

April 3, 2011

**LENT**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

*"Surely we are not blind,  
are we?"*

**THE READINGS:**

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.** God sees into our hearts.

**Ephesians 5:8-14.** Live as children of light

**John 9:1-41.** The healing of the man born blind.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat.	Apr. 2	4PM	Gilda Minkin Maria DaCosta – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
Sun.	Apr. 3	8:30	Maria Leite & the souls in Purgatory Kathleen Morse – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
		10:30	Adrien & Mildred Bolduc
Mon.	Apr. 4	9AM	Rita & Vincent Powell
		6:30PM	Deacon Frank Mis
Tue.	Apr. 5	9AM	Edward & Judith Vieira
Wed.	Apr. 6	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
		6:30PM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Thu.	Apr. 7	9AM	Leo Couture
Sat.	Apr. 9	4PM	Doris St. Pierre Gary DeRousse
Sun.	Apr. 10	8:30	Luis Tavares
		10:30	David Delisle-1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4PM Denise Branco  
Sandi Sevigney  
Claudette Laffan

8:30 Bob Adams  
Pat Canto  
Diane Andrews

10:30 Patti Lucini  
Ellen Demetrius  
Susan Plonka

**LECTORS:**

Tony Branco

Paul Levesque

Ernie Benoit

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**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet next month on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (not Monday). Their social begins at 6:30 with the business meeting taking place at 7PM.

**FUNERAL COLLATIONS:** Should the need arise and a family has a Funeral Mass celebrated here at St. Bernard, the Parish Bereavement Ministry would like families to know the church hall is available for post-funeral collations. When families meet with Fr. Mike to make funeral arrangements, they should indicate their desire to use our facility after the funeral. The families should let their funeral directors know of their intention, as local funeral homes have been notified this service is available at St. Bernard Church. A member of the Bereavement Ministry will be present to assist families in making menu choices for the food, etc. The only expense for the collation to the family would be for food from the caterer of their choice. There is no additional cost for the use of the hall or the bereavement ministry program.

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** are being collected for the St. Anne's Food Pantry by our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class of MARY MIDURA and by our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class of EMMA and RYAN BERNARD. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will have a table set up outside **TODAY** to collect canned goods.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held Monday from 9AM to 12 noon, and on Wednesday 9AM to 6PM in the side Prayer Chapel.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EARTHQUAKE/Tsunami VICTIMS OF JAPAN** – Thank you for your generous response to the special collection. A total of \$1,570 was collected to aid in the disaster relief. As always I thank you for all you do. Please keep the people of Japan in your prayers as well as all of our servicemen and women who serve our country.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS** are being accepted in memory of loved ones whose names will be memorialized at the main entrance to church during the Easter Season.

**THE EASTER CANDLE** this year has been generously donated in loving memory of the Powell and Ouellette Families and for the Souls in Purgatory.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of April in memory of DORIS ST. PIERRE.

**THE MARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of April in memory of ARTHUR DUCHARME. Please remember them in your prayers.

**NEW MASS TRANSLATION PAMPHLETS** are available in the information slots at the North entrance of the Church. After Easter Fr. Mike will be scheduling some evenings of information regarding these new translations that will take place the First Sunday of Advent.

**DAILY MASS DURING LENT** will be the usual Monday thru Thursday at 9AM and Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Wednesday afternoons from 4 – 6PM concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

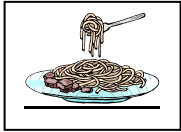
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 3:30PM and again in the evening at 7:00PM.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** – This year's Lenten Bible Study will focus on the Mass and the new translations of the Mass. These studies have begun on the Mondays of Lent after the 6:30PM Mass. So far the attendance at this Bible Study has reached an all-time high of almost 50 people – come and join us!

**LENTEN SOUP AND ECUMENICAL SERIES:** Once again this year different church communities in the area will be offering the Wednesday evening Soup and Ecumenical Prayer Series entitled "Journey of Faith Services" in various locations. We here at St. Bernard's will once again host the final one on the Wednesday of Holy Week with the Service of

Tenebrae. This week's series will be at St. John Neumann Church in East Freetown with the Rev. Ken Beres from the First Congregational Church in New Bedford leading the Lenten Service.

**ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 10-12**...win a trip for two to the National Right to Life Convention. Enter the Dr. Mildren F. Jefferson Oratory contest sponsored by Mass Citizens for Life. The topic is "What does abortion mean to you and your peers? Judging will take place on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the MCFL Convention and Youth Conference. For more info online, go to [www.masscitizensforlive.org](http://www.masscitizensforlive.org).



