

December 4, 2011

# ADVENT

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY

*"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

### THE READINGS:

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.** Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14.** God's kindness  
**2 Peter 3:8-14.** What sort of person should we be?  
**Mark 1:1-8** John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Dec. 3	4PM	Pray for Healing Joseph Carvalho
Sun.	Dec. 4	8:30	Joseph Andrews Deceased Members Cross of Christ Council Knights of Columbus
		10:30	Anna Megna – 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for all Baptized here this year
Mon.	Dec. 5	9AM	Rita & Vincent Powell
Tue.	Dec. 6	9AM	Maria Leite & the Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	Dec. 7	9AM	Pray for Healing
		6:30PM	Our Parishioners
Thu.	Dec. 8	9AM	Pray for Healing
		7PM	Mary Bettencourt
Sat.	Dec. 10	4PM	Maria L. Resendes & Leonora Resendes Juliette Cadrin Claire Leddy-10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sun.	Dec. 11	8:30	Elizabeth Menard Luis Tavares
		10:30	Francis & Cecilia LeBlanc Christopher Schnurr-Month's Mind Janmarie Lincoln – Month's Mind

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### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM	Bob Nogueira Yvette Perry Judy Norman
8:30	Mark Mello Julia Morris Dennis Morris
10:30	Corey Andrade Dawn Andrade Mike Andrade

### LECTORS:

Andy DiGiammo
Linda DeMarco
Ernie Benoit

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**ALL CCD STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES** are invited to attend the vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Following Mass there will be the annual blessing and lighting of the Christmas trees in front of the church. After, all are invited to join in for some hot chocolate and cookies. Student who attend CCD classes on that Wednesday are required to attend the Mass in lieu of classes. That will mark the end of CCD classes until next year! Classes resume Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

**THERE IS NO PARISH COUNCIL OR FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be rescheduled.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on Monday and Wednesday from 9AM-Noon in the Prayer Chapel.

**DINNER FOR TWO COUPON BOOKLETS** are available again this year for \$30 each, buy 3 and get the 4<sup>th</sup> free. A great gift for that special couple on your Christmas list. Contact CAROL LEVESQUE at 508-965-9832—or email her at [carol.levesque@comcast.net](mailto:carol.levesque@comcast.net). They are available after 10:30 Mass each week and will also be sold at Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. They can also be purchased in the Church Office.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES** are available this week for those who would like to contribute Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. These names will be memorialized at the main entrance throughout the Christmas Season.

### **THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF TAGS LEFT ON OUR GIVING TREE – PLEASE HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHT!**



**THE GIVING TREE** - Families are asked to take a tag home today if you would like to participate in this annual Christmas giving program. For some of the children this is their only gift they will receive. Please follow the directions on the tag as to wrap or not wrap your gift. We provide gifts for young people at St. Vincent's Home in Fall River, Whitney Academy in East Freetown, Crystal Springs IDDI in Assonet and local families in need. We also collect 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, 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.

**ANNUAL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is scheduled for Sunday December 11, 2011 (snow date Dec 18, 2011) at 7:00 pm at the United Church of Assonet.

**LAST CALL! 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](mailto:paul.levesque@comcast.net) or 508-644-2046 if you wish to perform. **Deadline for signup is Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**MASS FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED AND THEIR FAMILIES:** As part of our commitment to the gift of life, the Pro-Life Committee is sponsoring a Mass and renewal of Baptismal promises for all our youngsters and families who were baptized here at St. Bernard's since last December. The Mass will take place today at 10:30AM. We hope to

see a lot of our newly baptized and how they have grown.

**ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION:** Advent provides us an opportunity to step back and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas: the Birth of Christ. We encourage you to take the time to join us on Monday evenings during Advent from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Church; includes Evening Prayer and Benediction.



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011**  
**(Snowdate: Sunday, Dec. 18)**  
**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!

