

March 27, 2011
LENT
3rd Sunday

"A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink'."

THE READINGS:

Exodus 17:3-7. God told Moses to strike the rock for water.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8. The love of God has been poured into our hearts.

John 4:5-42. Jesus encounters the woman at the well.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. Mar. 26 4PM Doris St. Pierre
Joseph Oliveira–Birthday remembrance
- Sun. Mar. 27 8:30 Dolores Oliveira
Edward & Barbara Burns
10:30 Olivia Canisa
Joan Bardan-Month's Mind
Rev. Richard Beaulieu-4th Anniversary
- Mon. Mar. 28 9AM Maria L. Resendes & Leonora Resendes
6:30PM Intention at the discretion of priest
- Tue. Mar. 29 9AM Intention at the discretion of priest
- Wed. Mar. 30 9AM Intention at the discretion of priest
6:30PM Collette Terpak-Birthday Remembrance
- Thu. Mar. 31 9AM Kerry Darcy Sullivan
- Sat, Apr. 2 4PM Gilda Minkin
Maria DaCosta – 3rd Anniversary
- Sun. Apr. 3 8:30 Maria Leite & the souls in Purgatory
Kathleen Morse – 2nd Anniversary
10:30 Adrien & Mildred Bolduc

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 4PM Taylor Kelly
Bob Viveiros
Yvette Perry
- 8:30 Matt Hermenau
Mike Delisle
Mark Mello
- 10:30 Carol Levesque
Gary Guinen
Sharyn Fitzgerald

LECTORS:

- Paulette Martinville
- Linda Rodrigues
- CCD Class

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Today's 10:30 Mass is being sponsored by one of our 8th grade classes under the guidance of PATTI FERGUSON. Students participating are: ALEC PEREIRA, AMY SULLIVAN, BRANDY MEDEIROS, CHAD O'BRIEN, CONNOR CARDOSO, HAILEY STREETO, HOLLY DUNHAM, KYLE HODGSON, MAKAYLA LOGAN, NATHAN MORHY, SARAH KINNEY, TIFFANI FERGUSON, ZACHARY ARRUDA, and ZACHARY MENDES. It's great to see our students participating!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

will meet next month on Tuesday, April 12th (not Monday). Their social begins at 6:30 with the business meeting taking place at 7PM.

BERNIE'S TOURNEY COMMITTEE MEETING

will be held Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30PM in the Church hall.

THE BREAVENTMENT MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP will hold their next session on Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30PM in the Church library.

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 3rd grade class of MARY MIDURA and by our 4th grade class of EMMA and RYAN BERNARD. Our 3rd grade class will have a table set up outside the Church on April 2nd and 3rd to collect canned goods. In addition, all students can bring in their canned goods during their class times up until March 27th.

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.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

please remember Deacon Franciszek Mis of St.Stanislaus Parish in Fall River who passed away last Friday. Deacon Mis was a member of the very first class of Permanent Deacons ordained in the Diocese in 1980. May Deacon Mis now share the promise of Eternal life.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is lit for the month of March in memory of BEATRICE & JOHN VASCONCELLOS.

THE MARY CANDLE

is lit for the month of March in memory of THE OLIVEIRA FAMILY.

Please remember them in your prayers.

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!

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.

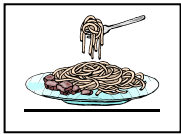
LENTEN SOUP AND ECUMENICAL SERIES: Once again this year different church communities in the area will be offering the Wednesday evening Soup and Ecumenical Prayer Series entitled "Journey of Faith Services" in various locations. We here at St. Bernard's will once again host the final one on the Wednesday of Holy Week with the Service of Tenebrae. This week's series will be at the Pilgrim United Church in New Bedford. Teaching will be done via Skype from Jerusalem by the Rev. Richard Degagne, Pastor of St. John Neumann Parish who is on sabbatical.

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 9th at the MCFL Convention and Youth Conference. For more info online, go to www.masscitizensforlive.org.



ROAST PORK DINNER

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets early for this one! Saturday, April 2, 2011. Dinner served at 5:00PM in the church hall. Menu: Roast Pork, Red Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Stuffing, Applesauce, Ice Cream and mixings, beverages. All this only \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets will be sold after all Masses or until they sell out.



ST. BERNARD'S BOY SCOUTS will be sponsoring a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, April 30th 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 – This is week 8 for members of the 30 Week Club. Next Sunday, April 3, after the 8:30 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 20th and 27th will be from 6PM -8PM. Contact Jo-Ann Richard at 508-984-0277.

"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 10th 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 –Starkist Tuna Company has made available to church organizations coupons for Starkist Tuna Meal Solutions. These 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!

OUR "DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS" EVENT was a success! We'd like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, gave donations, or solicited goods for our raffle baskets. It was a fun-filled evening with delicious food, good friends, and all for a worthy cause. **Scholarship applications** are now available at the side entrance to the Church, or ask for one in the church office or religious education office. All materials for the applications must be submitted on or before May 1st. Winners will be notified in early June. Our profit from the evening was over \$4,300.

THE FREETOWN PARADE AND FIREWORKS COMMITTEE has scheduled a Dinner Dance & Auction with a 50's - 60's Rock & Roll theme. It will be held at the **Freetown VFW, at 89 Middleboro Rd., East Freetown**, on Saturday April 9th, from 6 -10 pm. It will help raise some of the needed funds to once again give you a great Independence Day weekend show. Dinner is spaghetti and meatballs, with dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be purchased by calling Bob Adams at 508-644-2491, or 508-813-8630. The Freetown Fireworks and Parade are in no way funded or financially supplemented by the town. All funds raised are due to the work of the committee.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular collection last week was \$3,382.87 with 253 budget envelopes used. \$2,259 was given for the Church Mortgage, \$12 for Building & Maintenance and \$5 for Utilities.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Parish Emergency Fund.

COLLECTION FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN JAPAN- Bishop Coleman has authorized a special collection at the Pastor's discretion for the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan. In order to prevent passing the basket a 3rd time at Mass, we would ask that if you wish to contribute to this collection, that you put your donation in a plain envelope marked "earthquake victims" and place it in the second collection this weekend March 26 & 27. Thank you in advance and most importantly pray for the victims and their families.

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.