

**"Even now the ax lies
at the root of the trees."**

December 5, 2010

**ADVENT
2nd Sunday**

lighting of the Christmas trees and manger out in front of the church. Then join us for hot chocolate and cookies.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 11:1-10. *The descendant of David will come; the Spirit of the Lord will be upon him.*

Romans 15:4-9. *May God grant you to think in harmony with one another.*

Matthew 3:1-12. *Produce good fruit as a sign of your repentance.*

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. Dec. 4 4PM Manuel & Maria Duarte
5:30PM Wedding: David Michael Sylvaria & Chelsea Ann MacIntosh
- Sun. Dec. 5 8:30 Luis Tavares
10:30 Anna Megna
Mass for those Baptized this year
- Mon. Dec. 6 9AM Sophie Albernaz
Jeanne Frechette-Month's Mind
- Tue. Dec. 7 9AM Rita & Vincent Powell
7 PM Jeannette Canuel
- Wed. Dec. 8 9AM Our Parishioners
6:30PM Mass for Religious Education Children
- Thu. Dec. 9 9AM Intention at the discretion of priest
- Sat. Dec. 11 4PM Ernest P. LeBeau Jr. & Ernest P. LeBeau Sr.
- Sun. Dec. 12 8:30 Anthony J. Mauro
Elizabeth Menard
10:30 Peter Gonsalves

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 4PM Taylor Kelly
Claudette Laffan
Sandi Sevigney
- 8:30 Bob Adams
Roxie Leary
Denise Branco
- 10:30 Barret Castro
Susan Plonka
Carol Levesque

LECTORS:

- Paul Levesque
- Janine Perry
- Michael Patrick

HOLIDAY MASSES:

- 12/7 7PM Bob Viveiros Sandi Sevigney
Joyce Viveiros
- 12/8 6:30PM Scott Rouillier CCD Students
Ellen Demetrius

**HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
VIGIL MASS – TUESDAY AT 7PM.**

**WEDNESDAY MASSES AT 9AM AND 6:30PM
ALL CCD CLASSES HAVE ENDED FOR THE YEAR!**

Even though classes are through, all students and their families are invited to attend the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:30pm. Following Mass all are invited outside for the blessing and

LIMITED QUANTITIES OF THE 2010 HARVEST FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

are available free to any parishioner who would like one while they last. Sizes are small, large and ex-large in men's styles. Please contact BOB ADAMS at 508-644-2491 and we can make arrangements to pick it up.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Why not give the beautiful gift of music? Last year people from St. Bernard's and the United Church got together and recorded a unique Christmas CD- Assonet Village Christmas which contains Christmas music of many different varieties. CD's are on sale through New Years for \$15 each. They can be obtained by contacting Paul Levesque at 508-644-2046 or email: paul.levesque@comcast.net

THE NEXT YOUTH DANCE will be Friday, December 10, from 7-10PM. It will be a "Costume Optional Dance", where you can come dressed like Santa, an elf, a reindeer, Frosty the Snowman or anything Christmas themed or in regular street clothes. There will be prizes for first and second place. Tickets are \$8.00 each with refreshments available. These dances are for children in Grades 5-8.

ST. BERNARD EMAIL LIST: With the upcoming winter weather, this email list will allow Fr. Mike to reach you quickly in the event of a weather situation or for any other parish matter. On Tuesday 11/16/10 at 11:41 am Paul Levesque tested our parish email list. If you did not receive this test email it is because you have not asked to be put on this list. To be added please send your name and email address to: StBernardAssonet@aol.com and we will add you to the list.



The Giving Tree Please take a tag from the giving tree if you would like to participate. Follow the directions on the tag as to whether or not to wrap your gift. We provide gifts for young people at St Vincent's Home in Fall River, Whitney Academy in East Freetown, IDDI in Assonet and local families in need. We also collect any and all new baby items for Birthright of Greater New Bedford and A Women's Concern who help and support women

who choose life. Please return all items with the tag attached no later than Sunday, December 12th so that we have time to inventory, sort and distribute them. This is always a popular activity during Advent and well supported. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions, please call **KATHY MARTIN** at 508-644-3063.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is lit for the month of December in memory of **JAMES HASKINS.**

THE MARY CANDLE is lit for the month of December in memory of PAUL CORMIER.

