



Family of Faith Kickoff Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2019 - 17:00

Our Family of Faith program provides ongoing catechesis for families with children who have made their First Holy Communion. Please send an email to Dr. Jenny Gebhardt (jgebhar@yahoo.de) for more information

Friday Mass for the needy and the sick (with anointing of the sick)and Eucharistic Adoration

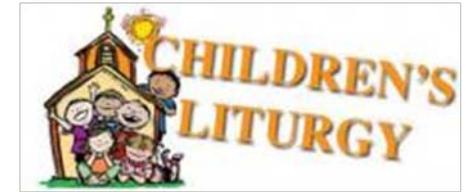


Friday, September 20, 2019 - 19:00
Friday Mass will be celebrated and followed by Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's on the third Friday of the month.



March for Life - Berlin

Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 13:00
The annual March for Life in Berlin will take place on September 21st, 2019. The march will start with public addresses at the Reichstag, followed by a silent march through the streets of Berlin, ending around 17:30 h with an ecumenical worship service.



Children's Liturgy of the Word - St. Bernard's

Sunday, September 22, 2019 - 11:00
Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in the St. Bernard's Community Center and introduces children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion to the Word of God in the context of a liturgical format that follows the Liturgy of the Word at Holy Mass. The prayers and readings follow the same sequence, including the Kyrie, Gloria (in season), the Gospel, the Creed and Petitions. The Gospel is presented from a Children's Lectionary in simplified English for better understanding. An activity, reflection or craft follows the Gospel in order to deepen the children's comprehension and engagement with the Word. The children are brought back into the main Mass to rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Greeters Service

The St Bernard's Greeters service team is looking for volunteers! We need you help to welcome parishioners to Mass, take the collection, and bring forth the Gifts for Holy Communion.

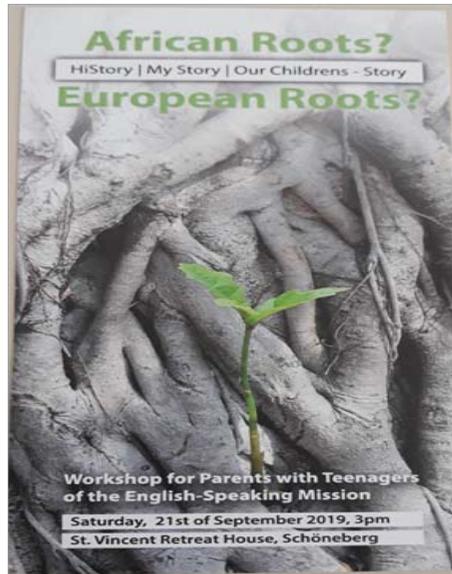
If you are a family or a couple who attend Sunday Mass regularly and are able to serve our parish in this way, please contact Christof Morrissey (ChristofMorrissey@t-online.de).

Workshop for parents with Teenagers

“Concerning Parenting and Values.”

Organized by the English Mission in cooperation with the Caritas of the Archdiocese of Berlin

21st of September 2019, 3 pm
St. Vincent Retreat House, Schöneberg
Kolonnenstraße 39, 10829 Berlin



The Diaconate Ordination of Dr. Dirk Verheijen is On Saturday September 28, at 10:00 at St. Joseph (St. Joseph-St. Aloysius) Müller Str. 161, 13353 Berlin (Mitte) We are all invited!

General Information about the English-speaking Mission

- Our mission offers pastoral care for immigrants, religious education, catechism classes for 1st Holy Communion and confirmation, preparation for baptism (infants and adults) and marriage courses. Hospital and home visits can be arranged through the mission's office or the priests. For weddings please contact Father Sylvester Ajunwa 3 months in advance.
- Sunday Masses: St. Bernard's 11.00, 19.00; St. Elisabeth's 13.00; All Saints 10.00; Catholic Academy 10.30
- Confession: Sundays at St. Bernard's - 12.00, 18.30-19.00; at St. Elisabeth - 13.00; 1st Fridays at All Saints 17.30 , 3rd Friday at St. Bernard's 18:30
- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 1st Monday, 2nd Wednesday 20:00 and 3rd Friday 19:00

Angelus prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among woman
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death
Amen.*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary.....

V. And the Word was made flesh
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary.....

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:
*Pour forth we beseech you, O Lord, your Grace into our
hearts;
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ,
Your Son, was made known
by the message of an angel,
may by His Passion and Cross be brought
to the glory of His Resurrection,
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WORDS ON MARBLE

"Make friends with
the angels, who
though invisible are
always with you.
Often invoke them,
constantly praise
them, and make
good use of their
help and assistance
in all your temporal
and spiritual affairs."

— St. Francis de Sales



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Sunday Bulletin

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First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy

Collection is for the Mission

Background on the Gospel Reading

The gospel passage of today presents what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

(cf. Sunday Connection, www.loyolapress.com)

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Wednesday and Friday-by appointment

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