

**March 6, 2011**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**Ninth Sunday**

***"The one who hears my word  
and acts on it is like one who  
builds a house of rock."***

**THE READINGS:**

**Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32.** Take God's word into your heart and soul.  
**Romans 3:21-15, 28.** Even the sinner is justified by **faith.**  
**Matthew 7:21-17.** Listen to God's word and act on it.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat.	Mar. 5	4PM	Jose & Marie Pereira Doris Martin
Sun.	Mar. 6	8:30	Mary Andrews
		10:30	Mary Bettencourt
Mon.	Mar. 7	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Tue.	Mar. 8	9AM	Maria Leite and the Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	Mar. 9	7AM	Our Parishioners
		9AM	Our Parishioners
		5:15PM	Our Parishioners
		7PM	Our Parishioners
Thu.	Mar. 10	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Sat.	Mar. 11	4PM	Gilda Minkin Ed McCarthy Manuel Carvalho

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4PM Jeff DeMarco  
Linda DeMarco  
Yvette Perry

8:30 Roxie Leary  
Dennis Morris  
Bob Adams

10:30 Barret Castro  
Gary Guinen  
Scott Rouillier

**LECTORS:**

Paulette Martinville

Janine Perry

Ernie Benoit

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**COME ONE COME ALL – TO OUR MALASSADA  
BREAKFAST TODAY IN THE CHURCH HALL!**

The Malassada Mama's & Papa's are in the kitchen making the dough! Malassadas are \$1.50 each, 6 for \$7, or a dozen for \$12.00. Breakfast sandwiches are also available on croissants or whole wheat rolls; egg & cheese only \$2.00 each; add ham, bacon or sausage, just \$2.50 each - What a deal!

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** - There will be an important First Communion parent meeting held today, Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 9:30am for those students who attend Sunday classes upstairs in the church. The meeting will cover the upcoming Banner Day, the First Communion Liturgy, dress code, rehearsal dates, pictures and video arrangements. Please plan on attending one of the meetings. The meeting will take between 30-40 minutes.

**RESPECT LIFE: Month 6-"I'm sitting up straight now!"** The baby's oil and sweat glands are functioning; these help regulate body temperature. A white filmy layer covers the

baby and protects her delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as she twists and turns. This waxy substance will be quickly absorbed into her skin soon after she is born. She can now respond to sound. Her lungs are fairly well developed and she would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held Monday from 9AM-12 noon and on Ash Wednesday from 9AM to 6PM in the side prayer room.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING** - There will be an important Confirmation parent meeting on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 11:30am upstairs in the church for those students who attend classes on Sunday and Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 6:15pm in the church hall for those students who attend Wednesday classes. The meeting will discuss dress code, rehearsal, robe pick-up, etc. Please plan on attending. The meeting will take approximately 30 minutes.

**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.

**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.

**UPDATED: Reminder – Daily Mass and Snowstorms:** 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 SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE AND AUCTION IS QUICKLY APPROACHING! SATURDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> AT WHITES OF WESTPORT.** We have many terrific auction items that will entice you to attend this annual fundraising event. Our most popular items will return to the auction block – A foursome of golf to Bernie's Tourney; and the ever famous – "Dinner for 2" with Fr. Mike; along with a foursome to play golf at Pine Valley Country Club, the very popular Prom package, and Boston College football tickets, to name just a

few. Tickets for the dinner-dance are just \$25.00 per person. Last minute items can be donated by contacting BILL MORIN or MARLENE CORREIA. Please donate new items only. Tickets to the dinner-dance are on sale NOW...don't miss out on this very worthy cause and an enjoyable evening with fellow parishioners, family and friends! All proceeds benefit our youngsters seeking a higher education.

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** –We thank those who continue to bring these items to our church for this purpose. St. Anne's Food Pantry serves over 200 families every week. Items can be left at the entrances of the church. Many thanks for those who contribute regularly!

**HARVEST FESTIVAL 2011** –There will be an organizational meeting for this year's festival on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM for all who would like to be part of this year's festival. This will be the only meeting until after Lent is over and after Easter we will start meeting again. It is with hope that we have a good turnout to support Linda DeMarco in this most important fundraiser for the parish.



