

January 16, 2011  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
2nd Sunday

*"John testified, 'I saw the Spirit  
come down like a dove from  
heaven and remain upon him.'"*

**THE READINGS:**

**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6.** You are a light to the nations.  
**1 Corinthians 1:1-3.** The beginning of Paul's writings  
to the Corinthians.  
**John 1:29-34.** The Baptist said, "Jesus is the Son of  
God."

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat. Jan. 15 4PM Doris St. Pierre  
Doris Martin  
Sun. Jan. 16 8:30 Elizabeth Winarski  
10:30 Maria DeMello  
Adrien & Agnes Lavallee  
Mon. Jan. 17 9AM Don Whelan  
Tue. Jan. 18 9AM Maria Leite & the Souls in Purgatory  
Wed. Jan. 19 9AM Rev. Thomas O'Dea-12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Thu. Jan. 20 9AM Malvina Turcotte  
Sat. Jan. 22 4PM Jeanne Robert – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Gilda Minkin  
Hilda Perry – Month's Mind  
Sun. Jan. 23 8:30 Maria Leite & the Souls in Purgatory  
10:30 Peter Gonsalves – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4PM Taylor Kelly  
Claudette Laffan  
Bob Nogueira  
8:30 Dennis Morris  
Bob Adams  
Walter Buote  
10:30 Phil Carvalho  
Susan Plonka  
Ellen Demetrius

**LECTORS:**

Paul Levesque  
Janine Perry  
Kara Fortier

**A NOTE FROM OUR DEACON CANDIDATE:** I have just reached the half way point on the journey to my ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Two and a half years to go. Last semester my courses were Old Testament Part 1 with Fr. Karl Bissinger, and Sacramental Theology with Fr. Tom Kocik. A couple of great classes! I'm just finishing my break and ready to start the second semester on January 18, 2011. My classes this semester will be Old Testament Part 2 with Fr. Karl Bissinger, and Moral Theology with Fr. Roger Landry. Later this semester we will have a Deacon Candidate retreat. In June, Bishop Coleman will install us to the Office of Reader. There are 16 of us in the class. I know I speak for everyone in saying we appreciate your prayerful support and ask for your continued prayers. God Bless! Paul Levesque

**PICTURES FROM OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON** have been posted on the parish website. Check them out!

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Adoration will be held as usual Monday and Wednesday from 9AM to 12 Noon.

**UPDATED: Reminder – Daily Mass and Snowstorms:** When we have a storm it takes time to get the lot and walkways cleared. Through the winter months when we have a measurable snow storm or icy conditions, I ask that you check the website [www.stbernardassonet.org](http://www.stbernardassonet.org). If you are on our email list check your email or you can call the rectory to check the status of daily Mass before venturing out. If school is postponed in Freetown...Mass will be cancelled as well and the intention for the Mass will be rescheduled as soon as possible. This is for everyone's safety.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** is looking for donations for this year's Dinner Dance and Auction scheduled for Sat. March 19<sup>th</sup> at Whites in Westport. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person. Anyone with a gift card or a gift that they would like to donate to the auction are asked to see Bill Morin or Marlene Correia. Please donate new items only. If you are a business owner and would like to donate a gift or service or gift certificate, that would be most welcome. Tickets to the dinner will be on sale starting next week after the Masses.

**NEW WEBSITE FEATURE:** Check out the new Question & Answer feature on the parish website [www.stbernardassonet.org](http://www.stbernardassonet.org). There are several questions and answers daily (refresh page for a new question or click on the "A:" and scroll down). A great way to learn about your Catholic Faith!

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** –There is a great need in the Greater Fall River area served by St. Anne's Food Pantry for non-perishable food items. We thank those who continue to bring these items to our church for this purpose. St. Anne's serves over 200 families every week. Items can be left at the entrances of the church...they are picked up weekly.

**AS OF JANUARY 2011** the Masses on the First Friday of the Month have been discontinued. However, on the Thursday before the first Friday, Fr. Mike will hear confessions before morning Mass, beginning at 8:15AM.

