



## The Archangels Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael

The holy archangels are remembered on September 29.

## The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year at Lancaster St Bernadette and Bremen St Mary

September 24, 2017

## St Bernadette Parish

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

[stbernadetteparish.net](http://stbernadetteparish.net)

## St Mary Parish

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

**cover picture:** an icon of the holy archangels Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael whose feast is this Friday:

**Michael**, whose name means “*Who is like God?*”.

Of the three angels mentioned by name in the Bible, Michael is mentioned most often.

We find him in the Old Testament in Daniel 10:13-21, 10:21, 12:1, and in the New Testament in Revelation 12:7-9 and Jude 1:9.

Michael did battle against Lucifer and cast him and the demons out of heaven.

**Gabriel**, whose name means “*Power of God?*”.

Gabriel appears in the Old Testament in Daniel 8:15-26 and 9:21-27, and in the New Testament in Luke 1:11-38.

He is the angel who appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce the Incarnation of Jesus Christ in her womb.

**Raphael** whose name means “*God has healed?*”.

He is only mentioned in Tobit 12, where he is presented as healing, protecting, and interceding.

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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 is tentatively planned for October 19. If you are expecting or have a new born or somehow have somehow haven't gotten around to have an older child baptized, call Kathy to make plans.

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 :

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 september the pope is praying

that our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

### in october the pope will pray

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

<b>Sunday, Sept 24,</b>	Isaiah 55:6-9	Psalm 145
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Philippians 1:20-27	<b>Matthew 20:1-16</b>
<i>Mon, Sept 25</i>	Ezra 1:1-6	Psalm 126 Luke 8:16-18
<i>Tues, Sept 26</i>	Ezra 6:7-20	Psalm 122 Luke 8:19-21
	Saints Cosmas & Damian, martyrs	
<i>Weds, Sept 27</i>	Ezra 9:5-9	Tobit 13 Luke 9:1-6
	Saint Vincent de Paul, priest	
<i>Thurs, Sept 28</i>	Haggai 1:1-8	Psalm 149 Luke 9:7-9
	Saint Wenceslaus, martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs	
<i>Fri, Sept 29</i>	Daniel 7:9-14	Psalm 138 John 1:47-51
	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	
<i>Sat, Sept 30</i>	Zechariah 2:5-15	Jeremiah 31 Luke 9:43-45
	Saint Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church	

<b>Sunday, Oct 1,</b>	Ezekiel 18:25-28	Psalm 25
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Philippians 2:1-11	<b>Matthew 21:28-32</b>

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## at both our parishes

### hurricane irma collection

This year's hurricane season continues to be more dangerous than is typical. Most recently, **Hurricane Irma has devastated significant parts of the Caribbean and the southeastern US.** The road to recovery and the rebuilding of communities will be long. Our brothers and sisters, especially in the Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands, need our help. Once again, realizing that this call comes on the heels of the emergency collection for Hurricane Harvey, Bishop Campbell, along with the other American bishops in their dioceses, is asking us to respond to the victims of Hurricane Irma in the spirit of charity. We will take up this special collection on Saturday, Sept 30, and Sunday, Oct 1. And yet again we will postpone the monthly collection at the door for St Vincent DePaul Society in Bremen until the following week. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### hurricane harvey collection

Last Sunday's collection included additional donations of \$620 to help the local churches in Texas and Louisiana affected by **Hurricane Harvey.**

These funds have been forwarded to our diocesan chancery office to be sent on and used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and other Catholic agencies as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in Texas and other affected areas along the Gulf Coast.

### first friday at fisher catholic

The priests of our deanery have agreed to provide a **Mass at Fisher Catholic High School but open to the wider community, on each First Friday** after school at 2:40 PM.

(We will attempt to have Mass on the other Fridays, too, when school is in session. But some of the details will need to be ironed out before we can reliably announce Mass on these other Fridays.)

