passion is encouraged. Spoken prayers like the Rosary, the Prayer to St Michael, and the Angelus are also encouraged.* This is a good way for fathers and sons and parish men's groups to engage and bond with one another in a masculine, spiritual and physical challenge. The starting location will be in the parking lot and shelter house at the Barneby Hambleton Area at the western end of the park. Contact John Bradford at [john@wildernessoutreach.net](mailto:john@wildernessoutreach.net) or (614) 679-6761.

### K OF C FISH FRY

Lancaster *Knights of Columbus* fry fish on Friday, Mar 18. After the fish, come to St Bernadette or Bremen St Mary for the Stations of the Cross. Cost (for the fish, not the Stations) for adults is \$8 and for children is \$6. The K of C hall is at 343 E Walnut St.

### MAKING SENSE OF A SCOURGE

The Knights of Columbus of *Logan* invite you to attend an information session called '*The Scourge of Pornography, Drug & Alcohol Abuse, and Prison Life*' on Monday, Mar 28, beginning at 7 PM at St John Catholic Church Hall. All are invited to attend, especially middle and high school students and their parents, and young men and women. Several ex-offenders will tell

their stories about their slide into pornography, drug and alcohol addiction, their resulting consequences, and prison life experience.

### FISHER CATHOLIC : BYE BYE BIRDIE

Don't miss the 2016 Fisher Catholic production of *Bye Bye Birdie* on Mar 18 and 19 at 7:30 PM in the Fisher Catholic auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students; visit [www.fishercatholic.org](http://www.fishercatholic.org) to order tickets online.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT ST JOHN LOGAN

St John Church in Logan welcomes us to devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, Apr 3, from 2-4 PM, which will include a movie about the history of the Divine Mercy devotion, exposition and adoration, confessions, and the chaplet of Divine Mercy. For information, call (740) 385-2549, ext 4.

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Lancaster	St Bernadette	Sunday,	Mar 13,	3 PM
Sugar Grove	St Joseph	Tuesday,	Mar 15,	7 PM
Fisher Catholic High School		Wednesday,	Mar 16,	1:30 PM
Bremen	St Mary	Sunday,	Mar 20,	3 PM

## conferences, etc

### SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN

The Catholic Layman's Retreat League sponsors a Palm Sunday Silent Retreat for Men from 5:30 PM on Friday, Mar 18, until noon on Sunday, Mar 20, at the St Therese Retreat Center in Columbus. Director is Fr Angelus Shaughnessy OFM Capuchin and the theme is *When the Lord Comes Again, Will He Find Any Faith on the Earth*. Cost is \$130. For information call Dave Ball at (614) 753-1696 or Bob Muetzel at (740) 743-3848.

### MARRIAGE IN CRISIS: WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

You are invited to the Catholic Foundation on Wednesday, Mar 30, from 6-8 PM to learn about the *Diocesan Plan for Marriage Preparation: Remote, Proximate, and Immediate*. The Marriage and Family Life Office will share the recent successes with immediate preparation for marriage. They will also present two wonderful lay apostolates working to improve our remote (long term) and proximate (in the last few months) preparation for marriage. Learn how you can partner with this effort to strengthen marriages and family life. RSVP by Mar 23 at [www.familylife.org](http://www.familylife.org). [coltsdioc.org](http://coltsdioc.org) or (614) 241-2560.

### CHRIST PRESENT IN YOUR MARRIAGE

A *Marriage Encounter weekend* will help you to let your marriage be renewed as a sacrament, a sign of the Lord's presence in the world. The next weekend in central Ohio is Apr 22-24. For information or to register, contact Paul or Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit [www.wmccolumbus.org](http://www.wmccolumbus.org).

### DOWN SYNDROME NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Ohio Right to Life is sponsoring a legislative advocacy day on Tuesday, Apr 12, at the Statehouse, for Ohio's Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act, legislation which could make Ohio the first state to *protect babies with Down syndrome from abortion*. To register, visit [www.ohiolife.org/pro-life-legislative-day-2016](http://www.ohiolife.org/pro-life-legislative-day-2016) or call (614) 547-0099 ext 303.