**WANTED ! WANTED!** We need two captains for 30 Week Club...Experience, not needed. Pay = A big **Thank You!** Brief description: Manage approximately 12-15 members of the 30 Week Club. If interested or have any questions: Please contact [JEFF DEMARCO](mailto:JEFF.DEMARCO) at 508-880-3146.

## **30 WEEK CLUB**

**STARTS FEB. 1, 2011**

### **Welcome parishioners, family and friends!**

The 30 Week Club is starting our final drive for members in our last big push to help pay off the Church Mortgage this year! The 30 Week Club will be starting February 1, 2011 and all are welcome. The dues are \$3.00 per week beginning the first week of February and ending August 27, 2011 a total of \$90.00. There are \$100 prizes drawn weekly plus Grand Prizes drawn at the conclusion of the club. Once registered you will be assigned a captain who will be your contact person and the person you pay your dues to. If you have any questions, please call JEFF DEMARCO at 508-880-3146. Please use the form below to register as a member. We ask you to please fill out one form for each \$90 membership.

### **30 WEEK CLUB MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Member from Last Year \_\_\_\_\_

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of January in memory of PAUL A. PELLETIER.

**THE MARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of January in memory of DORIS ST. PIERRE.

Please remember them in your prayers.

**A BIG THANK YOU** goes to all who helped last Sunday take down the Christmas decorations. Please feel free to take one of the poinsettias in front of the altar home.

### **DAY OF PRAYER IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE:**

Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> commemorates the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's vote to legalize abortion. The Pro-Life Committee of St. Bernard Parish will sponsor a day of prayer on that date beginning with a 9AM Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:30PM when we will pray the Rosary and conclude with Benediction. This is an opportunity for all of us to spend some time in prayer that this decision will someday be overturned and also remind us that we are called as Catholics to support and defend the gift of Life.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** For any adult age 18 and over who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to do so, the Office of Faith Formation has scheduled classes at all the Diocesan High Schools. If you are interested, please call Fr. Mike at the rectory and he will give you the information on registration which is required. The classes are free of charge. If the class times are not convenient, Fr. Mike will set up some instruction time with candidates. **Please remember one of the requirements for being a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is that you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

### **RCIA – otherwise known as the Rite of Christian Initiation**

– These classes are for those adults who may need all three sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, or just Confirmation and Eucharist, which can be administered by Fr. Mike during the Easter Season. We are now accepting candidates for instruction during the Lenten Season. Please call the rectory for more information.

**FIRST PENANCE RETREAT DATE AND SACRAMENT:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will attend a morning Penance Retreat filled with activities on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 9AM. At approximately 12:30PM they will gather with their families in church for the celebration of First Penance. Pray for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders as they prepare for this day and their First Communion in the spring.

**A SUPPER COMMITTEE MEETING** is scheduled for Monday, Jan 17, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the church hall to plan our Ham Dinner. The Ham Dinner is scheduled for Feb 19. New members are always welcomed.

**THE WOMEN OF ST. BERNARD** will meet on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to begin the New Year at 6:30PM.

**PARISH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30PM in the hall.

**YOUTH DANCE** the first dance of the New Year will be on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 for children in Grades 5-8. The cost of admission is \$8.00 with refreshments also available. The dances begin at 7PM and end at 10PM – a responsible adult must sign in all students and come inside to pick them up at the close of the dance.

**COMMUNITY NURSE & HOSPICE CARE** is holding their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School Acushnet. For tickets & info call 508-992-6278.

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT:** The regular parish collection last weekend was \$3,114.72 with 215 budget envelopes used. \$1,802 was given for the mortgage, \$32 for Building & Maintenance and \$39 for Utilities.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** is for the Parish Emergency Fund.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT** will be held on Saturday, January 29 at 6PM at the Fall River Lodge of Elk. Invitations were sent out last week. If you did not receive an invitation, but feel you should have, please do not be offended...I really try my best to get all the names from every group, organization and activity that takes place in our parish. Please call Sue at the Church Office if your invitation wasn't in the mail. The invitation is free for the volunteer whose name appears on the envelope and if they want to bring a guest they may pay \$10 for a guest ticket, payable at the door the night of the event. Please call to RSVP 508-644-5585 before the deadline of Friday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you will not be joining us.