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The 29th Sunday of the Year
at Lancaster St Bernadette and Bremen St Mary

October 22, 2017

St Bernadette Parish.

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Jesus said “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21). He wasn’t introducing or endorsing a “wall of separation between church and state.” He wasn’t separating all reality between the secular and the religious as though they were opposing poles in our lives. Nor was he allocating a small sphere to God. He was, rather, teaching that there is no conflict between the real responsibilities of citizenship and the responsibilities of service to God. God, if that name means anything at all (and it surely does!), is the Lord of all. I owe him everything. Of course, that doesn’t mean that I don’t owe my parents my honor or my friends my loyalty and my neighbors just treatment. But those other debts only take on meaning from the all-encompassing debt to God.

our parishes.

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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. Next session will be in January. If you are expecting or have a new born or somehow haven’t gotten around to have 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.

praying with the Church

at Mass this Sunday the church prays :

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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 october the pope prays

... that all workers may receive respect
and protection of their rights,
and that the unemployed may receive
the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

we listen to God's word and honor his saints

Sunday, Oct 22,	Isaiah 45:1-6	Psalm 96
29th Sunday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5	Matthew 22:15-21
Mon, Oct 23	Romans 4:20-25	Luke 1 Luke 12:13-21
	Saint John of Capistrano, priest	
Tues, Oct 24	Romans 5:12-21	Psalm 40 Luke 12:35-38
	Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop	
Weds, Oct 25	Romans 6:12-18	Psalm 124 Luke 12:39-48
Thurs, Oct 26	Romans 6:19-23	Psalm 1 Luke 12:49-53
Fri, Oct 27	Romans 7:18-25	Psalm 119 Luke 12:54-59
Sat, Oct 28	Ephesians 2:19-22	Psalm 19 Luke 6:12-16
	Saints Simon & Jude, apostles	
Sunday, Oct 29,	Exodus 22:20-26	Psalm 18
30th Sunday	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10	Matthew 22:34-40

Mass intentions this week

Monday, Oct 23	8:20 AM	Geraldine Nash	at St Bernadette
Tuesday, Oct 24	8:20 AM	Mike Van Atta	at Bremen St Mary
Wednesday, Oct 25	8:20 AM	Wilford & Loretta Beiter	at St Bernadette
Thursday, Oct 26	6 PM	Showman	
		& Spizzirri families	at St Bernadette
Friday, Oct 27	8:20 AM	Frank Walters	at St Bernadette

at both parishes

y disciple youth ministry events

evening of recollection

"Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are."

-St John Paul II, World Youth Day, 2002

An evening of recollection will occur on Sunday, Oct 22, from 6-8 PM at St Bernadette.

Where do our teens find the **ammunition to fight the good fight** in our world today? By spending time with Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The purpose of the evening is to help youth sanctify their ordinary life with their family, school, work, and recreational activities by reflection and conversation with God.

At 6 PM, all meet for snacks and social time in the Mary Good Center. At 6:20, exposition and meditation happen in church with *lectio* (come and find out what that means) and a youth talk given by Father Kessler. Next are virtue readings, topics read by youth for conversing with God in Eucharistic Adoration and silent prayer time. After an examination of conscience and confession,

the evening concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All the high school aged youth of our parishes, whether they come regularly or not, are invited for this event.

fall nature hike and picnic

A fall nature hike and picnic happens on Sunday, Oct 29, from 12:15-6:30 PM at Hocking Hills State Park. This is a fun, social day exploring **God's beautiful autumn display**. Youth from Bremen St Mary or St Bernadette should meet for departure in front of St B School after the 11 AM Mass. Each person should bring \$3 for the picnic lunch; dinner is provided free of charge. Transportation is furnished by the Quaintance and Messerly families. For information, contact Chase & Julie Stalford at maristellaspirit @ gmail . com or (210) 781-0254. Thank you to parishioners for your continued support of St Bernadette and St Mary youth.

cemetery sunday and cemetery flowers

Cemetery Sunday is a time of prayer for our beloved dead. It will be observed on the last Sunday of October or the first Sunday of November. This year prayers will be offered

- at **St Mary Cemetery in Lancaster** on Oct 29 at 1:30 PM (weather permitting) and
- at **Sacred Heart Cemetery** (near Bremen) at 1 PM (if weather doesn't permit, we will gather 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**.

world mission sunday

Today Catholic communities around the world celebrate World Mission Sunday, a Eucharistic celebration for all the missions of the world. Organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it demonstrates our solidarity in support of missions and the missionaries who serve them. The proceeds of the special collection will be distributed—in the Pope's name—among the missions worldwide. Our donations help fund such missionary activities as catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of religious communities, communication needs, and the construction of needed chapels, churches, orphanages, and schools. **The needs of our missions** grow every day, including the need for new seminaries and houses of formation. The involvement and commitment of our people make it possible to cultivate this important work. Please be generous.