### CONVERTS IN THE CIVIL WAR

The *Catholic Record Society* will hold its Winter Quarterly Meeting

at St Michael Church in Worthington today, Mar 13, at 2 PM in the church undercroft. The guest speaker will be Max Longley, author of *For the Union and the Catholic Church: Four Converts in the Civil War*. This recent book is an exploration of how four converts to Catholicism encountered America's biggest war. Two of the converts profiled in the book are *Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, the first bishop of Columbus, and his brother General William Rosecrans*. Max Longley, a convert to Catholicism, is a member of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. For information, contact Michael Finn at [fcoolavin@aol.com](mailto:fcoolavin@aol.com) or (614) 268-4166.

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL EVENTS

The monthly gathering is Wednesday, Mar 30, at St Matthias Church with a 6 PM Rosary, 6:30 Praise and Worship, 7:30 Mass, followed by a pot luck fellowship. For information, call (614) 500-8115 or visit [www.crcolumbus.org](http://www.crcolumbus.org).

### CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS

Join Catholic Conversations on Sunday, Mar 13, from 6-8 PM at Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City. Lenten speaker is Rachel Muha, from Run the Race Club and the Brain Muha Foundation, who will speak on *Forgiveness*. In 1999 Rachel's son Brain and his college roommate were murdered. Rachel has *transformed grief into love* and started a charitable organization serving inner-city children. The event is free; only cost is for food and drink ordered. To register, visit EventBrite and search for Catholic Conversations. Contact Julie Naporano at [julienaporano1@gmail.com](mailto:julienaporano1@gmail.com).

## the holy season of Lent

### LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

During Lent, Catholics in the United States

- **abstain from meat** on all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics 14 and older are bound by the law of abstinence;
- **fast** on Good Friday, eating only one full meal on those days. One or two smaller meals may be taken on 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.

#### LUKE IN LENT 6 :

This Friday Father Kessler will conclude the Friday morning series of teachings on the Gospel of Saint Luke with some thoughts about *the gospel accounts of the Easter story and a special emphasis on Luke's*.

You could prepare by *reading Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20-21*. You will be glad if you do.

The session will be in the Mary Good Center on Mar 18 at 9:15 AM and will last until 10:45. You could make it a two-fer by coming to Mass at 8:20 AM and staying for the teaching. Not the worst way you could spend a Friday morning.

### RICE BOWL

This *Year of Mercy* is a time to deepen our faith in Christ. CRS Rice Bowl highlights the beauty of the Lenten trio: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Catholic Relief Services is present in 100 countries

worldwide, *servicing some of the poorest people on earth* through CRS. If you get the free CRS Rice Bowl app, you can read daily reflections, measure your Lenten sacrifices, and get delicious recipes from around the world. Available at [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).

## and elsewhere

### CELEBRATING FAITH ... ON EWTN

Learn more about your Faith during the holiest time of the year with EWTN's first-rate movies, documentaries, musicals, and children's programs. You can even join in *the celebration of holy day Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome* or at the basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

### PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES

Two Columbus priests invite you to two different ways to go on the *National Rosary Pilgrimage to Lourdes*, in late June and early July. Father Michael Dosch, OP, pastor of St Patrick in Columbus, will also *visit sites associated with the early Dominicans* (in the *Jubilee of the foundation of the Dominican Order in 1216*), and Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Holy Family in Columbus, will *also visit the great Marian shrine of Fatima, Lisbon, Santarem and Nazare*. Contact Liz Grinder at the pilgrimage office at 1 (877) 276-7279 or [lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net](mailto:lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net). Read more at [www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com](http://www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com).

### A DAY WITH OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

Join a Marian *pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation Basilica and Shrine in Carey, OH*, on Wednesday, May 4. This will be a day of prayer of which there is such great need. Bus transportation costs \$25. Lunch may be purchased at the cafeteria. Send a check (to Margaret Kronenbitter, 2700 Wayne Ridge Rd, Zanesville, Ohio 43701) by Wednesday, Mar 30. The bus will depart at 7:50 AM and return at about 6:45 PM. Call Rita Merk at (740) 654-3255 or Ann Messerly at (740) 654-3447 for information.

## time to go to Confession

### LENT : IT'S ABOUT TIME!

Come to the Lenten Penance Service this Sunday afternoon at St Bernadette or next Sunday at St Mary Bremen. The sacrament of Penance is *the Lord's default way of forgiving our sins*. He has some alternate ways to reconcile those who cannot make it to Confession. But what chance do we have *if we opt out of his plan*? Perhaps a deathbed conversion ... Perhaps.

At the first Easter the Lord breathed on his apostles and said "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. *Whose sins you forgive* are forgiven them, and *whose sins you retain* are retained."