**CLAM CAKES AND CHOWDER**  
**Ash Wednesday 5-8PM**  
**and Good Friday only this year**

Served on a first come, first serve basis, no pre-orders will be taken and your choice of eat-in or take-out! Also on the menu for the first time will be **Panko-encrusted oven baked fish** with potato and vegetables...sounds yummy!!!

Complete baked fish dinner w/potato and vegetable \$8.75. Chowder \$3.00 for 16oz., Clam cakes \$1.25 each, 3/\$3.00, 6/\$5, 12/\$9; beverages \$1 and special dessert \$2.50 also available. Quantities limited to stock.

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT:** for February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> will be in next weekend's bulletin.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** begins on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday. Although not a Holyday of Obligation, it is a day of great devotion which marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. It is a time of special prayer, penance and devotion in preparation for the joyful Feast of Easter.

**ASH WEDNESDAY-MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> SCHEDULE:**

**Masses and the distribution of Ashes will be at 7AM, 9AM, 5:15PM and 7PM**

**Please note:** students in the 5PM session of CCD will be attending the 5:15PM Mass and the students in the 6:15PM session will attend the 7PM Mass.

**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 on 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 which will take effect on the first Sunday of Advent. It will be a series of DVD presentations on the Mass and some discussion questions that offer some insight to the Mass and why these new changes are taking place. These studies will

take place on the Mondays of Lent starting March 14<sup>th</sup> after the 6:30PM Mass.

**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. The first of these services will be on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the East Freetown Congregational Church.

**THE NEXT YOUTH DANCE** will be held Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-10PM. Admission is \$8.00 per student. Each student must be signed in by a responsible adult and picked up at the conclusion of the dance, by coming inside the building.

**THE ANNUAL LENTEN DEANERY MISSION** will be held March 14-17. The preacher will be Rev. Stanley Kolassa SSCC and his theme will be "PRIESTHOOD OF THE LAITY". **Schedule:**  
**Afternoon Mission Mass & Homily at 12:05PM each day at**  
St. Mary's Cathedral, 327 Spring St., Fall River.

**Evening Mission Mass & Homily at 7PM each evening at:**  
**Mon., March 14,** St. Joseph Church, N. Main St., Fall River – theme "Our Baptized Lives"

**Tues., March 15,** Good Shepherd Church, S. Main St., Fall River – theme "Our Identity as a Priestly People"

**Wed., March 16,** St. Michael Church, Essex St., Fall River – theme "Being Sanctifiers of the Ordinary Day by Day".

**Thurs., March 17,** St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite Church, N. Eastern Ave, Fall River – Mass will be in the Maronite Rite (Arabic and English) –theme- "The Holy Spirit Setting Us on Fire for Christ's Mission".

**Confessions** will be heard 30 minutes before each Mass both afternoon and evening.

**30 WEEK CLUB** will hold their first drawing for 2011 after the 4PM Mass this weekend. We will draw four \$100 winners!!!! All invited to attend the drawings, but you do not have to be present to win. Winners from the March 5<sup>th</sup> drawing will be posted in the following week's bulletin. Good luck to all our members and thank you for helping to raise the extra funds to pay off our church mortgage.

**THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS, CROSS OF CHRIST COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM for a social and then at 7PM for their business meeting.

**THE PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30PM in the Parish Library.

**THE WOMEN OF ST. BERNARD** will gather on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for their monthly meeting.

**BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER FOR ARMY SGT. BRENDAN FERREIRA** – who was seriously injured by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan one year ago on March 9, 2010. Sgt. Ferreira remains at Walter Reed Army Medical Center recovering from his injuries. This fundraiser will help him and his family with expenses that continue to mount while he faces multiple surgeries and therapy. The Bowl-a-thon will be held at the Holiday Lanes in Westport Saturday, March 12 from 4PM to 7PM. If you can help, we have pledge forms available in the Church Office. No charge for bowling with \$40 or more worth of pledges! Contact Bob Adams for complete information 508-644-2491.