parish school of religion

At both St Bernadette and Bremen St Mary Parishes, PSR meets each Sunday at 9:30 AM. Late registration can still take place. Catholic parents are reminded of their solemn moral duty to see that their children are properly and completely instructed in the Catholic Faith. They need to see that their children attend regularly (barring health or weather deterrents). Even if some weeks they are reluctant to attend, the children will find getting to know Jesus and his Church to be an irreplaceable and joy-filled part of their upbringing. And **parental firmness a blessing** that they may not acknowledge right away.

representation

The pastor is requested to appoint

- two parishioners from each parish to represent their parish on the Fairfield / Hocking / Pickaway County **deanery pastoral council** (DPC)

The DPC meets **bi-monthly** on a Monday evening for about an hour at a different parish each meeting. Parishioners with some experience on parish pastoral council make especially good representatives because they can share and work together on concerns common to all of the parish communities.

He is on the lookout for St Bernadette parishioners to serve on the

- Lancaster **St Mary School Advisory Board** and
- **Fisher Catholic High School Advisory Board.**

The school boards each meet **monthly** in the evening during the school year. They serve to keep communications happening between their own parish and the Catholic schools.

Each rep is a volunteer appointed by the pastor for a fixed term. A school advisory board member need not be a parent or an alum of the school concerned. They help keep the pastor and the corresponding councils in our own parishes in the loop. Several of the positions are already staffed, but we always need a “strong bench” of people to help. Please call to notify Fr Kessler of your interest.

at bremen st mary parish

october, month of the holy rosary

We'll pray the rosary in October at 8 AM on Sundays, before Mass at St Mary in Bremen.

bremen food pantry

The Bremen Food Pantry **needs margarine or butter**. Donate at the refrigerator in the parish hall kitchen. The Food Pantry will have an **open house** at the Bremen Methodist Church on Walnut St on Saturday, Oct 28, from 9-11 AM. **Any family in need** can come by there that morning for food assistance; no registration or sign up is needed. Also, if you know someone who would be helped by the gift of a Christmas basket, sign up at the **Next to New Sale** at the Methodist Church on Thursday, Nov 2, or Friday, Nov 3, from 9 AM to 5 PM, or Saturday, Nov 4, from 9 AM to noon. Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, Dec 16.

ministry at Mass at st mary

8:30 AM Sunday Mass	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher
Oct 22	Linda Qualls	Isaac Schmelzer Nicole Terry	Tyna Schmelzer-Fox Dismas Schmelzer Karen Wolfe	James Noll Jr family	Joe Young
Oct 29	Jeanne Schmelzer	Brooke Holt Jillian Wilkinson	Pam Redding, Damian & Deborah Schmelzer	Maurice Schmelzer family	Damian Schmelzer

at st bernadette parish

st vincent de paul 5th sunday collection

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society will take up a collection at the church doors on Oct 28 and 29, the 5th Sunday this month. Please be generous. The society **helps the needy** in the Lancaster area. They operate on income from their store and from your donations.

our school and our veterans day

This year, St Bernadette School will honor our servicemen and women, past and present, in two ways.

- We are collecting food, snacks, toiletries, and entertainment items for Christmas **care-packages** that will be shipped, through Blue Star Mothers, **to local men and women serving abroad**. Donations may be placed in the collection boxes through Nov 10 on the table in the school entry hall.
- On Friday, Nov 10, a **patriotic assembly in honor of Veterans'**

Day happens at 9:30 AM in the parish hall. Veterans, family and friends are welcome to attend the assembly and enjoy songs, poems, and light refreshments. A wall of honor, displaying pictures of **veterans past and present**, will feature copies of photographs sent to school by Tuesday, Nov 7. Veterans planning to attend are asked to call the school office at (740) 654-3137. They are invited to wear their uniform or other apparel that proudly represents the branch of military in which they served.