It certainly wasn't the Lord's desire to make us less likely to get his forgiveness. He died for us. And this business of *confessing our sins to another visible and audible human person, one commissioned for the task by God through his Church*, is not something the Church cooked up to make God's mercy less merciful. It is *the beautiful divine plan that we submit our contrition to a merciful but audible human judgment*. And then receive the audible words of absolution in *the sacramental way that is his usual way of touching our lives with his divine life*.

## Readings, feasts, and memorials for this week

Saturday,	Mar 12			Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3:8-14	Psalm 126	John 8:1-11
		<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>					
Sunday,	Mar 13						
Monday,	Mar 14	Lenten Weekday		Daniel 13:1-62		Psalm 23	John 8:12-20
Tuesday,	Mar 15	Lenten Weekday		Numbers 21:4-9		Psalm 102	John 8:21-30
Wednesday,	Mar 16	Lenten Weekday		Daniel 3:14-95		Daniel 3	John 8:31-42
Thursday,	Mar 17	St Patrick		Genesis 17:3-9		Psalm 105	John 8:51-59
Friday,	Mar 18	St Cyril of Jerusalem		Jeremiah 20:10-13		Psalm 18	John 10:31-42
Saturday,	Mar 19	St Joseph		2 Samuel 7:4-16	Romans 4:13-22	Psalm 89	Matt 1:16-24
Sunday,	Mar 20	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		Isaiah 50:4-7	Philippians 2:6-11	Psalm 22	Luke 19:28-40 Luke 22:14-23:56

## Mass intentions and ministers this week at St Mary

		intention	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher	
Sunday,	Mar 13	8:30 AM	<i>for the people</i>	Susan Foltz	Sydnee Rogers Nicole Terry	Susan Foltz, Pam Redding, Leo Kunkler Sr.	Nick Schmelzer family	Damian Schmelzer
Tuesday,	Mar 15	8:20 AM	<i>David Stretton</i>	Jim Schmelzer				Jim Schmelzer
Palm Sunday,	Mar 20	8:30 AM	<i>for the people</i>	<i>Passion readers</i> <i>one voice:</i> Paul Kunkler <i>the crowd:</i> Jeanne Schmelzer <i>narrator:</i> Linda Qualls		Reagan Conrad Spencer Conrad Isaac Schmelzer	Irene Kunkler Jim Schmelzer Tyna Schmelzer-Fox	Pete Kunkler family Jim Schmelzer

## Mass intentions and ministers this week at St Bernadette

		intention	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday,	Mar 12	4 PM	<i>Lillian Zack</i>	Sandy Landefeld	Gus, Olivia & Ross Spiegel
					Teresa Carpenter, Rosalie DeFillippo, Susan Garrett, Marguerite Grimm, Jim & Becky Kuhn
Sunday,	Mar 13	11 AM	<i>for the people</i>	James Merk	Brooke, Bryson & Zachary Vogel
					Patricia Dreyer, Ben Peters, Larry Sanford, Teresa Scarpitti, David Shonk, Amy Woo
Monday,	Mar 14	8:20 AM	<i>Pete Kunkler</i>	Mary Jane Vajen	Addy Myers, Cady Tipple
					Patricia Dreyer, Denise McGuire
Wednesday,	Mar 16	8:20 AM	<i>Andrew Sammler</i>	Robert Christy	Emeline Neighbor, Avee Solt
					Mary Guinan, Mary Jane Vajen
Thursday,	Mar 17	6 PM	<i>John Muetzel</i>	Kathy Kehnast	Kendall Cox, Cady Tipple
					Rosalie DeFillippo, Paul Lonergan
Friday,	Mar 18	8:20 AM	<i>Intention of Jim &amp; Rita Merk</i>	Robin Sanders	Emma McCrady, Addy Myers
					Jim & Rita Merk
Saturday,	Mar 19	4 PM	<i>Juanita Keyes</i>	<i>Passion readers</i> <i>one voice:</i> Becky Kuhn <i>the crowd:</i> parishioners <i>narrator:</i> Deacon Carpenter	
					Mallory, Mason & McKenzie Ortiz, Analisa Waibel
					Joyce Guenther, Denise McGuire, Brad Rider, Mary Steyaert, Shelia Taylor, Kathy Wagner <b>banners:</b> Rosalie DeFillippo and Brad Rider
Palm Sunday,	Mar 20	11 AM	<i>for the people</i>	<i>Passion readers</i> <i>one voice:</i> David Shonk <i>the crowd:</i> parishioners <i>narrator:</i> Deacon Scarpitti	
					Isabelle Gentile, Dominic Neighbor, Jack Tencza, Daniel Turner
					Tara Craaybeek, Nancy Griffith, Sandy Landefeld, Valerie Shaw, Julia Whitehead, Becky Wickham, <b>banners:</b> Ashlyn & Brennan Quaintance

