

WELCOME

The Catholic Community of 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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Masses For The Week

Wednesday, February 24th:

9:15 am. For our Parish Community

Thursday, February 25th

6:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm. For our Parish Community

Friday, February 26th

9:15 am. For Annabel Legault by Rheel Legault

7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross by CWL

Saturday, February 27th

5:00 pm. For Stanley Chodolak by Jay Chodolak

Sunday, February 28st: Second Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 am. For Annabel Legault by the Groniger family

Please note: *The NEW Lector/Eucharistic Minister Schedule and Collection Counter Schedule are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.*

All schedules are also posted on our parish website www.saintbernardparish.com

Thank you for your loving service to Our Lord.



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.

OUR PARISH EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:

Tues., Feb. 23rd at 7:30 pm.

4th DEGREE KOC ASSEMBLY:

Meeting - *Tues., Mar. 2nd at 7:30 pm.*

KOC COUNCIL: Meeting - *Mon., Mar. 8th at 7:30 pm.*

The Knights of Columbus welcomes new members anytime. If you are interested in gaining more information about serving your parish and community, please contact: Larry Corrigan lecorrigan@hotmail.com

KOC ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Where: St. Bernard's Parish Hall

When: *March 13th, 2010*

Time: 8:00 pm. – 1:00 pm.

What: DJ, Irish Lunch, Spot

Dances & GOOD TIMES

Cost: \$5.00/person Profits to benefit Haiti

RSVP: Larry Corrigan 613-737-3768

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Next Meeting: *Thurs., Mar. 11th at 7:30 pm.*

following 7 pm. Mass. 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.

THE SENIOR'S CARD CLUB meets weekly at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays. Next meeting: *Feb 24th.* All are welcome.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets every other month. The next meeting will be *Thurs., Mar. 4th at 7:30 pm.* A warm welcome to our new members, **Bill Cahill** and **Craig Azar.**

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: February 13/14 - \$2,450.50

Cash Counters for Sun., Feb. 28th – Doug Randall & Janet Perry

Your 2009 TAX RECEIPTS are now available to be picked up in the Foyer. If you have an address change, question or concern, please contact the office at 613-738-1943. *Thank you for your continued generosity.*

OUR

PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY WEEKLY EVENTS DURING LENT



THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION MEETING will take place *THIS Thurs., Feb. 25th at 7:30 pm.* in the Church Hall. Baptisms

take place on the last Sunday of the month at 10:00 am.
* Parents only, please call the parish office to register for the mandatory Baptismal prep session: 613-738-1943

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADE 5'S AT ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL who made **over 900 sandwiches** for the Shepherd's of Good Hope last Thursday. What a great way to begin the Lenten Season!

THIS COULD BE FOR YOU.... Would you like to volunteer as the Development & Peace Representative for our Parish? More information about the Development and Peace organization can be found on their National Website www.devp.org. Our representative would promote the annual Lenten collection for Development & Peace. No experience or training is required, simply a desire and concern for social justice issues. Please talk to Fr. John at 613-738-1943 if you are interested.

RENOVATION UPDATE

THE BATHROOMS IN THE RECTORY are now in the process of being renovated. The rectory has 2½ bathrooms and the renovations of all 3 will be complete in about 2 weeks. The cost will be approximately \$5,000 per bathroom for a total of \$15,000. Our bank account balance is \$40,000 and our term savings is \$110,000.

THE PARISH HALL EXPANSION is nearly complete. All that remains to be done is to install the folding door which has been ordered. Many thanks to members of the Knights of Columbus who donated

COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN & MISSIONARY WORKS IS THIS SUN., FEB. 21st: This collection enables the Archdiocese of Ottawa to respond to requests for assistance from Canadian and foreign dioceses, as well as from various groups such as: Campaign Life, National March for Life, Legion of Mary Handicap Pilgrimage, Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry and more.



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.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Fr. John's Lenten Message

I like St. Paul's image of the ambassador which we find in the second reading of the Ash Wednesday liturgy: "We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us".

Now an ambassador is an official representative for a country. Therefore being an ambassador for God means that we are official representatives of God in this world. And we received our official status at baptism and through confirmation and the Eucharist.

A great part of an ambassador's job is to reconcile, to accommodate, to smooth over, to settle differences – and God's ambassadors also must reconcile -- and this takes the form of words which instruct and guide, and actions which show visibly that we believe in God and respect his commandments.

But we can hardly seek to be an ambassador who reconciles, if we are not reconciled ourselves.

The good news is far from throwing us out on our ear as bad ambassadors, God constantly asks us back to himself. St. Paul writes: "We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God". And he goes on to encourage us by saying: "Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation".

And so the image of God, which St. Paul gives us, is one where God trusts us enough to call us his ambassadors -- but knowing our weaknesses, he never ceases to call us back to reconciliation.

This is what the season of Lent is all about: to increase in our love for God and to become better and more credible ambassadors for Christ.

Lent is the season for meaningful sacrifices, and for honest prayers.

Lent is the season to come back to the Lord who calls us to return to him.

Whether it is through fasting, almsgiving, special prayers and devotions, or doing without something we like, or through acts of kindness for others in need, remember to see Our Lord in the sacrifices you make.

Above all, make this Lent a time to recognize Jesus Christ, who calls us to the high calling to be his ambassadors to the world.



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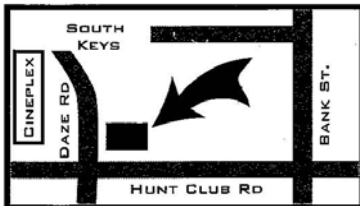
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