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & KIDS KICKIN' CANCER** are teaming up this year! We are asking you to bring a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more to the breakfast and you will receive a free photo with Santa! All toys will be delivered to local Pediatric Oncology Clinics/Hospitals before Christmas.

**ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH MORTGAGE IS NEARLY PAID**

Thanks to people like you who have given generously of their time, talent and resources throughout the years we will soon be DEBT-FREE! You are cordially invited to join in the celebration...**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2012.** Bishop George Coleman has graciously accepted our invitation to be the celebrant at 4:00PM Mass for this very special occasion. Following Mass our celebration continues at White's of Westport. Guests will be welcomed with cheese & crackers at 6:00PM and witness the official retiring of the mortgage. A full course family style dinner will be served afterwards. Soup, salad, top round of beef, Portuguese stuffed chicken breast with potatoes, vegetables du jour, rolls and butter, Dessert & coffee will be on the menu. A memento of this occasion will be given to each family. To help defray the cost of the evening, we will be selling tickets at a reduced rate of \$25 per person. **Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses in December** (with the exception of Christmas weekend) or in the Church Office until January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. No tickets will be available after this date. Reserved tables for groups of 8 or 10 are available. Dancing and presentations will follow the meal. Any questions, please call Sue Nordeste 508-644-5867.

**Because of the significance of this occasion Volunteer Appreciation Night for 2012 will not take place.**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – If you are 18 years or older and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to, classes will be starting after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Classes are held in different locations of the diocese at various times including a Saturday morning class in East Taunton. Although there is no fee, pre-registration is required

and must be done through Fr. Mike in advance. Please call the rectory for info. Confirmation is required to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation.

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT:** The regular parish collection last week was \$3,177.07 with 250 envelopes used. \$65 was given towards the mortgage, \$9 for Building & Maintenance and \$48 for Utilities. \$1,085 was given in the second collection for the Parish Emergency Fund. Our most sincere thanks for your continued financial support.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** is for contributions for Building & Maintenance and Utilities expenses.

**THE COLLECTION ON THE HOLYDAY** are for the works of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** is for Retired Religious.

**PLEASE USE THE NEW ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REFERRAL BOXES** if you or someone you know needs assistance from our parish SVDP organization.

Family's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – THURSDAY, DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup>**

As in years past, we will end the first half of our CCD year with our traditional Family Mass and Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Manger at the Vigil Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Holyday Masses on the 8<sup>th</sup> will be at 9AM and 7PM.

**HONEY BAKED HAM GIFT CERTIFICATES** – Looking for a great stocking stuffer or gift? Honey Baked Hams of Raynham will be selling gift certificates for \$25.00 at all Masses the weekends of December 4, 11, & 18<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the proceeds will come back to our parish.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER/ DANCE AND AUCTION** will be held Saturday, March 24 (not the 10<sup>th</sup> as previously reported) at White's of Westport. They are soliciting gift cards, baskets, services, scratch tickets and so forth for their Auction. Sports tickets are always a huge hit as an auction item.

**THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE COMMITTEE** needs 4 or 5 additional chaperones to add to their teams. Each team chaperones every other month. All volunteers must be CORI screened. For more info on all Knights related events, call **BILL MORIN** at 617-835-2590.

**THANK YOU** for your continued generous response for non-perishable food items for St. Anne's Food Pantry.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of December for **DOROTHY DIAS** and **JOSEPH DIAS JR.**

**THE MARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of December in memory of **JAMES HASKINS.**  
Please remember them in your prayers.

**MALASSADA BREAKFAST- TODAY DEC. 4TH**  
**MALASSADA MAMAS & PAPAS WILL BE IN THE KITCHEN**  
Malassadas: \$1.50 each, \$7.00 for ½ dz., or \$12 a dozen

Breakfast Sandwiches also available on croissants  
or whole wheat buns with Egg & cheese \$2.00 each  
or add ham, bacon or sausage for only \$2.50 each