## Confessions and weekday Masses each week in the deanery

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

# What Is So Special about Catholic Worship?

Catholics do things differently. They aren't the only people in the world who worship God. But somehow, their worship is different. Not everyone is going to agree to the reason for the difference, but once people understand how Catholics understand the reason, they can see that it is inevitable that we would approach things differently. In telling about our difference we invite respect from believers of other Faiths, a joining with us for those who have no Faith, a renewed faithfulness and deeper participation from our fellow Catholics. We think we have been singularly blessed.

The difference starts and ends with Jesus. He is not just the wise and kindly teacher of a pleasant way of life. He is the God who became man. And the God/Man who took our sins upon him and died for our sins so that we might have life. "Dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life." He did that long ago and far away, in a very particular place and time. And yet that dying and rising comes alive today. For on the night before he died (that would be Holy Thursday) at a Passover Meal, Jesus let us know that he would be the Lamb of God. The Passover was and still is the great annual Jewish feast commemorating the salvation of the Hebrew people from their Egyptian slavery. They ate a sacrificial lamb and unleavened bread and they drank several glasses of wine. This was the solemn meal that was to begin the Old Covenant or Testament. The Jews always kept – keep – this meal in memory of what God did then.

Most young men, like Jesus, who die bravely for a just cause, are just that: brave young men who die for a just cause. But this was the only-begotten Son of God, who came into the world to die for us. That was the point of the Christmas story. And that other story, the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter story, is the story of how Jesus dedicated his dying, which happened the day after the Passover meal.

He said that, like the Passover Lamb, his very body would be killed, "for us and our salvation." He took the Passover bread and wine and said that they were his own body and blood. And he told the twelve apostles who were with him at that Passover meal that they were to do this thing, this breaking of the bread, in his memory, until he would "come again in glory." This was the solemn meal that was to begin the New Covenant, the New Testament. This time, the thing that God was telling his people to do, he was telling them not just through a human agent. This time, instead of Moses, God's messenger is the God/Man himself. This time, the Lamb of God was not just a bleating little beast taken from the herd of sheep. This time the Lamb is the Shepherd himself, Jesus. This time, the people being saved are not being saved only from mere physical slavery. This time, the salvation is from the inevitable and final destruction of sin and death. This time, when we eat this meal in memory of him, he says that the meal, the bread and wine, is his own body. This time, the food and drink of the meal is changed into the body and blood of the one doing the sacrificing.

When he told the apostles to do what he did, he was talking to a select group of his disciples. They weren't the best and the brightest. They were twelve men whom he chose for that role because ... well, because he chose them. We may wonder why he did not choose any women to be at that supper, why he did not choose any great writers or great orators or a good team of thoroughly reliable people, instead of the likes of Judas the betrayer or Peter the denier. Better people were available. So it was his call. And he chose whom he wanted. I suppose he chose those people so that he could show us that this Faith in him was not a matter of the accomplishment of great men. It was from the Lord. And the Lord wanted to bring his salvation through some rather ordinary men.

What these ordinary men were to do was to make that Last Supper come alive, over and over again. Very soon after the dying and rising of Jesus, a ritual form of this Passover banquet began to be eaten by all of Jesus' disciples, who were under the leadership of those apostles whom Jesus had spoken to and eaten with at the Last Supper. How they must have felt as they spoke his words! This is my body. This is my blood. If saying those words didn't humble them, then they were denser even than they looked. But they did say them. And as the years passed, and as they died off — in fact as they were killed off for their adherence to the way of the Lord Jesus —, they laid hands on other men, so that the Lord's command to "do this in memory of him" could continue to be fulfilled. They probably tried to pass on this humbling power to good men. Sometimes they found great and saintly men; sometimes the men they found turned out to be about as bad as Judas had been. But they passed the humbling power on and on through the centuries. As a priest in that chain of succession, I am sometimes astonished that I have been the recipient of this laying on of hands that makes me able to say the powerful words in the person of the Lord Jesus. But that is just what I do at Mass each day.

