

St. Bernard Church

Upcoming Meetings

Sun.	Religious Education SPRED, Rm. 6 Religious Education	9:00 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm
Mon.	Steering Committee, Rm. 1 AA, Rm. 6	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Tues.	Yoga, Rm. 2 Children's Choir, Church AA SPRED, Catechists Rm. 6	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thurs.	Parish Center Closed	
Fri.	Parish Center Closed AA, Rm. 6	7:00 pm
Sat.	Legion of Mary, Conf. Rm.	10:00 am

Liturgical Readings

Mon.	1Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	Luke 18:35-43
Tues.	2Maccabees 6:18-31	Luke 19:1-10
Wed.	2Maccabees 7:1, 20-31	Luke 19:11-28
Thurs.	1Maccabees 2:15-29	Luke 19:41-44
Fri.	1Maccabees 4:36-37-37, 52-59	Luke 19:45-48
Sat.	1Maccabees 6:1-13	Luke 20:27-40
Sun.	2Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20	Luke 23:35-43

STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Nov. 10/11	\$6,353.00	
Annual Collection	\$3,328.00	
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. You company might match your donation to St. Bernard! Please find out if your company has this policy.

Mass Intention

Mon.	8:00 am	Daniel & Justina , 3rd anniversary
Tues.	8:00 am	Alice Torres , by her husband
Wed.	8:00 am	George Porter , Birthday Remembrance by his family
Thurs	8:30 am	In thanksgiving for our family , The Guerzons
Sat.	5:00 pm	George Porter & Ann Hendricks by their family
Sun.	7:00 am	Cecile Caron by Anthony Miccolis
	8:30 am	Charles R. Lennon by his family
	10:30 am	Raymond Halligan by Mickey & Bonnie Joyce

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



The Parish Center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22nd and Friday, Nov. 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry would like to invite you to our annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Saturday, December 8th from 8:30am to 11am at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Come and capture the spirit of Christmas with the timeless classic of "Miracle on 34th Street". We believe, do you?? There will be arts and crafts, breakfast, raffle baskets, face painting and St. Nicholas, of course. So, bring your family, your camera, and your Christmas spirit.

2008 Narragansett Bay Workcamp

CHRISTMAS CARD SALES TO BENEFIT NARRAGANSETT BAY WORKCAMP 2008

The Knights of Columbus will be donating the proceeds from the sale of "Keep Christ In Christmas" cards and magnetic decals to the Narragansett Bay Workcamp which will be hosted by St. Bernard's during the week of June 29 – July 5, 2008. The cards and decals will be sold at all masses on November 24th and 25th.

All donations made to the project during the months of November and December qualify for some of The Feinstein Foundation's Annual \$100,000 Giveaway. The more money raised during this period, the more money the organization will receive from Mr. Feinstein. Please consider giving to this worthy project.

For more information on the Workcamp or to volunteer, please call Dawn Biron, co-chair at 295-2535 or email her at dawnmasterson@sbcworkcamp2008@yahoo.com or visit our web-site at www.narragansettworkcamp2008.wordpress.com

Books & More

Books & More: Advent supplies are now available. Self service purchases can be made in the meantime. Books on the Sacrament of Eucharist, our recent GoF topic, can be found on the shelves in the Church vestibule. For questions, special orders or other assistance, call Deborah at 885-6505.

From Father Dennis

This week leads us to Thanksgiving Day which I suppose we have to accept as the start of the "holiday season" when there is a lot of not so subtle pressure exerted on people to shop and shop and shop some more.. After all, we are led to believe, the hope of a good new year depends on it. If it isn't "buy, buy, buy" and "get, get, get" it is "give, give, give". None of it sounds very peaceful to me. I do think we have a lot to be grateful for as a nation despite some very serious ominous trends we see. I have been thinking about the wisdom of the medieval sage Meister Eckhart who wrote: "If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice. To me this seems like good counsel for the six weeks ahead that will take us to the end of this calendar year. Why not be thankful and see where that takes us, maybe we'll be more generous, more understanding, more patient, just more grateful for who we are and what we have. I think this could lead us to deeper satisfaction and less compulsion to get and have more... more of whatever! And if we do not feel driven to accumulate more we may well be moved to share more of what we already have. --- The gospel we'll listen to at Mass on Thanksgiving Day is again the familiar incident of the healing of the ten lepers in which only one, and a foreigner at that, returns to actually say thank you to Jesus.

Announcements

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at **8:30 a.m.** We ask that when you come to Mass, you share your blessings with the community by bringing a non-perishable food item or a cash donation for the N. K. Food Pantry.



THE GIVING TREE

If your family, or any family you know, needs help with gifts this Christmas, contact Jane at parishcenter@sbcwickford.org or call 295-0387. The Giving Tree will be set up in the church next weekend. Please take a tag and purchase the requested gift. The tag should be attached to the gift and the gift placed under the tree by Sunday, December 16th. Assumption Parish, DCYF, St. Mary's Home, Matthew 25, St. Edward's School, and local families having a difficult time this holiday season, have requested our help in brightening the holidays. "Whatever you do the least of my brothers, you do unto me."

The Buzz

† **Call for submissions: The Buzz**, our parish newsletter & a vehicle for more in-depth communication on issues is important to you, as a parishioner, and our parish. Submit your articles &/or photos by November 23 to juliepalazini@cox.net or the Parish Center.

† **ANNUAL COAT DRIVE:** Please drop off your **GOOD, USED COATS** at the Parish Center to be distributed to local agencies. For more information or to help sort and distribute, call 295-0387 or email parishcenter@sbcwickford.org.

† **St. Bernard's Flu Clinic** will be held Sunday, November 25 at the parish center from 8 am to 1 pm. Any questions, please call 294-6314. If anyone is homebound and would like the flu vaccine, please call 294-6314 to make arrangements.

† **Congratulations to Victor Pigoga**, winner of the 2007 scholarship quilt. Thank you all who continue supporting the Scholarship Fund and a special thank you to ladies who made the quilt possible; Kathy Biron, Dee Dee Chatham, Martha Dwyer, Pam Fahey, Mary Farvey, Peg Fitzpatrick, Mary Heikes, and Pat Livernois.

ST. BERNARD'S PRESENTS THE DIOCESAN GOSPEL CHOIR

DIRECTED BY SAREBA G. SMITH
ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd,
at 7:00 PM

COME, BRING SOMEONE,
LISTEN, JOIN IN THE SINGING
BE BLESSED
AND BE A BLESSING TOO!

Religious Education

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2007!! Special thanks to Bishop Roque, Fr. Dennis and all who helped to make the celebration of this sacrament so special. Please keep the forty nine members of this year's class in your prayers.

Sacramental Preparation Classes meet TODAY!

8th Graders: Jesse Manibusan concert and Pizza Party is Thursday, November 29. We meet at the Parish Center at 5 PM. Please have your permission slip to the Parish Center by November 26. Attendance is required for 8th Graders. **Is your e-mail information up to date?** If not, you could be missing important updates. Contact the Parish Center at 295-0387.

Need Service Hours? Help is needed on Sunday, December 2 for the Gospel Choir Concert (no singing required!). Contact the Parish Center for more information.