A windy, wet Palm Sunday gives way to the joy of Easter! Keeping safe, we continued to two locations for Mass, the Gym and the Church. May God Bless and Keep You!

We Rise Again from Ashes!

HAPPY EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Saint Bernadette Church

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Next Sunday, 3pm
Chaplet & Benediction
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DIVINE MERCY
Sunday
APRIL 11, 2021

STEWARDSHIP = OWNERSHIP
Sunday, March 21, 2021:
Collection: $19,383.00
Sunday, March 28, 2021:
Collection: $12,141.00
Thanks for Supporting our Ministries!
“Lord, how much you love me!”
The words of Pope Francis on Palm Sunday are the words I want to share with you on Easter.

“Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again” the Pope underscored, and realize that we are loved by Jesus upon whom we gaze on the cross. The grace of amazement helps us also realize that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded who surround us – those ill-treated in life – “we are loving Jesus”, the Pope said, “for that is where he is: in the least of our brothers and sisters, in the rejected and discarded.”

As we emerge from the Pandemic and continue to struggle with the sadness and difficulties brought on by problems in the Church, still we have the ability to be amazed by the Life, death and Resurrection of Christ.

We ask for the grace to be amazed so that our faith may not become dull or bored, but that we may light the way for others to the Risen Christ! Thank you to the most wonderful parishioners and for the many kindnesses you show to the parish and to me personally! Peace of Easter

PRE-CANA at Saint Bernadette!
Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) will take place here on Friday, April 23rd from 7-9:30PM and Sunday, April 25th from 8:30AM-2:00PM (beginning with 8:30AM Mass). Meet in the Community Room. You must attend both days. This is a requirement in order for a wedding to take place. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please call Jeff & Barb Benz at (716) 649-5854. Fulfills requirements at all parishes.

Father Bob will be celebrating the 11:30 am Mass on Easter Monday, April 5th for us to gather together to celebrate Easter. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this smaller, shorter celebration due to special needs, please invite them to join us. All are welcome.

GriefShare Support Group
Have you lost someone you love?
We are here to help see you through this difficult time. Please join us on Monday, April 5th at 7PM in the Msgr. Nugent Conference Room. Bring your mask. For more information, please call Sr. Colleen at 649-3090 ext. 109.

Men’s Faith Sharing Group on Wednesday
All men are welcome to join the group on Wednesdays at 7PM in the Community Room for Scripture discussions and fellowship. Call Father Bob or Jesse Saltarelli for information at 716-649-3090.

Adult Confirmation sessions will begin on April 9th from 7-8:30 PM in the Community Room. If you or anyone you know has received all the sacraments except Confirmation and would like to be Confirmed, please call Sr. Colleen at 649-3090 ext. 109 for more information.

2021 Catholic Charities Appeal Update -
In the Catholic Faith, Jesus is the epitome of HOPE for All Seasons. Today, we rejoice in our Lord’s Resurrection! As we reach the mid-point of Appeal 2021 we would like to remind you that your support of the Appeal enables us to continue our efforts to improve the lives of those who we serve. 149,000 people were helped last year through Catholic Charities. Saint Bernadette’s is at nearly 70% of our parish goal. If you have not yet made your pledge, donations can be made through the regular offering boxes (just enclose it in an envelope marked as “Catholic Charities”). A supply of blank pledge cards is also available through the Parish Office. You can also register your gift online at https://www.ccwny.org/donation. Thank you so much for your continued support of Appeal 2021!

Troop 1910 is holding our annual NYS Real Maple Syrup Fundraiser from now through the end of April. If you would like to purchase an 8 fl.oz. bottle, produced locally at Smith’s Maple Farm with help from our scouts, please contact Scoutmaster Damon Beiter at 716-649-5464. Proceeds benefit the troop, which is chartered to Saint Bernadette.
EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Monday

Our offices are closed Monday, April 5.


Please pray for all the recently deceased, especially: Anna O’Neill, Doreen McCarthy, Michael Renaldo, Geraldine Horohoe and Sr. Patti Donovan, RSM.

Please pray for our military men & women and their families. And all first responders.

If you know of anyone with developmental disabilities that has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will begin preparation for the Sacrament on Tuesday, April 13th. We will initially utilize Zoom. Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday June 19th at 9am with Bishop Mike presiding. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sharon at 648-1720 ext.3 or sharonu@saintbopny.org

Especially those who are sick...

