



## Calendar of Events

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| Sat., Mar. 20 -<br>Sun., Mar. 21  | Easter Basket<br>Raffle— tickets on<br>sale after all masses<br>(Youth Ministry) |
| Sun., Mar. 21 -<br>Wed., Mar. 24  | Parish Lenten<br>Mission   |
| Sat., Mar. 27                     | First Reconcilia-<br>tion Retreat  |
| Mon., Mar. 29 -<br>Tues., Mar. 30 | First Reconcilia-<br>tion  |
| Tues., Mar. 30                    | Morning of<br>Reflection   |
| Sat., Apr. 3                      | Easter Breakfast<br>(Youth Ministry)   |
| Sun., Apr. 4<br>Thurs., April 8   | Palm Sunday<br>Mass of the Lord's<br>Last Supper                                 |
| Fri., Apr. 9                      | N.K. Clergy Assn.<br>Prayer and<br>Reconciliation<br>Service                     |
|                                   | Diocesan Walk for<br>Hunger  |
|                                   | Stations of the<br>Cross   |
|                                   | The Lord's Passion   |
| Sat., Apr. 10                     | Holy Saturday<br>Easter Vigil  |
| Sun, Apr. 11                      | Easter Sunday  |
| Sun., Apr. 18                     | First Communion<br>Retreat   |
| Sat., Apr. 24                     | First Communion  |
| Wed., Apr. 28                     | Blood Drive  |
| Sat., May 1                       | First Communion  |

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(Some dates scheduled to change. Please  
check bulletin for most up-to-date  
information.)



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# The Buzz



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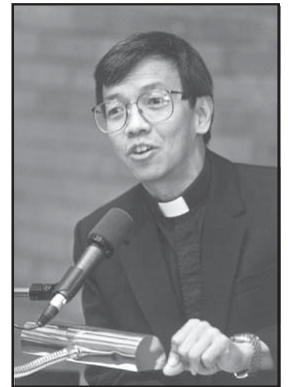
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## Parish Lenten Mission: "Learning From Those Who Were There at Calvary"

"Learning From Those Who Were There at Calvary" is the focus of St. Bernard's Lenten Mission, which will be led by Rev. Albino Barrera, O.P., Providence College. Fr. Barrera will speak to parishioners about the mission after all masses Sat., Mar. 20 and Sun., Mar. 21.

The Lenten Mission will be held for three days, starting Sun., Mar. 21, at 7 p.m. On Sunday, the mission will be followed by benediction and a reception at the parish center. On Tues., Mar. 23, the mission will be held within the celebration of the Eucharist. And, on Wed., Mar. 24, the mission will include a communal penance service, followed by individual confession.

Fr. Barrera is a priest of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Province of St. Joseph (New York). He is an associate professor who teaches economics and Catholic social thought at Providence College. He has written several articles for the *Journal of Development Economics*, the *History of Political Economy*, the *Review of Social Economy*, the *Journal of Religious Ethics*, the *Downside Review*, the *Journal of Peace and Justice Studies*, the *Labor Law Journal* and the *Forum for Social Economics*. Fr. Barrera also is the author of *Modern Catholic Social Documents and Political Economy*, published by Georgetown University Press (2001).



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## Rejoice and Celebrate...

Here's a look at Easter Services that will be held at St. Bernard's:

- *Parish Mission*, Mar. 21, 23 and 24 (see article above)
- *Morning of Reflection*, Mar. 30 (see article about Sabbath House)
- *Holy Week services*: Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Thurs., Apr. 8, 7 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, Fri., Apr. 9, 3 p.m.; The Lord's Passion, Fri., Apr. 9, 7 p.m.; and Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, Sat., Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m.
- *Stations of the Cross*, every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m.
- *Operation Rice Bowl*, to hold the money you save as a sacrificial gift
- *Ecumenical Soup Lunches*, held each Wednesday at different community churches (see weekly bulletin for more details)

For more information, check the weekly bulletin or the Lenten Activities flyer, which can be found on our Web site at [www.sbcwickford.org/misc/LentenCalendar2004.pdf](http://www.sbcwickford.org/misc/LentenCalendar2004.pdf).