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING – is scheduled for Sunday, Dec.12 for any child who has made their First Communion. Any questions, call Barret at 774-451-2288.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010

(Snowdate: Sunday, Dec. 19)

8:30AM – 12 NOON

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, ham or sausage, breakfast pastries,

juice, coffee, or hot chocolate! Yummy!!! Tickets are on sale at the door: \$7 adults and \$4 children under age 12. Kids Who Cook invite all the little ones to do their own Christmas shopping at Santa's Gift Shoppe...minimum height required for entry! Come and enjoy the fun!

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT is scheduled for Sunday December 12, 2010 (snow date Dec 19, 2010) at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard Church.

PERFORMERS WANTED for this concert. We can't do it without YOU! We are looking for people who would like to share their talent: solo, duet or group. Talent can be poetry, acting, reading or music - anything Christmas related. Originality welcomed! Please contact PAUL LEVESQUE at paul.levesque@comcast.net or 508-644-2046 if you wish to perform. Deadline for signup is Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, Noon.

THE ECUMENICAL CHOIR has started rehearsals for the 2010 Ecumenical Christmas concert on Sunday December 12, 2010 (snow date Dec 19, 2010) at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard Church. If anyone is interested in joining this choir, please contact Noreen Davis at (508) 644-5024.

DINNER FOR TWO BOOKS are now available after Masses or in the Church Office for \$29.95 each. Buy 3 and get one free! It's a great gift for those hard to buy for people. Our parish makes a \$10 profit on each book sold.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place this week on Monday and Wednesday from 9AM-12 Noon.

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THE 2011 CATHOLIC CALENDARS ARE IN - Please take one as you exit Church this weekend. We thank our sponsors for making these calendars possible: Hathaway Family Funeral Homes, Woodside Dental Care, and The Knights of Columbus – Cross of Christ Council.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2011: We need to start looking towards next year's festival and we are in need of a Chairperson, man or woman, to give a 2-year commitment. The committee promises to work closely

with the new chairperson. If you are interested, Fr. Mike would be very happy to hear from you. It is hoped a new chairperson would be in place by mid-January.

MASS FOR NEWLY BAPTIZED – TODAY December 5th at 10:30AM - Sponsored by our Parish Pro-Life Ministry. At this Mass parents and Godparents will reaffirm their commitment with the renewal of Baptism promises. A light reception will take place after Mass in the parish hall.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular parish collection last week was \$3,483.53 with 246 budget envelopes used. \$91 was given towards the Church Mortgage, \$6 for Building & Maintenance and \$81 for Utilities. \$1,175 was also given to the Parish Emergency Fund. Thank you for your continued financial support, it is greatly appreciated.

THE SECOND COLLECTION today is for Building & Maintenance and Utilities donations.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK is for Retired Religious of the Diocese.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES may be used throughout the month for those who would like to donate Christmas flowers in the name of a loved one. These names will be memorialized at the main entrance to church during the Christmas Season.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember the soul of ELIZABETH WINARSKI who's funeral Mass was celebrated here on Wednesday. Also in your prayers please remember JAMES MCGLYNN, brother of Rev. Thomas McGlynn. We extend our prayers and sympathies to their families. May Elizabeth and James now share the promise of Eternal Life.

SEASON OF ADVENT: As we enter into our second week of Advent, the second violet candle is lit representing the gift of Faith, or the Bethlehem candle reminding us of the journey that Mary and Joseph took to prepare for the birth of Christ. In the Gospel this weekend, John the Baptist reminds us to fully prepare the way of the Lord in our lives.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Christmas is on a Saturday this year so we are publishing the schedule for the Christmas Weekend a couple of weeks in advance for your planning. Christmas Eve Friday December 24th; Masses are at 4PM and 6PM and 12:00AM Midnight. Christmas morning Masses are 8:30AM and 10:30AM. These Masses fulfill the Christmas obligation. Please note **there will be NO 4PM Mass on Saturday, Christmas night for Sunday obligation.** Masses on Sunday, December 26th are at 8:30 and 10:30AM and we will have a 5PM Sunday evening Mass this Sunday only, to make up for the no vigil Mass on Saturday for those who may want to sleep in!

PRO LIFE – "I grabbed my hand" – The baby can now squint, swallow and move his tongue. He sleeps and awakens. Fingernails and toenails form and he now has his own unique set of fingerprints. Sensitive to touch, he will tightly grasp an object placed in the palm of his

hand. He breathes amniotic fluid to help develop and strengthen the respiratory system, but he gets the oxygen he needs through the umbilical cord.