Please pray for our troops!

youth choir

The **Saint Cecilia Society** (our parish youth choir) will begin its seventh season on Sunday, Nov 5, 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 Sunday evenings at 7 PM, immediately after the full SCS meeting. The Handbell Ensemble will have a special workshop on Sunday, Oct 29, from 6:30-8 PM in the school meeting room. Mrs Latorre is happy to answer questions and provide registration materials. See her after Mass or call or text her at (740) 243-1872.

adult choir

St Augustine once said that, “**he who sings prays twice**”. The Saint Bernadette Adult Choir has begun practicing for the new church year on **Wednesdays 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 group within our parish family. We would love to welcome some new members into group. Might membership in the choir be an opportunity for you to get more involved in the parish and grow in your faith? Contact Liz Latorre after Mass or call or text her at (740) 243-1872 if you have any questions.

sandwich saturday

School has started and the students are serving our community by participating in the “Sandwich Saturday” program. This is a service project for students to live their discipleship by making **sandwiches for Foundation Dinners**, usually on the **last Thursday of each month**. The kids begin this service from an early age. Last month the kindergarten class provided the batch of sandwiches. Monetary donations, and donations of bread, lunch meat and wrapped cheese slices are always welcome and can be made through the school or parish office. Contact the school office for information at (740) 654-3137.

ministry at Mass at st bernadette

	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Jennifer Spiegel	Brianna Hilyard, Gus & Olivia Spiegel	Marguerite Grimm Lee Guinan Jim & Becky Kuhn	Denise McGuire Brad Rider
Sunday, Oct 22 11:00 AM	Amy Woo	Dominic & Emeline Neighbor, Gunner Robertson	Jim & Rita Merk Anna Sevigny David Shonk	Mary Jane Vajen Becky Wickham
Monday, 8:20 AM	Mary J Vajen	Hyde O'Rielly Olivia Reynolds	Patricia Dreyer	Kathy Kehnast
Wednesday, 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Silus Hopkins Amelia Robertson	Angie Christy	Mary Jane Vajen
Thursday, 6:00 PM	Kathy Kehnast	Morgan Cox Kyndra Nagle	Lee Guinan	Paul Lonergan
Friday, 8:20 AM	Jim Merk	Isabelle Lazar Daschel Neighbor	Jim & Rita Merk	
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Marguerite Grimm	Kendall Cox, Becca Fuller, Addy Myers	Bob & Angie Christy Susan Garrett Kathy Kehnast	Sandy Landefeld Craig Shaw
Sunday, Oct 29, 11:00 AM	Scott Wood	Daniel Turner, Brooke & Bryson Vogel	Terry Carpenter Pat Dreyer Pat Gins	Ben Peters Larry Sanford Amy Woo

scholastic book fair

Let's promote literacy in our school and community. Hundreds of children's books, as well as religious books, adult best-sellers, and unique cookbooks, will be available for immediate purchase at the St Bernadette Scholastic Book Fair in the school library during the week of Nov 27-Dec 1, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM until 3:15 PM. The Book Fair will also be open before and after Vigil and Sunday Mass on Dec 2 and 3. Funds raised during this Book Fair will be used to purchase new TVs and DVD players for our classrooms, replacing our current televisions which are more than 20 years old. Any donation in lieu of book purchases will be gladly accepted in the school office.

here and there

october is respect life month

"Be Not Afraid" is the theme of this year's program produced by the USCCB Office for Pro-Life Activities. The program packet includes thematic essays on timely topics, a resource guide with program models, poster, reflection, flyer, and catalogue. Materials are available at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

share the journey migration campaign

Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a global campaign to support migrants and refugees around the world. In collaboration with the annual celebration of Respect Life Month in October, the US bishops ask Catholics to help kick off the campaign by using the toolkit for leaders, www.sharejourney.org/resource-library/catholic-leaders.

angels nurture & disciple

"When I found out I was pregnant,
I felt alone, like I didn't have anyone."

These honest and heartbreaking words came from a single mother who, at one time, considered having an abortion due to awful fear and uncertainty that came with an unplanned pregnancy. **Angels Nurture & Disciple (AND)** emerged from this sobering reality that many women who become pregnant feel alone and scared. AND reaches out to single mothers to provide emotional support and spiritual guidance in the form of a **Guardian Angel** (a mentor) at the most critical time in a woman's life. Currently, AND has more single mothers in need than Guardian Angels to offer support and guidance. **They need your help.** Will you prayerfully consider these roles?

guardian angel	baby shower host	testimony speaker
meal provider	angel assistance	transporter.

Visit angelsAND.org, or contact Gina @ angelsAND.org.

holy land pilgrimage

Have you considered adding a **new dimension of understanding regarding your Christian history and the life of Jesus**? Father Nic Ventura, a recent Fisher Catholic alum, invites you to join him on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Travelers will experience the places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, and worked miracles. Mass will be celebrated daily at holy sites. This spiritual journey will be next Feb 21-Mar 2. Cost is \$3179 per person, with meals, fees, and tips included. For information contact Aimee Walton at frnicpilgrimage@gmail.com or (740) 225-6136.