### Easter Bunny To Stop in for Breakfast

The Youth Ministry is hosting its  
annual Easter breakfast Sat., Apr. 3.  
Come and enjoy breakfast, crafts and  
fun — and visit with the Easter  
Bunny!!!

## A Day of Reconciliation

*A Day of Recollection will be held at St. Mary's Church on Broadway in Providence, Saturday, May 22. Watch the bulletin for more details or call Gerry Grabowski at 294-6314.*

## School Survey Being Planned

*by Steve Zambarano*

In December 2003, the school subcommittee was formed to evaluate the feasibility of creating an elementary school on the Davis property. Three teams were formed to evaluate different aspects of the school project: the finance committee, charged with determining the costs of building and operating the school; the model committee, asked to identify the composition of the school (what grades it would serve, how many classes per grade, the curriculum, etc.); and the survey committee, asked to canvass the community to determine projected enrollment.

The survey subcommittee met with Brother William Dygert, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Providence. We agreed to conduct a survey to quantify demand for enrollment at the school.

We have contracted with Meitler Consultants, a professional firm experienced in determining demand for Catholic education, to conduct our survey and then get feedback to determine demand for enrollment. If all goes according to schedule, this survey should occur in late March or early April, with a report to the parish in May.

## Would You Like To Be A Friendly Visitor?

Do you have a good ear? Can you spare some time to listen to the elderly? Then, perhaps you would like to be a Friendly Visitor.

The Friendly Visitor Program is a diocesan program that exists in 53 parishes throughout the state. It is run in conjunction with the DEA and was implemented at St. Bernard's about two years ago. The purpose of the program is to provide companionship for people who are homebound, including those in long-term facilities—that's all there is to it.

Friendly Visitors do not do errands, chores, cooking, cleaning, drive people or administer medications—they just provide company for about an hour a week and keep all exchanges confidential!!!

Maureen Corcoran is the coordinator of the Friendly Visitors Program at St. Bernard's and said she is always looking for more ministers (volunteers). Currently, there are 13 Friendly Visitors, including 10 women and three men. Some are working people, while others are retired. If you know of someone who might be comforted by a visitor, please let Maureen know.

"This is immensely satisfying work," said Maureen. "In fact, I would say I derive more from the program than I actually give! I am constantly astonished at the level of quiet dedication and commitment I see among the Friendly Visitors."

For more information, please contact Maureen at 289-1194 or by e-mail at [Mocork@aol.com](mailto:Mocork@aol.com).

## One Man's Treasures...

The *Youth Ministry* will be hosting its annual fundraiser, a yard sale, on June 5, so start gathering all your "junk." It may turn out to be another man's "treasure" — and the Youth Ministry will benefit. Proceeds go to help defray expenses for the ministry's work camp.



## Cafferky Marches For Life



*Jim Cafferky (r), co-chair of St. Bernard's Respect Life Committee, was one of more than 200,000 people who took part in the 31st annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22. Jim departed from St. Francis of Assisi parish in Warwick the night of Jan. 21 and arrived in Washington early the next morning. He attended a Pro-Life Conference where Nellie Gray, founder of the March for Life, was the guest speaker. The purpose of the March for Life is to educate members of Congress about the personhood of each born and preborn human being in existence at fertilization. Parishioner Diane Travisano also participated in the March.*

## Cursillos in Christianity

by Gerry Grabowski

In today's world, can Christianity penetrate the many areas of secular life? Can it live there? Can it grow there? The Cursillo Movement thinks so. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared in any area of human life where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God in an ongoing manner. The goal of the movement is that Christ be the prime influence in society.

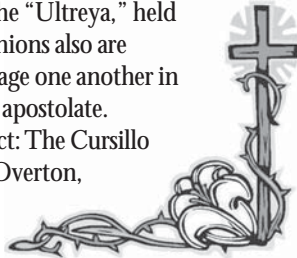
### Format of the Exercises

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning "short course." It begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday night. During those three days, those attending live and work together listening to talks given by priests and laity. They also share the Eucharist and pray together.

