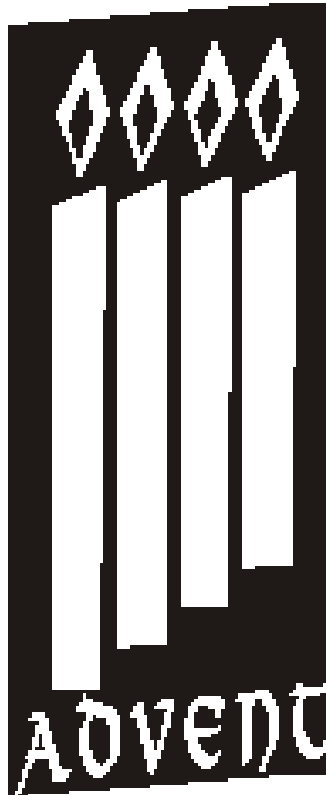


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The Catholic Community of St. Bernard Parish



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. (every other week with
St. Bernard School)



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Masses For The Week

Wednesday, December 22nd

9:15 am. For Anne Carney by Cleyne family

Thursday, December 23rd

6:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm. For our Parish Community

Friday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

3:00 pm. For Moe St. Jacques by family
Repose of soul of Justin Ernst by
Ebron family

5:00 pm. For our Parish Community

8:00 pm. For our Parish Community

Midnight For Robert & Kathleen Hopkins and
Rodney Thompson by Colleen Randall

Saturday, December 25th: Christmas Day

11:00 pm. Repose of soul of Joaquim Cruz &
Rosa Cunha by Pureza Family

Sunday, December 26th: Holy Family

9:00 am. For our Parish Community

11:00 am. For our Parish Community

NOTE: Lector/Eucharistic Minister Schedule &
Collection Counter Schedule are posted on the bulletin
board in the foyer as well as on our parish website:
www.saintbernardparish.com

OUR PARISH EVENTS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus welcomes
new members anytime.

Contact:

Richard Darbyshire: rdarbyshirec506@rogers.com

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION: Next Meeting -
Tues., Jan. 25th, 2011 - 7:30 pm.

KOC COUNCIL MEETING: *Mon., Jan. 10th - 7:30 PM.*

4TH DEGREE KOC ASSEMBLY: Next Meeting - *Tues.,
Jan. 4th, 2011 - 7:30 pm.*

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

This year we have requests for 11 food hampers.
Your food or cash donations would be appreciated
and can be brought to the Church by *Tues., Dec.
21st.*

Your **HELP** is also needed to prepare the hampers
on *Tues., Dec. 21st* from 7:00 pm. - 8:00 pm. and on
Wed. Dec. 22nd from 10:00 am. - noon to assemble
hampers.

Thank you for helping others!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) NEWS

For more information email our CWL parish
president, Janie O'Leary: janieoleary@hotmail.ca or
on line at www.saintbernardparish.com/cwl

1ST MEETING OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE is *Wed., Jan
5th* at 7:30 pm.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: *Thurs., Jan. 13th, 2011 at
7:30 pm.* following the 7:00 pm. Mass.

CWL WISHES TO THANK ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED to
the Christmas Stocking. The items have been
distributed to needy families in the parish and
families receiving child protection services from the
Ottawa Children's Aid Society.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those in our
parish community who are sick and in need of
encouragement: *Craig Azar, Gilbert Poirier, Paul
Rodriguez, Gerard Tessier, Joseph MacDonald
and Tami Thompson.* To remove or add names
from this list please call the office.



THE SENIOR'S CARD CLUB will resume meeting in the
new year starting *Wed., Jan. 5th* at 1:00 pm. All are
welcome. Info: Therese Maheux, 613-521-3112 or
Dorothy Deschambeault, 613-521-5749

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: will meet again in January
2011. Bill Cahill, Chair.

FINANCIAL COUNCIL: The next meeting will take place
in January. Yves Beauchamp, Chair.

OUR PARISH COLLECTIONS

Dec. 11/12 Regular: \$2,812.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CASH COUNTERS:

Sun. Dec. 26th: Janet Perry & Janet Doherty

CRA CHARITY NUMBER: Our parish is registered with
CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This
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DONATION BY CREDIT CARD OR INTERAC: Go to
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CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE!