40 days for life

The 40-day vigil happens from Sept 27 to Nov 5. Faithful participants will pray for the end of abortion in America. This **peaceful prayer vigil** takes 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.

in the diocese of columbus

fiber ministries annual fair

The 2017 annual Fiber Fair happens Saturday, Oct 28, from 11 AM to 2 PM, at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany. All **knitters, crocheters, quilters, seamstresses**, and all who work with fibers are invited to join in the fun and sharing of talents as servants of God – creatively! This year, shawls will be collected **for the St Peregrine Cancer Ministry**. Lunch is provided. To register for the Fiber Fair and for lunch, contact Sandy Walsh at (614) 342-6003 or scwalsh@aol.com.

keyboard player needed

St Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Newark seeks a keyboard player for Praise Band at a Sunday Mass. Contact Aaron May at sfohio@gmail.com.

st charles open house

St Charles Preparatory School will hold its annual open house for all eighth-grade boys and their parents on Sunday, Nov 5. The main program will begin at 1 PM in the school's Walter Student Commons. Afterward there will be an opportunity to speak with teachers, coaches, students, alumni, and advisory board members. School and campus tours will be conducted and refreshments served. For information about the open house or to have your son's name placed on the mailing list **for prospective students**, call the school's office at (614) 252-6714.

catholic men's luncheon club

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by Shawn Malone, a parishioner at St John Neumann Parish in Sunbury, on Friday, Nov 3, at St Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Shawn and his wife founded **Back In His Arms Again** in 2005. Shawn will share their journey of being parents to seven wonderful children here on earth, as well as two in heaven, and how this ministry started with a simple request, "We want to bury our baby." Mass at 11:45 AM will be followed by lunch and Shawn's talk until about 1 PM. No reservations are necessary; \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend. For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmhc or contact George Harvey, CMLC President, at george.harvey@tvssohio.com

the liturgical movement and sacred images

The Pontifical College Josephinum invites you to "**Signs and Symbols of Heavenly Realities: The Liturgical Movement, Vatican II and Sacred Images**" on Wednesday, Oct 25, at 7 PM in the Jessing Center. Dr. Denis McNamara, associate director and associate professor at the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake will be on tap. For information visit www.pej.edu.

how do you meet a franciscan sister?

Calling Catholic young adult women: Franciscan sisters invite you to a **Discernment Day** at 319 North 7th St, Cambridge, OH, from 9:30 AM-4:30 PM on Oct 28. Early morning Mass is at 8:35 AM. The day includes learning about sisters' ministries at Zanesville. Register at fsc-calledtobe.org. For information, call or text Sister Julie Ann at (920) 323-9632 or Sister Jan at (740) 432-5853. The world needs you. God calls you. The sisters invite you.

natural family planning

Say yes to God's plan; whether you've discerned God calling you to try to achieve or postpone pregnancy, Natural Family Planning (NFP) can help you and your spouse live God's plan for love and life, while strengthening your marriage relationship. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn NFP by attending a diocesan NFP Class Series, which happens on Mondays, from 7-9 PM at St Paul Parish, Westerville. To register or learn more go to www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560.

interactive weekend retreat for men

The Catholic Laymen's Retreat League sponsors this retreat with the theme: "**An Eagle's Flight: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John**" directed by **Father John Corbett, OP**, on Nov 3-5, at St Therese Retreat Center in Columbus. The retreat centers on the **Gospel of John** and on his presentation of Jesus as the Word of God, the Lamb of God, the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd, the True Vine, and the Way, the Truth and the Life. The conferences aim to renew personal knowledge and love of him as he speaks to men through his beloved disciple. A contribution of \$150 covers the cost. Contact Dave Mignerey at (614) 392-0146 for information or reservations, or visit www.retreatleague.org.

in the spirit

A Life in the Spirit gathering sponsored by **Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal** will happen from 8:30 AM to 4 PM, Saturday, Oct 28, at St Peter Church in Columbus. The Holy Spirit given at Pentecost is continually poured out in abundance, giving spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ. The program includes watching a talk, small group discussions, and prayer in a relaxed, friendly setting. Lunch is provided; register by Oct 24 at www.cccolumbus.org/contact.html or call (614) 582-1721.

spice Mass

St Catharine Church, Columbus, in partnership with the SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) ministry, will host a **Mass for people with special needs** on Sunday, Nov 5, at 11 AM; a reception will follow. To encourage an inclusive, welcoming environment, there will be American Sign Language interpretation, wheelchair accessibility, and low gluten hosts for those with dietary restrictions. Additionally, it is hoped that lay ministry roles within the Mass can be filled by individuals with special needs. Individuals with special needs currently serving in a parish as an altar server, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, lector, or cantor may contact St Catherine Parish.