Since the time of St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) devotion to the Sacred Heart has been linked to monthly confession in the sacrament of Penance and attendance at Mass and reception of Holy Communion on the First Friday of each month for nine consecutive months. Not a day of obligation, just a voluntary, special involvement with **the wonderful sacraments of the mercy which overflows from the unquenchable Heart of Jesus.** Care to join us?

### 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 of these reps 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. Each can 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.

### jillian's dinner

On Saturday, Oct 21, St Bernadette Parish will host the annual **Jillian's Dinner.** This dinner raises money to assist a family from our area who has suffered catastrophic illness, the loss of a loved one, or some such major adversity. A raffle is held during the dinner to generate more funds to help the family. If you have items to donate, you may bring them to the St Bernadette parish office by Oct 13.

## at bremen st mary parish

### ladies' brunch

All women of St Mary Parish in Bremen are invited to a Ladies' Brunch which happens on Saturday, Oct 7, at 10 AM in the Calvary United Methodist Church basement. This brunch is hosted

by the United Methodist Women Mission Group. RSVP to Vickie Winkelman at (740) 654-3969 if you are able to attend.

## parish school of religion

Bremen St Mary PSR has begun! And it meets each Sunday at 9:30 AM. Registration can still be completed.

Just a reminder: Catholic parents have a solemn moral duty to see that their children are **properly and completely instructed** in the Catholic Faith. And they have a duty to see that their children attend **every week** (barring health or weather deterrents). Children will find getting to know Jesus and his Church to be an irreplaceable and joy-filled part of their upbringing.

Contact Sarah Borah with any questions at (740) 974-5925.

## parish homecoming and picnic today

Bremen St Mary Parish is looking forward to our annual **Parish Homecoming and Picnic**. The plan is to have this happen at Schmelzer's Grove on Sunday, Sept 24. For several years now this has been a day of good food, hay and pony rides, games and some fine Dixieland music, and square dancing. That's the plan and this plan can be fulfilled if some parishioners will step forward to help make the arrangements. For information, call the St Mary parish office at (740) 569-7929.

## ministry at Mass at st mary

8:30 AM Sunday Mass	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher
Sept 24	Karen Wolfe	Carly Kunkler, Sydnee Rogers	Wyatt Borah, Jim Schmelzer, Karen Wolfe	John Schoenlaub family	Jim Schmelzer
Oct 1	Joe Young	Caden & Cody Fyffe	Neil Boch, Debbie Schmelzer, Cathy Young	Nick Schmelzer family	Joe Young

## Mass intention at st mary

Tuesday Mass will be celebrated for Frances Labrasca.



## at st bernadette parish

### ministry at Mass at st bernadette

	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Bob Christy	Clara & Susan Craaybeek, Eve Darfus	Tara Craaybeek, Angie Christy, Lee Guinan	Sandy Landefeld, Craig Shaw, Mickey Steyaert
Sunday, Sept 24 11:00 AM	John Hartig	Anna Hartig, Logan & Tori Loy	Teresa Hartig, Jim & Rita Merk, Larry Sanford	Teresa Scarpitti, Mary Jane Vajen
Monday, 8:20 AM	Mary J Vajen	Isabelle Lazar, Kyndra Nagle	Patricia Dreyer	Kathy Kehnast
Wednesday, 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Morgan Cox, Amelia Robertson	Angie Christy	Mary Jane Vajen
Thursday, 6:00 PM	Kathy Kehnast	Daschel Neighbor, Olivia Reynolds	Lee Guinan	Paul Lonergan
Friday, 8:20 AM	Jim Merk	Silus Hopkins, Hyde O'Rielley	Jim & Rita Merk	
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Teresa Scarpitti	Carly Matson, Diana & Sarah Woo	Rosalie DeFillippo, Joyce Guenther, Kathy Kehnast	Denise McGuire, Kathy Wagner, Amy Woo
Sunday, Oct 1, 11:00 AM	Patrick Gins	Collin & Emma McCrady, Caroline Messerly	Teresa Carpenter, Nancy Griffith, Ben Peters	Jean Robertson, Anna Sevigny, Becky Wickham