One of the important things about saying these words is that I am not allowed to tamper with them. I must do what has been handed on to me. And I personally can't hand it on to any one else. The bishops who are successors to the apostles and who are in communion with the successor to the Prince of the Apostles, Peter, bishops like our bishop, Bishop Campbell, who was appointed to his role by the pope, these are the ones who can pass on this power. And the men to whom they pass it must keep this holy heritage intact. For two thousand years they have done just that. Oh, some have veered off into desertion or distortion of that sacred power. Their deviation is a great sorrow for the Church, but it doesn't change anything fundamental about what keeps being celebrated in our Catholic churches all over the world by many thousands of widely different priests from widely different cultures and with very various personalities.

No Catholic priest would dare to claim that these priests are all the best or wisest people you will ever meet. Only that we have in our hands responsibility for the greatest gift God has for his people. Is it any wonder that we handle the sacred things we handle with awe, with a sense of duty to do these things faithfully? And with joy that we have been included in something so beautiful!

— *Father Kessler*

<p><b>R. N. SMITH, INC.</b> PLUMBING, HEATING &amp; AIR CONDITIONING 1312 Campground Rd. 653-5011</p>	<p><b>Home Instead</b> SENIOR CARE <i>As if it's personal</i> 654-4250 www.homeinstead.com/763 Erica Blosser, RN</p>	<p><b>Pacer's</b> Italian Steakery Restaurant 111 SOUTH MAIN ST., PLEASANTVILLE Party Room &amp; Catering Weddings &amp; Rehearsal Dinners Open for Lunch: Sunday 11a-2p/4-8p Monday-Thursday: 11a-2p/4-10p Friday &amp; Saturday: 11a-2p/4-11p www.pacersitalian.com</p>	<p><b>FRANK E. SMITH FUNERAL HOME</b> PRE-NEED MONUMENTS TRUST Mike LeMay www.FuneralHome.com</p>
<p><b>AlternaCare</b> Home Health Services, Inc. 740-653-2224 Diane Flowers-Stuckey, RN, BSN</p>	<p><b>Pizza Crossing</b> "The Best Pizza... Period!!!" 681-9889 www.pizzacrossing.com</p>	<p><b>STEPHEN L. HUTCHESON, D.D.S.</b> OFFICE HOURS BY APPT. 1320 E. MAIN ST. 654-8445</p>	<p><b>JOOS OPTICAL, INC.</b> 402 N. Memorial Drive Lancaster, Ohio 43130 654-2527</p>
<p><b>JIM FOX</b> State Farm Insurance Auto, Home, Life, Health &amp; Business jimfoxinsurance.com State Farm 121 W. Sixth Avenue 687-5545</p>	<p><b>BAY FOOD MARKET</b> Corner of S. Maple and Walnut Lancaster's Only Bone-Delivered Meats 740-653-9606 bayfoodmarket.com Become our fan on Facebook! We offer free delivery within Lancaster city limits on orders of \$25+</p>	<p>Monday-Saturday: 8:00a-8:00p Closed NOON Thursday; Closed Sunday</p>	<p><b>SIEMER DIST. CO., INC.</b> Meats - Cheese Distributors Buckeye Ice New Lexington 342-3230</p>
<p><b>740-654-6030</b> 1-877-840-0800 <b>ORTHODONTICS</b> ANDREW M. CONYON, D.D.S., M.S., M.C. 131 West Wheeling St., Lancaster</p>	<p><b>Edward Jones</b> MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING</p> <p><b>Joe Barrows</b> 130 W. Chestnut St. 740-653-6967 joebarrows@edwardjones.com</p> <p><b>Tim Byers</b> 2670 N. Columbus St., Ste. A 740-654-3929 tim.byers@edwardjones.com</p> <p><b>John J. Kelley, AAMS</b> 600 N. Broad St. 740-653-5307 jjkkelley@edwardjones.com</p> <p><b>Chris Welsh</b> 113 W. Market St. 740-662-6362 chris.welsh@edwardjones.com</p>		<p><b>Lancaster Animal Clinic</b> Neil B. Bonham, D.V.M. • Tracy R. Ball, D.V.M. Jim R. Foltz, D.V.M. • Shannon L. Moser, D.V.M. PET ANIMAL MEDICINE • X-RAYS • SURGERY BOARDING • GROOMING M-F 9a-7p Sat. 9a-1p 1511 River Valley Blvd. lancasteranimalclinic.com 687-1591</p>