### The Fourth Day

The "after" activity of the Cursillo is known as the "fourth day." During this time, perseverance is important just as it is in any method of renewal. In the Cursillo Movement, the community spirit is continued after the three days through the "Ultreya," held monthly at St. Bernard. Small group reunions also are available in order for members to encourage one another in spiritual improvement and the Christian apostolate.

For more information, please contact: The Cursillo Movement, Diocese of Providence, Ted Overton, Director, 397-6500, or at St. Bernard's, Gerry R. Grabowski, 294-6314.



## Candidates Strengthened Through Confirmation



*Bishop Robert E. Mulvey (second from left) administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 58 candidates at St. Bernard's on November 30. Here is he seen with Colleen Murray and her sponsor Patrick Murray, along with Fr. Dennis. A special thanks to the Confirmation catechists who prepared these candidates to receive the sacrament: Deborah Augenstein, Peggy DaLuz, Robin D'Errico, Kathleen Goulding, Susan LaPerriere, Gina Sayles and Jeffrey Smith. And, congratulations to the candidates, who are now full members of the church.*

## Sabbath House Offers Prayer and Hospitality

Would you like to find a place to go for rest and relaxation, for days of prayer and reflection, or for private and directed retreats? Well, you needn't go far—the Passionist Community has a house at One Wright Lane in Wickford, just steps away from Wickford Cove.

Sr. Joanne Fahey, CP, Sabbath House director, is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross & Passion, which was established around the cornerstone of hospitality.

According to Sr. Joanne, Sabbath House is open to men and women of all faiths, and serves as a place of quiet and solitude away from a busy schedule and the demands of daily life and work. "Spiritual direction is offered on an ongoing basis," she said.

Sr. Joanne will be leading a Lenten program, "Walking the Lenten Journey 2004," Tues., Mar. 30, from 9 a.m. to noon, focusing on "Free to Be Faithful." Offering is \$10. The weekend of May 14-16 is reserved for anyone wishing to make a private or directed retreat. And, a "Come & See" weekend will be held June 11-13 for anyone interested in learning more about Passionist spirituality.

For more information about any of these programs, please call Sr. Joanne at 294-9022.



## Good Morning, St. Bernard's...



**That nice voice you hear when you call the parish center is that of Judi DiMartino, the new parish secretary. Judi began working at the parish center on Dec. 12. She and her husband and three sons live in West Warwick. Welcome, Judi!!!**

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## It Takes a Parish...



*Many parishioners helped to make the Christmas celebrations beautiful and uplifting, including these altar servers (l to r) Chad Livernois, Caroline McKendall and Kathryn Gillette. First and foremost, thanks to everyone who contributed toward the flowers and decorations. A special thanks to Angelo Giacchi, Ron Lewis and Joanne Meloccaro, who did a beautiful job decorating the church, including the manger scene and simple, yet elegant, flowers. The parish choir, under the direction of Alison Shea, led the masses in glorious song. Thanks, too, to Betty Hemsley for donating the traditional Christmas tree, to the Schartner family for the seasonal poinsettias and to Jim Glawson, who donated the luminaries that lit the way on Christmas Eve. It all combined to make a truly blessed Christmas at St. Bernard's.*

## Calendar of Events (continued)

*Fri, May 14 - Sun., May 16* Retreat at Sabbath House  
*Sat., May 22* Parents' Night Out (Youth Ministry)  
*Fri., June 11 - Sun., June 13* "Come & See" Weekend, Sabbath House

## News, News, News..

### Prayer and Reconciliation Service

On Good Friday, Apr. 9, the North Kingstown Clergy Association will host the traditional three-hour (noon to 3 p.m.) period of prayer and reconciliation at the 1st Baptist Church of Wickford.



### Walk for Hunger

Join our religious education students as they walk for hunger on Good Friday, Apr. 9. If you can't walk, consider being a sponsor. For more details on walking or contributing, contact the parish center at 295-0387.

### Need A Good Book... or More?

*Did you know St. Bernard's has a "lending library" within the Media Center? There are novels, lives of the Saints, spiritual books, prayer books, the Pope's poetry, videos and music available for loan. It's free and informal — just sign a card and you can borrow it for as long as you want! The library is open Sundays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*