## Mass intentions at st bernadette

Monday,	Sept 25	8:20 AM	Richard Ellis Sr
Wednesday,	Sept 27	8:20 AM	Beth Essman Dickson
Thursday,	Sept 28	6 PM	Tommy Hartung
Friday,	Sept 29	8:20 AM	Tom Stover

## sandwich saturday

School has started and the students are ready to begin serving the community by participating in the "Sandwich Saturday" program. This is a service project where students show discipleship by making sandwiches for Foundation Dinners, usually on the last Thursday of each month. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made through the school or parish office. Please contact the school office for information at (740) 654-3137.



## here and there

### 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 the following roles?

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

Visit [angelsAND.org](http://angelsAND.org), or contact Gina @ [angelsAND.org](http://angelsAND.org).



## in the diocese of columbus

### seeker's retreat

Are you **searching for answers about your faith, your life, or your relationships?** Are you seeking a down-to-earth approach to your spirituality? This Ignatian retreat is sponsored by our diocese for men and women ages 18-39. It happens at Geneva Hills south of Lancaster and runs from Saturday, Sept 30, at 9 AM until Sunday, Oct 1, at 12:30 PM. Cost is \$70 but you may choose to pay \$100 to assist those who cannot afford to pay full price. Bring a check to the retreat payable to the Diocese of Columbus. Financial assistance is available. For information, contact Sean Robinson at [srobinso@ceducation.org](mailto:srobinso@ceducation.org) or (614) 241-2565.

### from the chair

"From the Chair with Bishop Campbell" will air on Tuesday, Oct 3, from 5 PM to 6 PM on St Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820. **The Bishop will take your questions** during his live monthly call in show. Call St Gabriel Catholic Radio at (614) 459-4820 to ask your question about the Catholic Faith and growing in holiness.

## get to know the marthas

Plan to enjoy wine, cheese, and friendship as you **learn about the St Martha Giving Circle** (“the Marthas”) and plan for the future. The featured speaker is Elizabeth Ficocelli, host of “Answering the Call” on St Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820. This happens on Wednesday, Oct 4, at 5 PM at The Catholic Foundation in Columbus. RSVP to Megan Polk at mpolk @ catholic-foundation . org or (614) 443-8893.

### capture my heart again

Columbus Catholic Renewal sponsors this women’s retreat on Oct 20-22 at St Therese Retreat Center directed by Caroline Gambale-Dirkes, who uses **lively interaction with women to deepen their relationship with Jesus**. Mass will be celebrated each day. Cost is \$150 for lodging and meals, \$97 for commuter with meals, and \$55 for commuter without meals. For information visit www . cccolumbus . org or call Linda at (614) 582-1721.

### just can’t go to fatima this year, but ...

Come to the **Fatima Fest Pilgrimage** and experience some of the devotions, sights, and sounds of Fatima **right here in Ohio!** The Fatima Fest Pilgrimage—a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration designed for families—will be held Oct 13-15 at Catholic Familyland, in Bloomingdale, OH. Learn more about the Fatima message from good speakers, enjoy a concert by PJ Anderson, and be refreshed by the sacraments. Visit AFC . org / FatimaFestPilgrimage for details.

### family rosary day

The diocese of Columbus annual Family Rosary Day happens Sunday, Oct 8, at 3 PM, at St Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will preside and preach. This event demonstrates **our commitment to the Blessed Mother as a model for the Church’s mission and life of worship**. All are welcome.

### marian dinner

The Columbus diocese annual Marian Dinner happens Wednesday, Oct 11, at 6 PM, at the St Andrew Bryce Eck Center. Featured speakers are Bishop Frederick Campbell and Sister Maria Ecclesiae Kline, HSMCJ. Representatives from religious communities serving our diocese will attend. All **women interested in religious vocations** are invited to come and learn more about this life of devotion and service. Call (614) 224-2251 for information or to register.

