

St. Bernard Church

Upcoming Meetings		
Sun.	Religious Education, grades 1, 2, & 3 SPRED, Rm. 6 Religious Education, Grades 8 & 9 Confirmation Sponsors	9:30 am 11:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
Mon.	Youth Ministry, Rm. 1 Liturgy Committee, Rm. 2 Haitian Project, Rm. 4 AA, Rm. 6	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Tues.	Bible Study, Conf. Rm. Yoga, Rm. 2 Children's Choir, Church Workcamp 2008, Rm. 1 SPRED, Catechists Rm. 6	9:30 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Wed.	AA, Rm. 6	7:00 pm
Thurs.	Literacy Volunteers, Rm. 2 Yoga, Rm. 2 Foster Parenting, Rm. 1 Knights of Columbus Reception, Rm. 1	9:30 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm
Fri.	AA, Rm. 1	7:00 pm
Sat.	Generations of Faith Legion of Mary, Rm. 6	10:00 am 10:00 am

Liturgical Readings		
Mon.	Romans 8:12-17	Luke 13:10-17
Tues.	Romans 8:18-25	Luke 13:18-21
Wed.	Romans 8:26-30	Luke 13:22-30
Thurs	All Saints Day Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14 1John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a	
Fri.	All Souls Day Wisdom 3:1-9 Romans 5:5-11 John 6:37-40	
Sat.	Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29	Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sun.	Wisdom 11:22-12:2	2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10

STEWARDSHIP

Today's Psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

PARISH SUPPORT		
	Actual	Budget
Oct. 13/14	\$6,002.10	
Mission Sunday	\$1,550.00	
ACH	\$ 478.00	
Through 09/30/07	\$104,066	\$103,778

- St. Bernard's offers parishioners the opportunity to make their budget contributions by Direct Debit. Call the Parish Center, 295-0387 for further information.
- Many companies offer matching funds for donations to non-profit organizations. Your company might match your donation to St. Bernard! Please find out if your company has this policy.

Mass Intention

Mon. 8:00 am **Edward Perrotta** by his wife
 Tues. 8:00 am **Loretta Grabowski** by her family
 Thurs. 7:00 pm **Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus**
 Fri. 8:00 am **John Casey**
 Sat. 5:00 pm **Edward & Josephine Motherway** by Maureen
 Sun. 7:00 am **Eugene McDermott** by Madeleine McDermott
 8:30 am **Ray Halligan** by Gerry Grabowski
 10:30 am **Catherine B. Dwyer** by Richard & Martha Dwyer

Those who would like to bring the bread and wine to the altar, please call the Parish Center at 295-0387 to arrange.

Sunday Liturgy

Spend a small bit of time this week getting ready for the spiritual highlight of every Catholic's week, Sunday Mass." web site": (<http://liturgy.slu.edu>).

Baptized but not Confirmed?

Is this you? Or somebody you know? For any number of reasons, baptized Catholics do not always complete their initiation into the Church. This is done through the Sacrament of Confirmation and receiving Holy Communion. This is a simple process of preparation that results in the satisfaction of participating fully in the sacramental life that Christ has given us for our joy and support. For information call Fr. Reardon.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry is getting ready for the holidays. This Monday evening, October 30th from 7-8:30pm we will be planning out the Junior Group's Social Night (11/17) and the Breakfast with St. Nicholas (12/8). These activities for you, by you and with you. WE NEED YOU, get the picture. Come and check us out!!! It could be fun, actually it really is a lot of FUN. We would not want to miss it.

2008 Narragansett Bay Workcamp

We would like to thank all who attended and assisted with this past weekend's Sign of Life concert. It was an uplifting experience and we all had a great time "Getting Down" with each other. We raised a little over \$700 and the support is truly appreciated. A special thanks to our set-up/break-down crew, our youth dancers, and all the donors of refreshments. Anyone who is interested in VOLUNTEERING for Workcamp, please mark your calendars for our first team meeting on Wednesday, November 14th from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center. We will be discussing all our preparation plans for the months ahead. Workcamp is a massive undertaking that requires many volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time, talents, & treasures to this worthwhile cause.

Books & More

OPEN Today (Sunday) from 9-12:00. Also the 1st and 4th Sundays of November. Books on the Sacraments discussed in the recent GOF sessions can be found in the vestibule of the Church with self-service instructions. Families of Confirmation candidates can get gift suggestions and make special orders from our catalogues during open hours or by arrangement with Deborah at 885-6405 or dilmccoy@cox.net.

