

November 28, 2010

ADVENT
1ST Sunday

*"Be prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."*

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 2:1-5. *There will be no more war.*
Romans 13:11-14. *Throw off the works of darkness.*
Matthew 24:37-44. *Stay awake! Be prepared!*

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Sat. | Nov. 27 | 4PM | Anne Marie Roy Ernest P. LeBeau Sr. Ernest P. LeBeau Jr. |
| Sun. | Nov. 28 | 8:30 | Edmundo Rodrigues Norman Desjardins Betty Ann Deschenes |
| | | 10:30 | Mary Andrews Mary Bettencourt |
| Mon. | Nov. 29 | 9AM | Leo Szczepkowski-Month's Mind |
| Tue. | Nov. 30 | 9AM | Thomas Correiro |
| Wed. | Dec. 1 | 9AM | Stephen McMann |
| Thu. | Dec. 2 | 9AM | John Brown-Month's Mind |
| Fri. | Dec. 3 | 9AM | Maria Leite-Month's Mind |
| Sat. | Dec. 4 | 4PM | Manuel & Maria Duarte |
| | | 5:30PM | Wedding: David Michael Silveira & Chelsea Ann MacIntosh |
| Sun. | Dec. 5 | 8:30 | Luis Tavares |
| | | 10:30 | Anna Megna |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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| 4PM | Yvette Perry Sandi Sevigney Judy Norman |
| 8:30 | Bob Adams Joe Andrews Dennis Morris |
| 10:30 | Sharyn Fitzgerald Susan Plonka Carol Levesque |

LECTORS:

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| Andy DiGiammo |
| Paul Levesque |
| Chris Plonka |

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 November in memory of **GERARD DUFOUR**. **THE MARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of November in memory of **DORIS ST. PIERRE**. PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

TEACHING MASS: November 28th, the 1st Sunday of Advent, at the 10:30 Mass. The purpose of this Mass will be an explanation of what the parts of the Mass are, and an opportunity to gain a little insight as to why we do things at Mass. Our grade 2, 3 and 7 classes will attend this Mass. Parents are asked to bring their son or daughter up to the front of the church before Mass where they will sit in a reserved section along with their teacher and classmates. At the conclusion of Mass parents can pick up their child from their teacher (gr. 2 & 3). Since this is a scheduled event, classes on this day for grades 2, 3 & 7 **ONLY** will be cancelled in lieu of this Mass.



MEAT PIE SUPPER

Saturday, December 4th at 5:00PM
in the church hall

Menu: meat pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad bar, rolls & butter, apple pie a la mode, coffee, soda. All this only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets will be sold after all Masses or until they sell out.

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.



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!

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.

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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: Bud Miller wraps up a Fall Program entitled "What Catholics Believe!" Remaining session is Monday Nov. 29 at 6:30PM.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SESSION for those suffering the Loss of a Loved one will be held Tuesday, November 30th at 6:30PM in the Parish Library. Any questions, please contact SHIRLEY CARVALHO at 508-823-5747.

BULLETIN ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK is IDDI, Institute for Developmental Disabilities Inc. located at 38 Narrows Rd., Assonet. If you would like to advertise in our bulletin, please call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-888-4574 for more information. Thank you to all our advertisers!

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION & ENTRANCE EXAM DAY

is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th with the make-up exam on Saturday December 11th. Students should report to the school of their choice at 7:45AM, testing begins at 8AM: The exam lasts until approximately 11:30AM \$20 fee payable at the time of application. Students need bring no records, nor do parents have to accompany them. Complete info will be given at the time of the exam.

ADVENT: Today we begin the Season of Advent, a very short time, but important time in the church season as we prepare once again to celebrate the Birth of Christ. The symbol of the Advent Season is the Advent wreath made of evergreens and adorned with four candles. The evergreen wreath symbolizes God the Father and eternal life and each candle symbolizes 100 years each that

humanity awaited a Christ. The first violet candle we light this weekend symbolizes the Hope that the Prophet Isaiah brings in the scriptures that the Lord is coming.

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 – Sunday, 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.

CYO BASKETBALL is off to a great start with St. Bernard's team winning in the pre-season Jamboree against St. Joe's by a close score of 14-13 as top scorer NICK PARTRIDGE was assisted by COLE BERNIER, KEVIN FALAKI, XAVIER FARIA, RILEY COSTA and JOHN PARTRIDGE. The regular season started off just as exciting with a big 32-9 win against St. Dominic's. Top scorers were XAVIER FARIA and NICK PARTRIDGE both with 8 points. COLE BERNIER, KEVIN FALAKI BRENDAN COONEY, RILEY COSTA and JOHN PARTRIDGE all contributed to the big win. All games are played at the CYO Center on Anawan Street in Fall River. The kids would love for you to come out and show your support at any of their games.

TAUNTON CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL (TCMS) will hold Open House and registration for students coming in the 2011-2012 school year on Thursday, December 2, 2010. The Open House is scheduled from 7-9PM. Refreshments will be served. Contact Gail Chalifoux at gchalifoux@catholicmiddle.com or call 508-822-0491 for more information.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular collection for the week of 11/14 was \$3,250.68 with 226 budget envelopes used. \$2,030 was given to the Church Mortgage, \$100 for building & Maintenance and \$75 for utilities. The regular collection for 11/21 was \$3,276.81 with 232 budget envelopes used. \$324 was given to the Church mortgage, \$146 for Building & Maintenance and \$71 for Utilities. \$730 was given to the Diocese for the Campaign for Human Development.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Parish Emergency Fund.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION: This is also the time to send in your envelopes for Christmas flowers. We memorialize the names of your loved ones at the Main entrance to church during the Christmas season when a donation is made in their name.

PARISH ANNUAL COLLECTION: This is the most important parish collection that is taken throughout the year during October and beyond. Thus far this year you have donated \$20,698.00 for which we are most grateful.