### 40 days for life

The 40-day vigil will happens from Sept 27 to Nov 5. Faithful participants pray that it will mark the beginning of 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.

### Sacred Heart congress

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Sacred Heart Congress** will be Saturday, Oct 14, at Christ the King Church **in Columbus** from 8 AM to 1:15 PM. It features Fr John Paul Mary, director of EWTN pilgrimages; Sr Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz OP, vocations director of Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; and Fr Stash Dailey, spiritual director of Sacred Heart Columbus and administrator of Holy Family Parish. The day includes talks, recitation of the rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a concluding Mass at noon. A free-will offering will be taken. For information and registration visit www . sacredheartcongresscolumbus . 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 High School alum and Lancaster native, 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 various holy sites. Dates for this spiritual journey are next Feb 21-Mar 2, 20. Cost is \$3179 per person, with breakfast, dinner, fees, and tips included. For information contact Aimee Walton at frnicpilgrimage @ gmail . com or (740) 225-6136.

### the beauty of the feminine

The **Beauty of the Feminine Catholic Women’s Conference** will happen Saturday, Oct 7, from 8 AM to 3 PM at St Thomas Aquinas in Zanesville. The theme is “**Anchored in Hope.**” For information visit www . thebeautyofthefeminine . weebly . com. Registration, which includes talks, breakfast, and lunch, and costs \$20 until Sept 30, or \$25 on the day of the event, call St Thomas at (740) 453-3301 or email thebeautyofthefeminine @ gmail . com.

### catholic men’s luncheon club

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club session will feature the **annual address by Bishop Frederick Campbell** on Friday, Oct 6, at St Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Mass will be at 11:45 AM, followed by lunch and Bishop Campbell’s talk until 1:15 PM. Reservations are not necessary. \$10 will cover the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend. This month’s luncheon is sponsored by St Gabriel Catholic Radio AM820. For information on Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club, visit www . catholicmensministry . com/cmlc or contact George Harvey, CMLC president at george . harvey @ tvssohio . com.

### nearby confessions & weekday Mass

These times sometimes change, though, 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 Thurs, 3 PM Sat; 8:30 AM on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	8:20 AM		8:20 AM	6 PM	8:20 AM	on 1 <sup>st</sup> 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



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# Saint Vincent de Paul

Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was a French priest who had two big concerns:

- First there was the proper formation of priests so that they would be devout and well informed about the teaching of the Catholic Church; only with both of those in place would priests fulfill the holy task that was entrusted to them.
- And second, he wanted to encourage active charity for the poor.

Because of his holiness, which was expressed through his lifelong dedication to these efforts, he is known to us as “*Saint Vincent de Paul*.” We celebrate his feast on September 27.

Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853) was a French layman who wanted to encourage other laymen in carrying out service to the poor in the spirit of Saint Vincent. He called his group the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, and he encouraged his colleagues to think about what they were doing: not to think about what a fine thing they did but to think about how it was only doing their job as followers of the way of Jesus, to do it with humility, never humiliating the poor whom they helped, and always to do it with prayer for them—and for themselves—that they might make their own the Lord’s attitude towards his poor. Because of his customary attire, Frederic was mischievously called the “apostle in a top hat,” and because of his holiness which was expressed through these efforts, he is known as “*Blessed Frederic Ozanam*.”

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society that Blessed Frederic organized has almost a million members in 132 countries. To learn about the large international organization, go to <http://www.ozanet.org> and translate. But the efforts of the St VdP society are best known through the smaller local chapters, known as “conferences.” These groups carry out the work of direct aid to the poor in parishes, schools, hospitals and other such church groupings. In the past the St VdeP Society was a group of men (as in the male of the species). The reasons for the exclusion have passed (the very real dangers for unaccompanied women in 19<sup>th</sup> century Parisian slums, for instance). It is good that in recent years membership can include men and women. But it is important that men not give up this part of Christian living as the work of women; it is the work of men and women Christians.