<p>Serving Lancaster &amp; Fairfield County Since 1903 Brian Sheridan Thomas Theller II <b>SHERIDAN</b> Funeral Home Custom Designed Funerals • Pre-Arrangement • Monuments 222 South Columbus Street, Lancaster, OH 43130 740-653-4633</p>	<p><b>TRADERS Cafe</b> 416 N. Columbus Street, Lancaster, OH Monday-Friday, 9a-8p; Saturday, 9a-2p Closed Sunday Carry-out Available 653-5255</p>	<p><b>Garry D. Boyd, D.D.S.</b> <b>Julie Messerly, D.D.S.</b> 127 W. Sixth Ave. 687-4484</p>	<p><b>Tom's Sunoco</b> 602 E. Main Street Lancaster, OH 740-653-0381 Come to the sun Business Hours M-F 6a-11p, Sat. 7a-10p, Sun. 8a-10p Service Hours M-F 6a-5p, Sat. 8a-1p Complete Auto Care Foreign &amp; Domestic Repairs</p>
<p>654-3456 <b>ASK</b> 2525 Columbus-Lancaster Road, NW</p>	<p><b>ONE STOP CROSSING</b> 20 LOGAN THORNVILLE RD., NE, BREMEN, OH 740-569-4237</p>	<p><b>DAGGER, JOHNSTON, MILLER, OGIIVIE &amp; HAMPSON - ATTORNEYS AT LAW</b> Brian D. Shonk, Parishioner 653-6464 144 E. MAIN STREET • www.daggerlaw.com</p>	
<p><b>MORRIS VETERINARY CLINIC</b> 1610 Sheridan Dr. 653-4084 Robert Guinan, D.V.M. John Hartig, D.V.M. Teresa Hartig, D.V.M. Jennifer Steelesmith, D.V.M. Allison Murray-Bowman, D.V.M.</p>	<p><b>Morgan Funeral Home</b> "It's life lived, it's a life worth remembering." 740-569-4155 • 124 Fern St., Bremen www.MorganFuneralHome-Ohio.com Mark &amp; Sherri Morgan, Owners</p>	<p><b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE</b> 653-6037 424 E. Locust St., Lancaster svdplancasterohio.org</p>	<p>"Do'n' It Great Since 1938 Family Owned &amp; Operated" <b>PINK CRICKET RESTAURANT</b> 829 E. Main Street, Lancaster, OH 740-653-7300 Monday-Saturday: 11a-1a Dine in • Carry out Like us on Facebook for Special Discounts</p>
<p><b>martin PAINTING &amp; COATING CO.</b> 614-875-8733 JohnMartin@MartinPainting.com</p>	<p><b>Crestview Rehab &amp; Skilled Nursing</b> Physical • Occupational • Speech Aquatic • Cardiac Rehab <b>Crestview</b> (740) 654-2634 • www.crestviewrehab.com</p>		<p><b>Sparks Family Chiropractic, Inc.</b> 740-689-1175 Drs. Robert &amp; Laura Sparks Using in ad to receive consultation, examination and x-rays for \$37. This offer does not include treatment. Serving Lancaster for 17 years 365 E. Main St., Lancaster</p>
<p><b>DEE PRINTING</b> 1-800-292-9020 To Advertise Here, Please Call</p>	<p><b>BOYDEN RENOVATIONS</b> Complete Exterior Restoration Services 614.801.5600 • FREE ESTIMATES www.boydenrenovations.com</p>	<p><b>FAIRFIELD VILLAGE</b> A SENIOR ASSISTED RESIDENCE 740-689-9944 www.annatfairfieldvillage.com</p>	
<p><b>BOB-BOYD AUTO FAMILY</b> 740-654-1122 740-681-8506 jhelm@bobboyd.com</p>	<p><b>WALKER'S SHOE CENTER</b> "An Ohio legacy for six generations" 740-654-3166</p>	<p>Providing comprehensive medical care for infants to elders for over 30 years. <b>COLONNADE MEDICAL GROUP, INC.</b> Family Medicine Geriatrics Internal Medicine 740.654.0232 Accepting New Patients www.colonnademedical.com</p>	
<p><b>FUN-BUS ADVENTURES</b> Lancaster, Ohio 740-653-4600/653-TAXI (8294) www.funbus.com</p>	<p><b>DEE PRINTING</b> 1-800-292-9020</p>		