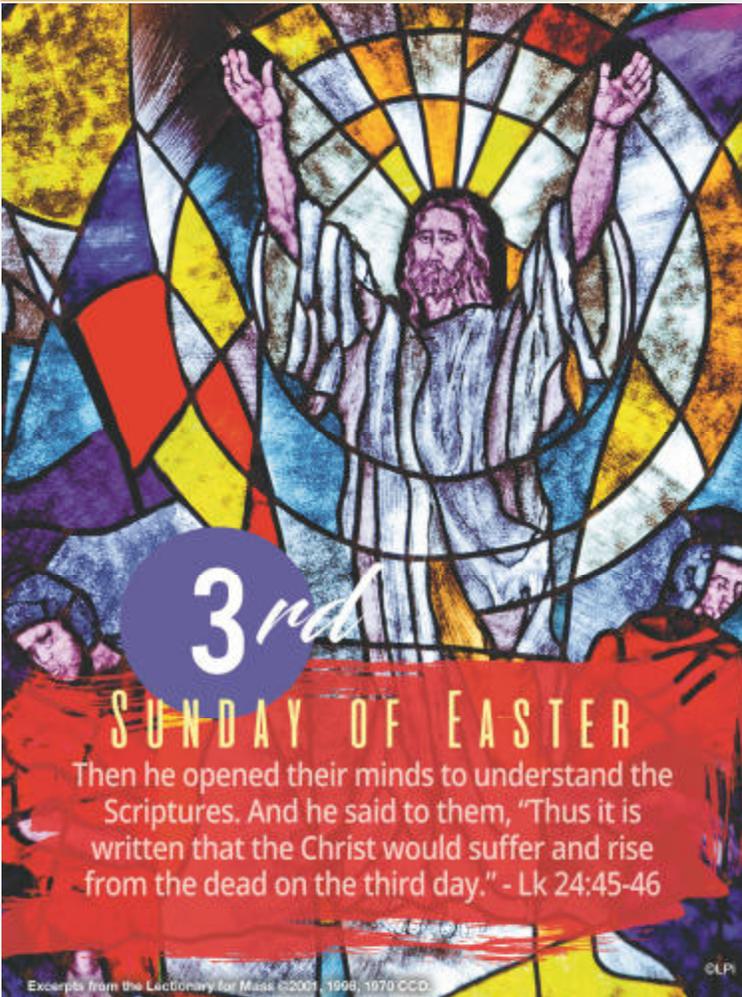


# St. Bernard CATHOLIC CHURCH

## APRIL 18, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
 Saturdays:..... 4 PM (OLC) & **5.30 PM**  
 Sunday:..8:30 AM (OLC), 10:00 AM (OLC-PL) & **11.30 AM**  
  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday at OLC:..... 8:00 AM  
 Tuesday & Thursday:..... **8.00 AM**  
 Holy Days:.....See inside bulletin for schedule  
  
**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays:.....5:00 PM  
 or by appointment  
**BAPTISMS:** Arrangements to be made with  
 Fr. Marcin  
**MARRIAGE:** Make arrangements with the rectory  
 at least six months before wedding.  
**CARE OF THE SICK:** Call the rectory to make  
 arrangements with the priest.  
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** You are welcome.  
 Please come to the rectory office and register as  
 soon as possible. If moving, notify the rectory. We  
 are concerned.  
**BINGO:** Thursday & Sunday at 7:30 pm  
 at St. Bernard  
**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Practicing  
 faith and supporting church for at least 3  
 months.

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**

11:30AM + MaryAnna Kozlowski by Bill and MaryLou Nowakowski

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20**

8:00AM + Deceased St. Bernards Seniors by Past Senior Club

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22**

8:00AM Living and Deceased Mothers

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**

5:30PM + Christopher and Anthony Korbel by Mom

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

11:30AM + Philip Wiehec by Wife and Son

**FLOWERS AND CANDLES**

**APRIL 18- APRIL 24**

**ST. JOSEPH:** In Loving Memory of Joseph Wierzba by Family

**BLESSED MOTHER:** In Loving Memory of Emily Soltan by Harris Family

FLOWERS AND CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTHS AHEAD. CALL THE RECTORY @822-8856




*God Bless You For Your Generosity*

**APRIL 10/11**

Weekend Collections.....\$2172.00



**Bingo is finally coming back! We are having a Meeting on Monday, April 26th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall to discuss how to run the bingo by the NYState rules. We would not reopen until May 16 so we all are on the same page. We waited a long time for bingo to reopen, otherwise we have to come up with other fundraisers which are more involved then bingo. Please come to the meeting anyone is welcome we need more help. We don't do bingo then Fr. Marcin expects more fundraisers to help pay the bills or really don't want to think of what could happen . Thank you.**

OLC Church is having a Clothing & Soft Goods Drive Consisting of men's, women's, and children's and baby Clothes, coats, shows etc. Household Textiles like Bedding, comforters, sheets, towels, linen etc. All items Must be clean and in sellable condition. The more we Collect, the greater the reward.

Drop-off at the OLC parish rectory garage:

Saturday- April 24th- 4:30-5:30PM

Sunday- April 25th- 9AM-10AM

Saturday- May 1st- 4:30PM -5:30PM

Sunday- May 2nd- 9AM -10AM

Any Questions call Sandy Blamowski

(716) 830-3771 Sendula@aol.com

# FISH FRY

**Our Last Fish Fry Takeout Dinners was a very hugh success. Our Profit was \$2,396.17. Thank you to those who supported us. But a very special-thank you goes out to the workers who worked so hard 4 days preparing the food and the runners who took the food out to the cars. I need to thank the workers who donated food we needed to do the potatoes, macaroni, eggs, bread crumbs without these donations our profit would not be this high. Thank you all and God Bless.**

## A Prayer for Earth Day

*Dear Creator God, on this Earth Day and all days, let me always be in awe of Your wonderful works of creation. I don't want to take the details of the world You created for me for granted. Everything around me is wonderfully complex and splendid. You, Lord, are both an Engineer and an Artist that built a world to perfectly sustain life. But you didn't stop there. You also made immense details that please all of our senses as well. There are beautiful things to see, sounds to hear, textures to feel, yummy food to taste, and even delightful aromas to bring us enjoyment. Thank you for the details of life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



*Earth Day is Thursday, April 22nd*

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.





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