In Lancaster the conference is a gathering of laymen from several parishes; that particular conference has a shop at 424 East Locust Street — to make available to the less advantaged the things that some of the more advantaged realize that they do not (any longer) need. Such a service is only one of the many ways a St VdP conference can function. In some communities a parish conference can be the group of “go to” men for specific requests for financial assistance; these in turn gather, often after a daily Mass, for a brief meeting to keep each other informed of what requests have been received, to provide mutual support and advice, and to keep their efforts a part of a spiritual effort solidly based in prayer.

There was a time when several members of the Bremen parish were active participants in the Lancaster conference. But as those early members aged their participation had to be curtailed. And St Mary Parish certainly continued to be involved in charitable efforts. In addition to the individual acts of generosity of which none of the rest of us will ever hear, there are

- the regular food collection and dry goods for the Bremen Food Pantry (by Mary Shumaker; the pantry is kept at the Bremen Methodist Church)
- the seasonal collections of “gently used” clothing and household goods for the poor in Pike County (which was spearheaded by Sr Christina and Judy Mathias)
- special collections of goods for a different kind of “needy” in “care Packages” for servicemen serving in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan (by Happy Hearts Women’s Group)
- school supplies for needy children in the Bremen Elementary School (collected by a group of our high school students)
- coins donated each week by our school children in PSR to support their “adopted” Colombian friend (who has since grown up!) under the sponsorship of the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging collection

So you see, our parishioners have done a lot of charitable things through the years. When the economy heads south, we are sometimes called upon to do still more. That was why a local society under the patronage of Saint Vincent was started in Bremen. It was greatly helped in the early years by the Lancaster Council of the St VdeP. The Bremen conference has helped Bremen Catholics to make sure

- that these various activities of charity are all the province and the burden of all our people and not just of the individuals who happened to be doing things in the past,
- that a more general overview of all our little parish’s charitable possibilities are looked at, and
- that new people are always being groomed to develop continuity for these works into the future.

A Bremen conference represented a renewed involvement in the work and the spirituality of the St VdeP Society. It has been, in both parishes, a would be a blessing for the poor, for the members and for the parishes. An old pastor once told me that a parish needs only two lay organizations, a St VdeP Society for charitable works and a chapter of the Legion of Mary for spreading the gospel. I am not sure if he was right, but I am convinced that he gives us something important to think about.

—*Father Kessler*

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# It's a Parish Family DINNER!



- Who:** YOU and YOUR FAMILY  
**What:** St Bernadette & St Mary Parish Family DINNER!  
**When:** **SATURDAY, September 30, at 5PM**  
**Where:** St Bernadette Parish Hall  
**Why:** meet and share a meal with the members of our two parishes

Our Parish Family DINNER begins right after the 4 PM Mass at St. Bernadette.

Bring a table cloth, table setting, and a dish to pass.

Last names

A-C bring a dessert, D-O bring a salad or side dish, and P-Z bring a meat or main dish.

Drinks will be provided.

Arrive at Mass a little early to set up and reserve your place for dinner.

Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the school hallway  
at St Bernadette and in the front vestibule at St Mary.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Upcoming Parish Family Meals:

Sunday, Oct 22 – noon  
Saturday, Nov 18 – 5 pm  
Sunday, Dec 3 – noon  
Saturday, Jan 13 – 5 pm  
Sunday, Feb 18 – noon  
Saturday, March 17 – 5 pm  
Sunday, April 15 – noon  
Saturday, May 19 – 5 pm  
Sunday, June 24 – noon

For information, to reserve your spot, or  
to sign up to bring a dish to pass, contact

Kathy

at St Mary at (740) 569-7929 or  
at St Bernadette at (740) 654-1893.

See you there!



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