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DECEMBER 19, 2010 (YEAR A)

Call to Holiness, the Saints among Us

REMINDER: THIS SUN., DEC. 19TH

For the 3:00 or 5:00 pm. Christmas Eve Masses

CHOIR PRACTICE is from 10 am. - 11 am.


PROCESSION PRACTICE is from 12:00-12:45 pm.

Info: Maureen Wainwright, 613-526-4390

Email: Maureen.Wainwright@ottawacatholicschools.ca

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed *Fri., Dec. 24th to Mon., Jan. 3rd* and reopening on *Tues., Jan. 4th, 2011*.


If you have an urgent matter, you can leave a message at 613-738-1943. The next bulletin will cover both Christmas and New Years. If you have an item that needs to be published, please send it to Suzanne McKenna: suznmckenna@gmail.com before noon on *Wed. Dec. 22nd*. Thank you!

 **RCIA** The RCIA meets *THIS Thursday at 7:30 pm.* in the Church Board Room. There will be no RCIA between Christmas and New Years. Information: Florence Johnston, mdjohnston@rogers.com

The **NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** will take place *Thurs., Jan. 27th, 2011 at 7:30 pm. in the Church.* Baptisms take place on the last Sunday of the month. There are no baptisms in December.

Parents please call our parish office to register for the Baptismal preparation session at 613-738-1943.



 **POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR AT CHRISTMAS:** Contributions are now being accepted for the poinsettias, which will decorate the Christmas altar. We ask that the foil that wraps around the pot be gold if possible so that it is unified on the Altar. Donations can be made as a memorial, a thank offering, or in honour of someone special.

NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to fill out a parish registration form found on the table in the foyer or on our Parish Web Site: www.saintbernardparish.com. Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass.

2011 NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Fri., Dec. 31st New Year's Eve 5:00 pm. Mass only

Sat., Jan. 1st New Year's Day 11:00 am.

5:00 pm. Mass for Sunday

Sun., Jan. 2nd Epiphany 9:00 am. & 11:00 am.

A REFLECTION OF THIS WEEKEND'S SUNDAY READINGS

A dream changed Joseph's life and ours. A mere dream, like what you and I have every night.

How trustworthy could this be? And yet the safety of Mary and the child Jesus depended on it. In his dream, an angel told him that Mary's pregnancy was from the Holy Spirit of God. Mary had accepted readily but without really understanding. Joseph should not be afraid of the pregnancy, even though he had not yet even married this woman.

Not be afraid? Already everyone could see that Joseph's fiancé was "in a family way." In Biblical culture marriage was a sacred act, a participation in God's own fidelity, and it seemed that Mary had broken with that fidelity, at least as far as the townspeople could see. The Blessed Mother a public sinner! No wonder Joseph was making arrangements for a "quiet divorce."

So why in the world would he reverse himself and trust a dream? Do you trust dreams? We take a dream for what it is, a mechanism of our psyche that somehow processes our experience but does not give us literal truth. We do not usually rely on them for life-changing messages. Why did Joseph?

I think the answer has to do with something St. Ignatius of Loyola calls "discernment." In general, discernment is an examination of one's internal reactions ("movements of spirit"), especially in prayer.

You and I have to be careful not to get carried away by this notion. Probably many of us could convince ourselves that God or an angel spoke to us this morning. We need to "discern" which experiences are from God and which are not. Are they quiet? Do they lead toward God or away? What is the long-term result?

Joseph's dream might have been a movement of this kind. It contained a quiet certainty of the presence of God. No doubts followed it, though they would surely seem warranted.

Joseph was a good man. He already had a storehouse of trust in God's love. The message fit right into the design of Joseph's life with God. And so he followed.

What is your internal sense of the Christmas story? Is the birth of God an impossible tale reserved for children? Or do you find the roots of trust within yourself as Joseph did?

John Foley, S. J.

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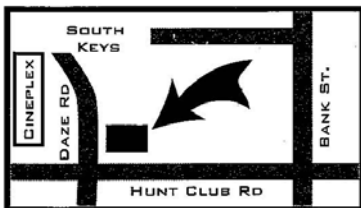
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