

January 9, 2011
**Feast of the
 Baptism of the Lord**

“After Jesus was baptized, he
 saw the Spirit of God coming
 upon him.”

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7. *This is my servant, my chosen one.*
Acts 10:34-38. *God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power.*
Matthew 3:13-17. *The Baptism of Jesus.*

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Jan. 8 4PM Dorothy Dias & Joseph Dias Jr.
 Conceicao Correia Raposo & Jose Raposo
 Sun. Jan. 9 8:30 Luis Tavares
 10:30 Manuel Leite – Month's Mind
 Mon. Jan. 10 9AM Stan Firkey
 Tue. Jan. 11 9AM Intention at the discretion of priest
 Wed. Jan. 12 9AM Intention at the discretion of priest
 Thu. Jan. 13 9AM Our Parishioners
 Sat. Jan. 15 4PM Doris St. Pierre
 Doris Martin
 Sun. Jan. 16 8:30 Elizabeth Winarski
 10:30 Maria DeMello
 Adrien & Agnes Lavallee

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS:

4PM	Bob Viveiros Joyce Viveiros DeMarco	
8:30	Roxie Leary Diane Andrews Walter Buote	Paul Levesque
10:30	Gary Guinen Shirley Carvalho Carol Levesque	Kara Fortier

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

is looking for donations for this year's Dinner Dance and Auction scheduled for Sat. March 19th 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. 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!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held as usual on Monday and Wednesdays from 9AM to 12 noon.

DAILY MASS AND SNOWSTORMS: When we have a storm it takes time to get the parking lot and walkways cleared. Effective now through the winter months, when we have a measurable snow storm or icy conditions, I would ask that you check the website www.stbernardassonet.org or if you are on our email list check your email or call the rectory to check the status of daily Mass before venturing out. If school is postponed or cancelled in Freetown then Mass will be cancelled as well and the intention for the Mass will be rescheduled as soon as possible. This policy is for everyone's safety.

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 _____

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 at 508-880-3146.

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.

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.

YOUTH DANCE the first dance of the New Year will be on Friday, January 21st 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.

HELP IS NEEDED TO TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. The Christmas season is the shortest in the church calendar, just under 3 weeks. Today Sunday, January 9th around 1:30PM, after baptisms, we will take down and store all the decorations...they do come down faster than they go up! The more hands the better. Please accept my thanks in advance to all who can help.

DAY OF PRAYER IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 38TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE: Saturday, January 22nd commemorates the 38th 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.**

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular collection last week was \$3,041.04 with 204 budget envelopes used. \$7 was given towards the Mortgage, \$730 for Building & maintenance and \$468 for Utilities. \$467 was given on the Holyday for the works of our St. Vincent DePaul Society.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Church Mortgage.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK is for the Diocesan Communications Campaign.

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.

A LOOK BACK AT 2010: As I traditionally do at this time of year, I always like to share with the parishioners the numbers and comparison of all the sacraments administered here in the parish over the last year compared to the year before:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Baptisms	87	89
First Communion	60	70
Confirmations	48	57
Weddings	21	21
Funerals	29	29
Adults received into the Church	6	6

This past year we had 15 couples celebrate significant wedding anniversaries with renewal of vows. It was a very busy year!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL, 52 First Street, Taunton is hosting an Open House for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5 on Saturday, January 29th from 11AM – 2PM. Registration packets and information about financial aid will be available. For more information, please call 508-822-3746 or visit www.ololtaunton.com.

JOIN US TODAY FOR OUR MALASSADAS BREAKFAST!
\$1.50 Each, \$7.00 for ½ dozen, or \$12 per dozen
Breakfast Sandwiches are available on croissants or whole wheat buns...choose from egg & cheese for \$2.00 or add ham, bacon or sausage for just \$2.50!
We thank the Early Risers for their work in the kitchen!
Proceeds go to pay off the mortgage!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – Monday Jan. 10 6:30PM Social and 7PM Business Meeting in the Church hall.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Monday, January 10th from 6-7:30PM in the Parish Library.

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 18th to begin the New Year at 6:30PM.

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