

November 27, 2011

ADVENT

1ST SUNDAY

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming."

THE READINGS:

Deut. 8:7-18. *When you have eaten your fill, you must bless the Lord.*

PS. 144:2-11. *I will praise your name forever, Lord.*

Col. 3:12-17 *Among the virtues, practice thankfulness.*

Luke 17:11-19 *Ten lepers are healed; one gives thanks.*

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Nov. 26	4PM	Claire Collette & Sandra Isabelle Mary Bettencourt
Sun.	Nov. 27	8:30 10:30	Rita Johnson – Month's Mind Anthony & Mary Cambra
Mon.	Nov. 28	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Tue.	Nov. 29	9AM	Maria Leite & the Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	Nov. 30	9AM	Thomas Correiro
Thu.	Dec. 1	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Sat.	Dec. 3	4PM	Pray for Healing Joseph Carvalho
Sun.	Dec. 4	8:30 10:30	Joseph Andrews Anna Megna – 12 th Anniversary Mass for all Baptized here this year

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM Denise Branco
Sandi Sevigney
Judi Morin

8:30 Dennis Oliveira
Sharon Oliveira
Joanna Levesque

10:30 Shirley Carvalho
Susan Plonka
Gary Guinen

LECTORS:

Tony Branco

Linda Rodrigues

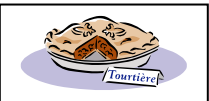
Carol Levesque

NEW MASS TRANSLATIONS OFFICIALLY BEGIN TODAY

The new Roman Missals used for the new translations are donated in loving memory of CHARLES AND LOIS SULLIVAN and DONALD RACINE. Thank you to the families for their generous donation.

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

MEAT PIE SUPPER



Our Famous Meat Pie Supper will take place on Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00PM in the church hall.

Menu: meat pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad bar, rolls & butter, apple pie a la mode, coffee, soda. All this only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets will be sold after all Masses or until they sell out.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Today's 10:30 Mass is being sponsored by the 9th grade class of Joanne Bernier & Nancy Faria. The students are: COLE BERNIER, ALLYSON BISHOP, CONNOR CARDOSO, COURTNEY CHRISTO, ALICIA COSTI, BAILY DOWLING, COLBY DOWLING, JILLIAN ECONOMOS, KEVIN FALAKI, XAVIER FARIA, MATEUS FELIPE, HANNAH KELLY, ABIGAIL LANE, LINDSEY MADEIRA, EMILY MATTOS, HAILEY MOREIRA, HANNAH NELSON, CAROLINE SEDELL, KELCEY

VIEIRA and TYLER WOODFORD. It's great to see our students participating!

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioners BOB & JOAN MARTEL who received the TOP HAT AWARD for their many years of involvement and good work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES resume today, November 27th with **Silly Hat Day & Coin Drive** to support a classmate who suffered 2nd & 3rd degree burns in an accident this summer. A \$1 donation is suggested to wear your silly hat to class on Nov. 27, 29 & 30. All donations accepted.



THE GIVING TREE All 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 11th 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.

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, starting this coming Monday Nov 28th from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Church; includes Evening Prayer and Benediction.

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 or 508-644-2046 if you wish to perform. Deadline for sign up is Sunday, Dec. 4th.

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 on Sunday, December 4th at 10:30AM. Parents will be receiving an invitation in the mail within the next few days. We hope to see a lot of our newly baptized and how they have grown.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is lit for the month of November for all deceased of the parish.

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

Please remember them in your prayers.

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.

PLACEMENT EXAMS for all Diocesan High Schools is Saturday December 3rd at 8AM, a make-up exam is scheduled for Dec. 10th. Arrive at 7:45AM to the school of your choice. \$20 fee payable at the time of application.

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 # _____

CONGRATULATIONS to DANIEL DELISLE who will be installed as an altar server this morning (Sunday) at the 10:30 Mass. Thank you Danny and to all of our altar servers for your service.

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – THURSDAY, DEC. 8TH**

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. 7th at 6:30PM. Holyday Masses on the 8th 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, & 18th. A portion of the proceeds will come back to our parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Basketball Free-Throw Contest Friday Dec. 2 at the Berkley Middle School – open to all boys & girls 10-14. Registration at 5:30PM Shoot starts at 6PM. Thank you to the Berkley Athletic Association for donating their practice time so this event could take place.

K OF C SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE AND AUCTION will be held Sat. March 10 at White's of Westport. They are soliciting gift card, baskets, service providers, scratch tickets and so forth for their Auction. Sports tickets are always a huge hit for 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.

**MALASSADA BREAKFAST- NEXT SUNDAY DEC. 4TH
MALASSADA MAMAS & PAPAS WILL BE IN THE KITCHEN**

Pre-order Malassadas today or call 508-644-5867
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

NAME: _____
PHONE # _____
Number of Malassadas _____
& Type of sandwich _____
Time you will pick up order



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
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.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular parish collection last weekend was \$3,582.94 with 231 budget envelopes used. \$134 was given towards the mortgage, \$132 for building and maintenance and \$177 for Utilities. \$775 was given for the Campaign for Human Development.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY-Parish Emergency Fund.

ANNUAL COLLECTION: Thus far \$18,999 has been donated.

FATHER MIKE SHARES THE GOOD NEWS...St. Bernard's Church Mortgage is nearly paid...because of you! 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 7th 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 will go on sale after weekend Masses in December (with the exception of Christmas weekend) or in the Church Office until January 1st 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, 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 1st 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