



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>
9:00AM	St. Mary's
4:00PM	Ed, Dot, and Buddy Scahill
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1</b>
7:30AM	Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gorneille family
9:00AM	Parishioners of St. Bernadette
11:00AM	Corazon Tiongson Ojastro (birthday remembrance)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2</b>
	John and Joseph Odenweller
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3</b>
9:00AM	Antonio and Eleanor Corbo
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4</b>
9:00AM	St. Mary's
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5</b>
9:00AM	St. Mary's
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6</b>
9:00AM	All Those Perpetually Enrolled in the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7</b>
9:00AM	St. Mary's
4:00PM	Hugh and Edna McLaughlin & family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8</b>
7:30AM	Mass of Thanksgiving for the Semexant Family
9:00AM	Parishioners of St. Bernadette
11:00AM	Jared Castillo Chavez (15th Anniversary)

**COLLABORATIVE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**St. Bernadette Parish**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
 Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am (Vietnamese), 11:00am  
 Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 9:00am

**St. Mary Parish**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
 Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am  
 Daily Mass: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday at 9:00am



**Banns III**

*Chi The Nguyen and Hoai-Thuong Thi Tran*



We would like to welcome our newly baptized parishioners for the month of November ~

*Alice Nellie Cash  
 David Jameson Charles  
 Maria, Kelsie Khai Le  
 Jack Edward Macauley*

May you continue to grow in God's faith and love.



**Christmas Flower Envelopes . . .**  
*can be found on the tables at the entrances to the church for anyone who would like to donate to our Christmas flower/wreath fund in memory of a loved one.*

**Drop in any collection basket, or send it to the Parish Office. Names will be published in a special Christmas flower booklet. Please send in your donations by Sunday, December 15th.**

**Parish Support**

**Collections**

4:00PM	.....	\$ 926.00
7:30AM	.....	\$ 827.00
9:00AM	.....	\$1,960.00
11:00AM	.....	\$ 771.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,484.00</b>

Retired Religious ..... \$3,289.65

The Collaborative Annual Report is available on the Parish website. Please take the time to see the progress we are making.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - DECEMBER**

12/01/19	Capital Improvement
12/08/19	Monthly Maintenance
12/15/19	Energy Needs
12/22/19	Parish Outreach
12/29/19	Catholic Schools Assistance



Please remember the soul of

*Carolle Millien*

May she rest in eternal

**Mass Survey**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those at both St. Bernadette and St. Mary Parish who took the time to complete the Mass Survey last weekend. As you know, there are only two priests, Fr. Phil McGaugh, the Pastor of our Collaborative, and Fr. Anthony Phong Bui, Parochial Vicar, assigned to the Collaborative, we have to face the fact that our collaborative is now shorthanded. The survey will help in re-evaluating the weekend Mass schedules at each parish. It was our top priority to begin by asking for feedback from the parishioners.

We are in the process of collecting the comments from the last question on the survey. The results of the entire survey will then be taken by Fr. Phil McGaugh to the Collaborative clergy, staff, and pastoral council. Once again, thank you for taking the time to be counted.

## Pastor's Message

### Reflections on Advent:

For the first week of Advent, we focus on Thanksgiving for God's love. Advent is a time of expectant waiting. Advent is a time we prepare to celebrate Christmas, but it is also a time to prepare for the second coming of Christ. Advent can be a time of spiritual creativity or a time of no difference in our lives. This week can be a time to look at all the ways we are blessed because of God's love for us. The season of Advent has begun, and with it the busyness and hectic frenzy that this season always seems to bring can leave us so tired that we forget what Advent is intended to prepare us to celebrate. What God has done and does for us is the reason for the Season of Advent. How often do we miss time to ponder the wondrous actions of God throughout history and in our lives? Are we sensitive to the realities around us? This week it is wise to set a tone for Advent and to set time aside each day for the purpose of spending it with God and seeking spiritual renewal. Attending daily Mass, taking part in morning prayer, daily Scripture reading, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spending extra time with friends who need attention, and being mindful of others are some of the ways for starters that we can use this Advent Season to enrich our lives and build up the Kingdom of God. Advent is also a time to focus on the qualities that God has given us that we might take for granted or the people in our lives that we take for granted. There may be people in our lives we would benefit from reconciling with. There may be people in our lives who need a miracle. Advent is a time of hope and a time to nurture peace. I pray that all of us will take the opportunities presented to have a spiritually renewing Advent Season.

**Reflections on First Sunday of Advent:** Today is the beginning of a new Church Year. During Advent the vestments worn at Mass are usually purple except for special occasions. Jesus came among us to help us experience peace and the deepest longings of our hearts. St. Matthew today offers an urgent message to stay awake. How many times in life do we not notice the needs of people around us or take too many people and too many things simply for granted? Are we watchful of the things and events of our lives? Advent carries with it the message to start spending time on the important things in life. If we were to ask God for one spiritual gift in Advent, what would it be? Advent is a message to open ourselves to God's graces and welcome Jesus into our hearts.

### December 9th - Feast of the Immaculate

**Conception:** Since December 8th is on a Sunday this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Monday, December 9th. It is not a Holyday of Obligation this year. Mass will be at 9:00am at St. Bernadette Parish. Given the importance of Mary in salvation history it is such a wonderful practice to attend Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



No classes this Sunday, December 1st. Classes will resume NEXT Sunday, December 8th for grades 1-8.

Next class for Confirmation (grades 9 and 10) will be held THIS Sunday, December 1st.

### Annual Sock Drive



During Advent, we are asking for donations of new pairs of men's socks.

These socks will be Christmas wrapped and brought to the MainSpring Shelter in Brockton.

There will be drop-off boxes at the Church, the Chapel, and also at Religious Education Center.

Thank you for your participation.

### Collaborative Pastoral Council

As we moved into our second year as a Collaborative of St. Bernadette and St. Mary, it was important for us to form a new Collaborative Pastoral Council. This goal is typically one recommended and accomplished year two. This Council is made up of members of each parish and acts in an advisory way to our Pastor, Fr. Phil McGaugh. An agenda is set for each meeting depending on the needs of the Collaborative.

This new Collaborative Pastoral Council began meeting in September. At the first meeting, Sr. Pat Boyle, Associate Director of the Pastoral Planning Office for the Archdiocese, joined us to explain the exact needs and duties of a Collaborative Council. At our October meeting, Sr. Regina from the Daughters of St. Paul, joined us for an evening of prayer. It was important that each member understand how this council works and the value of personal and communal prayer in accomplishing our goals.

With the establishment of the new Collaborative Pastoral Council, the members of the separate councils of St. Mary and St. Bernadette finished their ministry as members of the separate councils. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the St. Mary Parish Council and the St. Bernadette Parish Council. Your commitment and service were invaluable to the parish you served.

The new Collaborative Pastoral Council members have a lot of work to do. Please keep these members in your prayers: Fr. Phil McGaugh, Fr. Anthony Phong-Bui, Deacon Tom Burke, Michael Haire, Pat Jackson, Jim Joseph, Duc Le, Jose Mata, Tuan Nguyen, Uche Nwazojie, Patty O'Connor, Deb O'Donnell, Maryann Rodman, Hugues St. Fleur, and Truong Tran.

### ADVENT GIVING FOR THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

This year we are requesting that you donate gift cards in the decorated box labeled GIFT CARDS FOR THE NEEDY, which will be located in the back of the church.

Please donate whatever gift cards you can by Sunday, December 15th; so they will be able to purchase what they need for Christmas. If you prefer to donate cash, please put in an envelope and insert in the slot. We will use the cash to purchase certificates. Thank you.