

ST. BERNARD PARISH



SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 5:00 pm.
Sunday 9:00 am & 11 am (Children's Liturgy)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 9:15 am.
Thursday 6:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm. Mass
Friday 9:15 am.

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernard School: 613-521-5894
Principal - Deanna Perry
1722 St. Bernard St., Gloucester K1T 1K8
St. Marguerite d'Youville School: 613-737-1141
Principal - Carole Parent
89 Lorry Greenberg Dr., Ottawa K1T 3J6
St. Thomas More School: 613-739-7131
Principal - Valerie Wright
1620 Blohm Dr., Ottawa K1G 5N6
St. Francis Xavier High School: 613-822-7900
Principal - Peter Atkinson
3740 Spratt Rd, Gloucester K1V 2M1



PASTOR: Rev. John Whyte

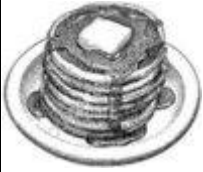
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OUR PARISH EVENTS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

Come on down to the Church hall after our 9:00 & 11:00 Masses and enjoy a pancake breakfast cooked and served by our Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome! Donations go to Vocations.

4th DEGREE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY
Meeting: *Tues., Feb. 2nd - 7:30 pm.*

ST. BERNARD KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL
Meeting: *Mon., Feb. 8th - 7:30 pm.*



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meeting: *Thurs., Feb. 11th at 7:30 pm.* following Mass at 7:00 pm. If you are not a member of the CWL but would like to find out more about them you are always welcome to come and sit in.

SENIOR'S CARD CLUB: The Senior's Card Club meets weekly at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays. Next meeting: *Jan. 20th.* All are welcome.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Pastoral Council meets every other month. The next meeting will be *Thurs., Mar. 4th 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 March.

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

YOUR OFFERING: January 9/10 -- \$2,562.50
Cash Counters for Sun., Jan. 24th – Doug Randall & Janet Perry *Thank you for your continued generosity.*

NEXT WEEKEND'S LECTORS

Saturday, January 23rd

5 pm Richard Darbyshire

Sunday, January 24th

9 am Jeff Corman 11 am Ghebre Ogbalidet

Saturday, January 30th

5 pm Roberto Edjoc

Sunday, January 31st

9 am Lindsay Hinds 11 am KOC

CHECK IT OUT!

Our **NEW** Parish Web Site!
www.saintbernardparish.com



Masses For The Week

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

January 20th, 21st & 22nd: NO MASS THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 23rd

5 pm. For Stanley Chodolak by Joy Chodolak

Sunday, January 24th: Third Sunday in Ordinary

Time 9:00 am. For the parish community

11:00 am. For the parish community

NEXT WEEKEND'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 23rd

5:00 pm Florence Johnston

Sunday, January 24th

9:00 am Carmen Cambareri

11:00 am Maureen Wainwright

Saturday, January 30th

5:00 pm Tony Van Kessel

Sunday, January 31st

9:00 am Carmen Cambareri

11:00 am Knights of Columbus



Pope John XXIII once said that "When men are animated by the charity of Christ they feel united; the needs, the sufferings, and the joys of another are felt as their own." In this year of the priest, we pray that many men, animated by the charity of Christ, will feel united to Jesus in His priesthood and to the people of God. *Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests*

LET US WELCOME FR. BILL NUGGENT this weekend. Fr. John is away on a well-deserved holiday and will return this Fri., Jan. 22nd.



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.* If you

would like a name added to this list please call the office.

DONATION FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN HAÏTI:

On behalf of the faithful, the Archdiocese of Ottawa has sent a donation of \$10,000, from its Diocesan and Missionary Works Fund, to support the assistance being provided by Development & Peace, through Caritas Haïti, to earthquake victims in Haïti. Please remember the victims and their families in Haïti especially the Catholics

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of Port-au-Prince whose bishop, Archbishop Joseph Serge-Miot, was killed in the earthquake.

WE WELCOME DEACON JEFF NELSON to our parish. He was ordained as a permanent deacon on December 27 and has been assigned to St. Bernard Parish by Archbishop Prendergast. Deacon Jeff is married with children and lives in the Glebe. We look forward to his ministry here. He will begin in February.

RENOVATIONS: Work will begin shortly on converting the hall stage into a new parish meeting area with a folding accordion door to also give the flexibility of increased hall space if needed. This work will be done by a number of parish volunteers at minimal cost to the parish. Also the hall kitchen dishwasher has a cracked pump that can not be fixed at a reasonable cost and will thus need to be replaced.

FIRST COMMUNION INFO:

Mandatory Parent Meeting: *Tues., Jan. 26 at 6:30 pm.* for grade 2 parents from all three schools at St. Bernard Parish. The meeting will cover all aspects of the upcoming celebrations.

Enrollment Ceremony: The enrollment masses for First communion children will be held at St. Bernard Church as follows: St. Thomas More – *Sun., Jan. 31st*
Marguerite D'Youville – *Sun., Feb. 7th*
St. Bernard School – *Sun., Feb. 14th*

At the enrollment children will receive a blessing, a special enrollment cross and will sign their names in the parish's enrollment book.

As members of St. Bernard Parish, let us support these children on this journey through our prayers.

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration: École Sainte-Bernadette for full-time kindergarten-four year olds will take place on Feb. 3 and 4, 2010. Please call the school at 613-521-0875 and we will be glad to book an appointment.

St. Thomas More School is looking for volunteers who would be willing to donate 1 hour a week to read with grade 1-3 students. They are looking for a commitment of at least once a week for 6 weeks or more, a valid police check is required. Contact: Shelly Lyonnais 613-739-7131.

Name

Phone

Chosen to Make a Difference

The readings for this Sunday provide us with two distinctive themes: a new reality characterized by a wedding and the challenge of life in the Spirit.

Everyone loves a wedding. It is a public manifestation of commitment, the beginning of a new family with all its promise and a great time for a party. If it is such a time of happiness, why do people cry at weddings? Might it be that they realize that the couple has moved beyond what is obvious and is creating something new and extraordinary, and they are basing the future of this new reality on trust in each other?

Was it by accident that Isaiah used the wedding metaphor to characterize the intimate bond between God and the people? Was it by accident that the first wondrous sign that John records occurred during a wedding feast? The answer to both questions is probably no.

Zion/Jerusalem had been destroyed. It was "Forsaken," "Desolate." But something new was about to take place. The wedding metaphor captures both its excitement and its hope. The excitement and hope that surged through the wedding feast that Jesus attended exemplified the excitement and hope that would mark his ministry.

Probably every one of us would rise to the occasion if we knew we had been chosen to make a difference. We would thrill to the idea of being chosen for any distinction. To think that we have what it takes to make a difference! Now that is something.

But we have been. We are the ones who have been chosen to change the world. We are the ones called to bring about the peace for which so many people long. We have been given the responsibility to reform our church. You may say: "We can't do it." Why not? Look at all of the marvelous gifts we have been given. The Letter to the Corinthians lists but a few: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing powers, the ability to perform mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues and their interpretation. We have indeed been chosen to make a difference.

What would happen if we considered this new year as the beginning of a new relationship with God, something like a wedding? How would the world change if each one of us took hold of even one of the marvelous gifts that we have been given by the Spirit and transformed our lives, like water transformed into good wine and then shared with others? Why can't such transformation occur? Isaiah recounted how the devastated Israel was restored; John reports how water became wine. The same Spirit, the same Lord, the same God works in us. Why can't it be done today?



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

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Praying with Scripture: *What special gift have you received from God that you share with others?*