**ST. BERNARD'S BOY SCOUTS** will be sponsoring a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in our church hall.

The menu will include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drinks. Tickets will be available after all Masses in April. Tickets are \$10, children under 7 are free. Parishioners are invited immediately after the 4PM Mass. Call Charlie at 774-849-5822 for more information and tickets.

**30 WEEK CLUB MEMBERS** – Today after the 8:30AM Mass four names will be drawn to win \$100.00 each. Everyone welcome, you don't have to be present to win!!!!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPICE PROGRAM:** Southcoast Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide practical and emotional support to patients and families at their end of life. The next training session will be on April 15 & 16 from 8AM to 5PM. The sessions on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will be from 6PM -8PM. Contact Jo-Ann Richard at 508-984-0277.

**ALTAR SERVING TRAINING CLASS:** There will be an Altar Serving training class next Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30AM Mass. Any youngster in Grades 3 and up who has already made 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is welcome. Please see BARRET CASTRO, our Sacristan after Mass this weekend or call him at 774-451-2288.

**ANNUAL MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING** - Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mass of Healing and the reception of the Sacrament of the Sick will be held on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at both the 9AM and 6:30PM Masses. At each of these Masses those wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick for any physical or spiritual need are invited to come forth after the homily. **This sacrament is not the Last Rites, but is placed in the category of the Sacraments of Healing along with Reconciliation.** Q: Why should one receive the sacrament of the sick? A: Most importantly it unites the suffering of the sick person to the sufferings of Christ. Q: Who should be anointed? A: Those preparing for surgery, the elderly and infirmed, those who experience physical, emotional and spiritual sufferings. The beauty of the sacrament is that it is a sacrament that can be received time and time again and one gains the graces to encounter their suffering more closely with the Lord. This is an opportunity for families who may have elderly parents, grandparents or other family members to experience the sacrament in the celebration of the Eucharist.

**KIDS WHO COOK** – meet Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

**BOY SCOUTS MEET** on Thursdays at 7PM.

**"A DIVERSITY OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT"** – A conference sponsored by Bridges to Faith & Spiritual Connections held Friday April 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA from 8:30AM-2PM. Registration is at 8AM, \$10 fee – Lunch will be provided.

**LAKEVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** is presenting a Lenten Choral Concert **Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" in D Major (RV589)** on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3PM, conducted by J. Fred Thornton, Accompanist, Brad Bates, organist & Music director there. They are located at 1 Precinct St., Lakeville. A free-will offering will be made. Enjoy refreshments after the concert.

**FREE STARKIST TUNA MEAL COUPONS** –are located in a basket at the main entrance and in the information slots located at the North entryway. You can also sign on to "liking Starkist on Facebook" for a chance to win a \$500.00 weekly sweepstakes...get recipes and valuable coupons!

**PRO-LIFE: "I can look around!"** – Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. His eyelids open and close and the eyes look around. The baby can hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his own mother's voice. His grip is even stronger now than it will be after his birth. The hair on his head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of his body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his mother providing him immunity to a wide variety of diseases.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL** will be holding their 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual CRT Recycling Event in the school parking lot at 52 First St., Taunton on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>. For a small fee you may drop off your items such as old VCR's, Microwaves, TV's, Computer Monitors, cameras and video equipment between 8AM and 1PM. For more info visit [www.ololtaunton.com](http://www.ololtaunton.com) or contact Lisa Borges at 508-880-0365. **LOL School** is known as "a small school with a big heart". PK to Grade 5 learning the 3 R's that are not taught elsewhere – religion, responsibility and respect! Discover the difference at our Lady of Lourdes by calling Dr. Lincoln DeMoura, Principal at 508-822-3746.

**"EVERYTHING ELVIS"** – Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 6-9PM at the Holy Ghost Hall, 545 Middleboro Ave., Taunton – proceeds to benefit TCMS Cafeteria upgrade and renovation project. 6-7PM Cocktails, 7PM Buffet dinner, music & dancing & live entertainment 8:30PM raffle drawings, mystery silent auction and swap. Advance tickets are \$15 each adults; children under 13 \$10 each, at the door \$20 each. Call 508-822-0491 for more info.

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT:** The regular collection last week was \$3,477.80 with 244 budget envelopes used. \$172 was given towards the mortgage, \$62 for Building & Maintenance and \$47 for Utilities. \$2,169 was also given for the Parish Emergency Fund. Thank you for your very generous support.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** is for Catholic Relief Services.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** is for the Mortgage.