October is Respect Life Month!

nearby confessions & weekday Mass

But these times sometimes change, so be sure to 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 st Saturday	8:20 AM		8:20 AM	6 PM	8:20 AM	on 1 st Saturdays @ 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	VARIABLE	NOON	7 PM	NOON	NOON	
<i>Circleville St Joseph</i>	4 PM Saturday	9 AM	7 PM	9 AM		9 AM	
<i>Logan St John</i>	4 PM Saturday	8 AM	8 AM	9 AM		8 AM	9 AM
<i>Fisher Catholic HS</i>	on first Fridays @ 2 PM in chapel						on 1st Fridays @ 2:40 PM

st bernadette school holiday poinsettia sale

Name:

Phone:

Poinsettias				
#	Item	Price	Quantity	Total
4	Red with Silver Dust 16" tall	\$15		
7	White with Rose Dust 16" tall	\$15		
8	Aqua Blue 22" tall	\$25		
10	Miniature Red Trio (each 8" tall)	\$20		
Greenery				
1	Living Lavender Christmas Tree 18" tall	\$25		
9	Living Succulents Centerpiece 8" square	\$20		
16	Classic Noble Fir Wreath 22-24"	\$25		
17	Greens in a Burlap Feed Bag	\$30		
18	Natural Greenery Swag 24"	\$20		
19	Winterberry Plant 12"	\$20		
22	Lemon Cypress Trio (each 15" tall)	\$30		
	Other:			
Grand Total				

Bring orders to the school or parish office by Friday, Oct 27. Pay with your order. Checks should be made to St Bernadette Home & School.

See more offerings at www.foertmeyerandsons.com/holidaysale. Contact nschmelz@cducation.org if you have questions.

Pickup Friday, Dec 8, from 2:30-6 PM in the St Bernadette Parish Hall.

Evangelization

The last words the Lord had to say to Christians before he ascended into heaven must have been something all Christians had better take seriously. According to the story as it appears in Saint Matthew's Gospel, here are the parting words:

Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

That's it. Then the Gospel was complete and he ascended. Make disciples of all nations — are you kidding? That is what they did, though. It took a while, and, even now, not everybody has heard, at least not heard it proclaimed in a convincing way. It isn't convincing when those doing the proclaiming don't live lives of integrity—or even make slaves out of people at the same time as they try to get the people to become Christian. Or when one group of Jesus' followers is bashing another group of his followers. It hasn't always happened that way, but sometimes it has. And that kind of evangelization is neither faithful nor effective.

The job Jesus gave us is called "evangelization." That's a great word. It comes from the Greek and then the Latin word for "good news." The Germanic/English word is "gospel." That means "good news," too. Evangelization is announcing the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. In fact, that is how the very first book ever to be called a "gospel," the Gospel according to Saint Mark, started:

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1).

Nobody had ever written a book called a "gospel" before; the word didn't even have a religious meaning or specify a particular kind of book when Mark put pen to parchment. Mark just meant to say: This is the Good News about Jesus!

Did I say **the job we have**? Yes, this is what Jesus told us all to do. I don't have to go to every nation on earth, but the Church has to. And not only do I have to support that task in every nation, I have to get on with talking it up in the circumstances of my life. And so do you! It is **what Christians do**.

Pope Benedict once said:

"To evangelize means: To show this path—to teach the art of living ... this art can only be communicated by [one] who has life—he who is the Gospel personified."

Not the art of living as described for us on TV programs about the lifestyles of the rich and famous, but how really to live a life that makes sense.

What scares us away from trying to evangelize, to tell others about the Way of the Lord Jesus, is the knowledge that our own lives give plenty of indicators that we don't actually **know** the art of living. Not perfectly, anyway. And we are a good deal less than the "Gospel personified." If we wait until we have it down perfectly, we will never do what Jesus told us to do. There is a precedent for our nervousness about this evangelization business. Just before Jesus spoke those words we read about how the disciples were thinking: "When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted" (28:17). The disciples, too, loved him but they, too, were not sure about how to respond. Fortunately, his words are not just demanding. They are also supportive. We don't have to wait until we have the whole business of living down pat. Remember what Jesus said: "I am with you always." His (invisible but real) support will always be there to lean on.

Evangelization has to happen within the parish. And it has to happen within the family, among friends.

These efforts will only work with prayer and the follow-up of lives of Catholics, lives lived artfully in the way Jesus has taught. This is not a time for the timidity that says "Those are the experts! Don't try to explain the Faith at home." Or "That's above my pay grade." As the priest says just after the parents and godparents at a Baptism have professed their faith:

"This is **our** faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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