From Father Dennis

"What we receive as a gift, we must give as a gift." These words adapted from the words of Jesus in the gospels are the bedrock upon which the Louverture Cleary School is built. They articulate the philosophy/spirituality that is constantly articulated to keep both students and faculty focused on what their life together is all about. The school seeks not just to give an excellent education to its 340 students but also to inculcate in them a spirit of giving back what they have received to those less fortunate themselves. One of the most impressive aspects of life at the school is the "Little School" program. Each afternoon 300 young people and adults from the neighborhood around the school come on campus for two and a half hours of instruction. This instruction is given by thirty-five of the brightest and best older students in the school. I sat in on some of these classes. I was very moved by the eagerness of the neighborhood children to make the most of this time to better their skills in reading and writing, in learning French as well. One day I sat in on a class focused on "blood": its definition, its components and the function of component. I was also impressed with the seriousness of the Louverture Cleary students who taught these classes at the end of their own full school day. It is a great expression of how the school reaches out to the community and how lives are changed. Without this after school program the neighborhood children would receive absolutely no education because their parents cannot afford to pay for it and there is no free education available to them. "What we receive as a gift, we must give as a gift," is gospel spirituality at its best. It is also an important yardstick for measuring how we do as a parish community in sharing our faith, our gospel vision, with the wider community in which we live, and how we do it as individuals where we work and socialize and live.

Announcements



Generations of Faith meets again NEXT weekend. Come join us as we learn about Eucharist. Generations of Faith is for EVERYONE at St. Bernard's! This month we will be enjoying a roast beef dinner. Contact the Parish Center for more information.

† **Children's Choir is beginning again.** The choir is open to children ages 5 and up. This year we will be singing for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and 1st Communion. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 in the church beginning Tuesday, October 30th. Please see Alison Shea if you have any questions.

† **Parish Library** - Thanks to the following parishioners who helped with the library work party on the 19th: Andrea Bassett, Hayley Kenyon, Joe Harris, Ann Guay, Landen Rice and Devon Hevenor!! We processed over 100 donated books into the library and rearranged the shelving. The parish library can be found in Room 1 of the parish center and most books can be checked out for as long as you want. A few videos, DVD's and Scriptures on tape cassettes can also be found in our library. "Check it out!" Donations are accepted of books on religious topics only. PLEASE note that you wish to donate indicating "donation for library."

† **Bible Study** - Our study on "Israel's Story" continues. Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM and Thursday nights at 7:00. **The Thursday night group will not meet this week.** If you didn't attend last week, call Deborah at 885-6405 or Marie at 295-2654 to confirm meeting plans. For more information, call Deborah.

† **The Knights of Columbus will host an Italian Feast** at their hall on Nov. 3rd, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Lasagna, Sausage and Peppers, Meatballs, Pasta, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread and Butter, Coffee, and Tea. \$9.00/adult, \$5.00/children 12 and under. Children under 6 are free. Please RSVP by Nov 1st.

† **The Knights of Columbus annual memorial Mass** for all deceased members of their council, will be celebrated at St Bernard's on Thursday, November 1st, All Saints Day, at 7:00 pm.. Refreshments will be served at the Parish Center following the Mass. All are warmly invited..

† **Urgent need for a Meals on Wheels volunteer** on alternate Tuesdays. Pick up meals at the NK Senior Center between 10-10:30 AM. Delivery takes about 90 minutes. Many seniors who depend on this service and you will feel good about yourself by helping them. Please call Pat Fraher 295-2887 for more info.

All Saints Day

Thursday is All Saints' Day and a holy day of obligation.
Masses are at 8:00, Noon and 7 p.m.

Annual Memorial Service:

St. Bernard parishioners, family and friends are invited to our annual Memorial Service on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 pm at the church. This nondenominational service is a moving tribute to those who have passed away during the past year. Candlelight, music and readings provide a special way of remembering those closest to us. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, please call the Parish Center at 295-0387 or email Judi at judidi@verizon.net.

Religious Education

Welcome Back! Sacramental Preparation Classes begin this weekend. Class times are Sunday mornings 9:30 to 10:30 and 11:30 to 12:30 for Grades 1, 2 and 3 in the Parish Center. Classes for 8th and 9th grades meet from 5 PM to 6 PM in the Parish Center unless you are meeting at the catechist's home.

Attention 10th Grade Confirmation Candidates! **Our final Sponsor Candidate meeting is TONIGHT, October 28 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. This is MANDATORY!** You should have any completed service project forms with you as well as your Bishop letter. All other forms are due at this time as well.

Generations of Faith: Get ready for our November session! The November Program starts NEXT weekend. Our topic this month is Eucharist. Come enjoy a roast beef dinner and learn about this sacrament of initiation. Not signed up yet? Call the office at 295-0387.

Need Service Hours? Come help out at Generations of Faith or call the Parish Center for more opportunities.