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Easter season to share. First the amazing news that Jesus is still with us after his death. Especially in the upcoming weeks, when He appears to a doubting Thomas and to the disciples on the way to Emmaus. Do we remind our family and friends that their loved ones in Heaven are still with them, but in a different way? The joy of our Lord's resurrection is the spiritual emotion to share throughout the 50 days ahead. How will you share that joy? Our world has many people who have an emptiness in their hearts that can only be filled by a relationship with Jesus. How will we help them find Him and His love? Please take this week to make plans for this season. May the love and joy of Easter be alive in you and your family for the entire Easter season. For Pentecost, may your heart be on fire with the Holy Spirit to help renew the face of the Earth.

This week's gospel: Upon seeing that the stone had been removed from the tomb, Mary of Magdala ran to Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved. She told them that the Lord had been taken from the tomb. Peter and the other disciple ran to see for themselves. The burial cloths were there, but the body of Jesus was gone. The disciple whom Jesus loved believed, even though neither Peter nor he understood the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

Gather your family together to decorate your family prayer table for the Easter season. Place upon the table a white cloth, a candle, a Bible, a cross, and signs of the Easter season such as fresh flowers, an Easter egg, a butterfly, and anything that symbolizes new life to family members. Talk about ways you can be signs of new life to each other and to neighbors and friends throughout the Easter season. Even the smallest signs of thoughtfulness and caring can be Good News to those in need of Easter joy. Use these statements to begin a discussion:

My favorite Easter symbol is ... because... Mary Magdalene recognized Jesus’ voice when he called her name. One time I know Jesus called my name when... Someone I will share the Good News of Easter with is ... because..

Peace & joy to you,

Sharon Urbaniak,  
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Cell 200-6923

Youth Ministry Reflection: Living Amazed

On Palm Sunday, Father Paul shared a lot about Pope Francis' homily earlier that morning. It seemed his main point is that we need to renew our sense of amazement towards all that Christ has done for us. This seems to be a very much the theme that the Holy Father has tried to instill in many of his recent writings. One aspect of this theme that I have been drawn to is finding our own inner youthfulness that only God can give. The Church is "ever new" by the power of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit for the Glory of God the Father. We are reminded again that He who died and was risen, makes us new creations. What a gift!!! We cannot avoid pondering this reality if we are to be disciples of Jesus Christ. What freedom He offers us in this truth that we are new creations. What would my life look like, what would your life look like if we walked around recognizing the gift we have been given in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis uses that phrase "Holy Amazement" and it makes me reflect on what it is to really have "wonder and awe" towards the Truth of our faith. My friends, we can only grow in amazement if we sit and rest with the Kerygma, that is the Good News of Jesus Christ; that He has conquered sin and death for our sake. We must think about the lengths God has gone for us to make freedom and joy possible. When we do that, we will grow not only in amazement, but also in the youthfulness of our spirit. I find it impossible to walk around with a frown when I have the knowledge of what a gift my life is before my heart and mind. He is truly risen my friends. He has done this for you and for me that we may have life and have it in abundance. So what are you waiting for!? Go live abundantly with the Joy of the Gospel in your hearts and on your lips! God bless you all and I look forward to seeing you around the parish.

Jesse Saltarelli, Youth Minister  
716-909-0208  
www.saintbopny.org/youth-ministry

Walk by Faith... Conference

April 17 @ 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Presented By

RENEW 716
Chesterton Academy of Buffalo

Interested teens contact Jesse
716-909-0208 / jesses@saintbopny.org

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SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH
ORCHARD PARK, NY
**WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, APRIL 5 - EASTER MONDAY**
- Offices Closed
- Divine Mercy Novena, 3 p.m., Chapel
- Cenacle of Life, 7 p.m., Chapel
- GriefShare, 7 p.m., Msgr. Nugent Conf. Rm.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6**
- Parish Neighbor Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Msgr. Nugent Conf. Rm.
- Scripture Study, 9:30 a.m., Community Rm.
- Divine Mercy Novena, 3 p.m., Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**
- Divine Mercy Novena, 3 p.m., Chapel
- Penance, 6 p.m.
- Rosary for Peace, 7 p.m., Chapel
- Men’s Ministry, 7 p.m., Community Rm.
- Scouts, 7 p.m., Gym

