

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday 30, December

9:15 am For Our Parish Community

Thursday 31, December - New Year's Eve

5 pm For Our Parish Community

Friday 1, January - New Year's Day

9:00 am For Sandy Vamosi by Scarlett Vamosi
11:00 am For Our Parish Community

Saturday 2, January

5:00 pm For the Intention of Eileen Quigley
For Ellen & George Lacharity by the Johnston Family
Dorothy Smit by Rosemary Nevin
Stanley Chodolak by Jay Chodolak

Sunday 3, January

9:00 am For Our Parish Community
11:00 am For Our Parish Community

Wednesday 6, January

9:15 am For Annabel Legault by Rheel Legault

Thursday 7, January

6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm For Holy Souls in Purgatory by Elisabeth Nejedly

Friday 8, January

9:15 am For Our Parish Community

Saturday 9, January

5:00 pm For Stanley Chodolak by Jay Chodolak

Sunday 10, January

9:00 am For Our Parish Community
11:00 am For Our Parish Community

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.

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.

CASH COUNTERS:

Sunday 3, Jan.: Christine & Emily Ebron
Sunday 10, Jan.: Rita Kamar & Tom Conklin

LECTORS:

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

Thursday 31, December

5:00 pm Marina Dooley

Friday 1, January

9:00 am TBA
11:00 am Maureen Wainwright

Saturday 2, January

5:00 pm Helen Janis

Sunday 3, January

9:00 am Joshua Ajimati
11:00 am Family Mass

Saturday 9, January

5:00 pm Richard Darbyshire

Sunday 10, January

9:00 am Jane O'Leary
11:00 am Marina Dooley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

Friday 25, December

11:00 pm Colleen Randall & Roberto Edjoc

Saturday 26, December

5:00 pm Florence Johnston

Sunday 27, December

9:00 am Lindsay Hinds
11:00 am Pam Paciocco

Thursday 31, December

5:00 pm Richard Darbyshire

Friday 1, January

9:00 am TBA
11:00 am Coleen Randall

Saturday 2, January

5:00 pm Lorna De Sousa

Sunday 3, January

9:00 am Carmen Cambareri
11:00 am Maureen Wainwright

Saturday 9, January

5:00 pm Tony Van Kessel

Sunday 10, January

9:00 am Craig Azar
11:00 am Maureen Wainwright

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:

Meeting: **Thursday, January 14th at 7:30 pm** following the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 pm.

SENIOR'S CARD CLUB: The Senior's Card Club meets weekly at **1:00 pm on Wednesdays**. Next meeting: **December 30th**. **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.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY:

Masses next week will be **Thursday 31 Dec at 5 PM and Friday 1 Jan at 9 AM and 11 AM**. There will also be a Mass Wed. 30 Dec at 9:15 AM as usual.

COLLECTION REPORT: December 20, 2009: \$4132

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 everyone who donated to the Christmas hamper program and to those involved with the organization and assembly. Your generosity is much appreciated by these families in need. God Bless you all.

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. Thank you!

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.

Fr. John's Christmas Message

In the gospel passage for Mass Christmas night we hear the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke. It is a story so simple that even the youngest child can grasp it; yet, even after more than 2000 years, it is a mystery so profound that the richness of its meaning remains inexhaustible. Christ is born of Mary so that He might live in us. We who accept Jesus, who became flesh, become the children of God, not by natural generation but by divine grace. The good news of Christmas will not be fully realized until we can say with Saint Paul: "I live, no longer as myself, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20).

Sometimes people tell me they are afraid of God, yet when we look at Jesus Christ as a child in a manger: Who can be afraid of such a God? Mary, caring loving for her child, becomes the icon of the care that God wants us to extend to every human being, especially the most needy and vulnerable. In truth, our caring for others is care extended to Christ himself.

This Christmas I hope all may truly feel the Christmas spirit: May it guide our work and lives throughout the year. In the darkness of the night, the Christ child shines out as a wonderful light beckoning all of us to realise our full potential in God's plan. I wish each one of you a merry Christmas and may this New Year 2010 be filled with bright promise and many blessings. AMEN

CHURCH ENVELOPES – 2010: The 2010 church envelopes are ready for pick up at the Church entrance.

- *Those parishioners who had boxes this year are asked to please take the box labeled with your name.*
- *All others should feel free to take any blank boxes available.*
- *This year you will find a special envelope each month, for your donation to the Renovation Fund.*

Once again, we thank you for your cooperation and your generosity.

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: _____