

PARISH EVENTS**4th DEGREE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY:**Meeting: **Tuesday, January 5th at 7:30 pm.****ST BERNARD KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL:**Meeting: **Monday, January 11th at 7:30 pm.****CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

- Thank you to all the parishioners for their kind support to the Christmas Stocking for the children and mothers at the CAS. (Children's Aid Society)
- A special thanks to Diane Groniger and her family for repairing the beautiful wreaths which decorate our church for Christmas.
- Meeting: **Thursday, January 14th at 7:30 pm** following the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 pm.
- Thank you to all who participated in the Bake Sale. The CWL raised \$523.

SENIOR'S CARD CLUB: The Senior's Card Club meets weekly at **1:00 pm on Wednesdays**. Next meeting: **December 23rd**. **All are welcome.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Pastoral Council meets every other month. The next meeting will be **Thursday January 7, 2010 at 7:30 pm**. The Pastoral Council is looking for new members. If you wish to help, please contact Father John.

FINANCIAL COUNCIL: The next quarterly meeting of the Financial Council will be scheduled in January.

CEMETERY COUNCIL: This council meets quarterly after the Financial Council meetings.

CASH COUNTERS:

Sunday 27, Dec.: Bob Cameron and Tom Conklin

LECTORS:**Saturday 19, December**

5:00 pm Jane O'Leary

Sunday 20, December

9:00 am Lindsay Hinds

11:00 am Doug Randall

Thursday 24, December

3:00 pm Children's Mass

5:00 pm Children's Mass

8:00 pm Craig Azar

12:00 pm Doug Randall

Friday 25, December

11:00 pm Richard Darbyshire

Saturday 26, December

5:00 pm Richard Darbyshire

Sunday 27, December

9:00 am Deslyn Agard

11:00 am Ghebre Ogbalidet

MASS INTENTIONS**Wednesday 23, December**

9:15 am For Annabel Legault
by Friends from St.
Columban

Thursday 24, December

3:00 pm For Moe St. Jacques by
His Wife & Family

5:00 pm For Our Parish Community

8:00 pm For Our Parish Community

12:00 pm For Kay Hopkins & Rodney Thompson
by Colleen Randall
Michael & Loretta McGuire & Deceased
Members of McGuire Family by
Beauchamp Family

Friday 25, December

11:00 am For Simone Adrian & Francois
Beauchamp by Beauchamp Family

Saturday 26, December

5:00 pm For Dorothy Smit by Therese Maheux
Ed Gagne by Pat Gagne
Stanley Chodolak by Jay Chodolak

Sunday 27, December

9:00 am For Roberto Farese by
Fred & Berthe Farese

11:00 am For Jean Deschambault by
His Wife & Family

Tammy Kilmartin by Family
Deceased Members of the Arban &
Basso Families by
Luciana & Joe Arban

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**Saturday 19, December**

5:00 pm Craig Azar

Sunday 20, December

9:00 am Carmen Cambereri

11:00 am Maureen Wainwright

Thursday 24, December

3:00 pm Maureen Wainwright & Pam Paciocco

5:00 pm Maureen Wainwright & Jenny Laprise

8:00 pm Florence Johnston & Chris McEvoy

12:00 pm Colleen Randall & Doug Randall

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COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Parishioners who know of someone who wishes to receive communion at home are encouraged to be ministers of communion to the sick. To receive a pix and short instruction, see Fr. John after any mass.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED: Please



remember in your prayers all those in our parish community who are sick and in need of encouragement:
Gerard Tessier, Joseph MacDonald and Tami Thompson.

COLLECTION REPORT: December 13, 2009: \$ 3440

FINANCIAL UPDATE: We currently have **\$110,000** on deposit at an interest rate of 3.5%. We also have approximately **\$35,000** in our TD savings account. We do not have any debt. Our parish is financially healthy thanks to your generosity and sacrifice. Thank you!

THE SPIRIT OF ST. BERNARD CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Thank you to those who have given generously to our Christmas hampers. We will be assembling the hampers in the foyer on **Tuesday Dec 22 at 9am**. If you can help, please drop by the church at 9am. Pick up will be between 10am and Noon. Many hands will make light work. God Bless you all.

SENIOR'S CARD CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: The club had a wonderful Christmas luncheon in our church hall last Wednesday. It was enjoyed by all. Fr. John and Janet Perry wish to thank the club for inviting them. Special thanks to Therese Maheux and Dorothy Deschambault for organizing the event.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Choir practices will take place from 12 to 1:30 on Sunday, December 20th. **Come out, sign up and get involved!** For more information contact Maureen Wainwright at 613-526-4390 or Maureen.Wainwright@ottawacatholicschools.ca.

NEW WEB SITE! We are very pleased to announce the launch of our newly designed web site. The address is the same and we invite to 'browse' at your convenience: www.saintbernardparish.com.

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to the pastor or complete the following and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

The Everyday Housewife

Micah 5:2-5, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

It's often the small things in life that really are so important. The choice of words we say to each other, the way we look at one another, our expressions of affection and so on. The presence of positive words, looks, expressions of affection can make a world of difference in anyone's life. Most of us are fed on the daily bread of routine. We are nourished by our interactions with one another, by a job well done, a meal nicely prepared, a home that is cozy and welcoming.

And so it should really not come as much of a surprise to us that the last Gospel we hear before the feast of Christmas is a story about two women meeting together and having a visit. Mary and Elizabeth greet each other, and "as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting...Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit". God becomes present as two women greet one another. Is this so strange? Doesn't this happen all the time? God is found in the everyday goings on between people. Little things mean a lot.

What do you imagine happened during that time? Probably nothing unusual. Mary and Elizabeth cooked meals, did the dishes, cleaned the house, fetched water, chatted with each other. I suppose that during the last months of Elizabeth's pregnancy she was grateful for the extra help that Mary provided. Lots of help with the little things that needed doing. And I'm sure that Elizabeth was very thankful for the companionship that Mary brought during those many weeks.

And still some of us don't seem to get it. We keep looking for the big moment when we are finally going to shine. Well, perhaps the big moment has arrived and will continue to arrive each day of our lives as we meet each other in the morning with a kind hello, a caring smile, a welcome hug.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: Please note the parish office will be closed from December 24th through January 5th. If you have an urgent matter, you can leave a message at 613/738-1943. The next bulletin will cover the period of December 21st through January 3rd. If you have an item that needs to be published, please send it to Jackie Gorman: the.gormans@sympatico.ca or the rectory office: stbernard@rogers.com before noon on the 21st. Thank you!