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8**
- Sharing the Message, 10:30 a.m. (VIRTUAL)
- Divine Mercy Novena, 3 p.m., Chapel
- Pastoral Council Mtg., 7 p.m., Rms. 136 & 138
- Holy Name, 7 p.m., Cafeteria

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9**
- Divine Mercy Novena, 3 p.m., Chapel
- John Paul II Gifts, 6-8:30 p.m., Gym
- Adult Confirmation Session, 7-8:30 p.m., Community Rm.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10**
- Divine Mercy Novena, 3 p.m., Chapel
- Vigil Mass: 5PM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
- Masses: 8:30 a.m. (Church & Gym), 11 a.m. (Church & Gym)
- 8:05 p.m. (Church)
- Divine Mercy Prayer Service, 3 p.m., Church
- Unleashed, 6:45 p.m., Parish Ministry Center

**PARISH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:**
- **PASTOR:** Fr. Paul D. Seil: Twitter:@BuffaloPadre
- **PAROCHIAL VICAR:** Fr. Robert Owczarczak
- **DEACON:** Ed Howard
- **PASTORAL MINISTER:** Sr. Colleen O’Toole RSM
- **YOUTH MINISTRY:** Jesse Saltarelli & Sarah Saltarelli
- **DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:** Sharon Urbaniak
- **BUSINESS MANAGER:** Cindy Sodaro
- **DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE:** Dave Clarkson
- **TRUSTEES:** Peter Boersma, Robert McDonnell
- **FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR:** Bob Rucker
- **PASTORAL COUNCIL LEADER:** Kim Krawiec

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed until Monday, April 5 after the 7 AM Mass.

If you would like more information about adoration or to sign up for a holy hour, please call or text Gidget at (716) 481-2720.

**Week 8**

We close with a final, more recent Work of Mercy.

1. **Care for our Common Home**

   Pope Francis suggested in 2016, in conjunction with the encyclical Laudato Si’, that caring for the earth be understood as a work of Mercy. He explained that care for creation “calls for a grateful contemplation of God’s world... [and] simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness and makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world.”

   Our parish has worked for many years to take care of our physical environment. When the time comes, consider adopting a garden at the parish, or starting your own at home. Another concrete way to care for our common home is to be conscious of what products we use and their effects on the earth. We can commit to using less plastic, recycling more, and working for legislation to keep our air, land and water fresh and clean. Please pray for efforts to take care of our earth, and those who are affected by natural disasters, pollution, and climate change.

   Please spend some time in prayer with the Works of Mercy and consider what you might be called to do. As Catholics, we value community, so share your prayer and works with the parish! If you would like to learn more about the Works of Mercy, pray with them, or discern further steps, please feel free to call me or email me at any time at 649-3090 or srcolleen@saintbopny.org

   In Mercy,  ...Sr. Colleen

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**2022 Mass Book**

The 2022 Mass Book will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning Thursday, April 8th. Masses are limited to SIX. We ask that you limit to 2 weekend Masses. Keep in mind that the holidays of Christmas, Easter, Mother’s and Father’s Day will be offered for ALL PARISHIONERS of Saint Bernadette and ALL MOTHERS/FATHERS of Saint Bernadette.
Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You.

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. (“Foundation”) began soliciting donations to its “Upon this Rock” (“UTR”) capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary (“CKS”), expanding CKS’s role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS’s Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS’s closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation’s Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to donor.info@frcdb.org. Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc., Erie County Index No. 81474/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court’s consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

Divine Mercy Sunday, 12 Noon, Church
Easter Sunday, 12 Noon, Church
Easter Monday, 3PM, Chapel
Tuesday, 3PM, Chapel
Wednesday, 3PM, Chapel
Thursday, 3PM, Chapel
Friday, 3PM, Chapel
Saturday, 3PM, Chapel
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 at 3PM in the Church.

To Access the Parish On-Line Broadcasts, Choose One of these 3 Options...

1) Go to our parish website (SaintBOPNY.org) and follow the link for Facebook or YouTube or
2) Search "Saint Bernadette Orchard Park" on YouTube to find our channel or
3) Open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code and follow the prompts and it will take you to our channel!