

September 11, 2011
ORDINARY TIME
24TH SUNDAY

*"Should you not have had pity
on your fellow servant,
as I had pity on you?"*

THE READINGS:

Sirach 27:30-28:9. *The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance.*

Romans 14:7-9. *Whether we live or die, we are totally the Lord's.*

Matthew 18:21-35. *We must forgive even 77 times.*

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Sept. 10	4PM	Robert Johnson – 9 th Anniversary Leo Coppinger – 5 th Anniversary Jeanne Robert
Sun.	Sept. 11	8:30 10:30	Victims of 9/11/01 Victims of 9/11/01 Rev. Terrance Keenan-1 st Anniversary 9/11 Ecumenical Prayer Service
Mon.	Sept. 12	9AM	Maria L. Resendes & Leonora Resendes
Tue.	Sept. 13	9AM	Maria Leite & Souls in Purgatory
Wed.	Sept. 14	9AM	Lori Reed
Thu.	Sept. 15	9AM	Pray for Healing
	Sept. 16	5PM	Wedding: Anthony Donaldson & Jennifer Amaral
Sat.	Sept. 17	4PM	Dorothy Dias & Joseph Dias Jr. Deolinda Castro – 2 nd Anniversary
Sun.	Sept. 18	8:30 10:30	Maria Leite & Souls in Purgatory Francisco & Silvana Resendes

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM Denise Branco
Yvette Perry
Jeannine Conroy

8:30 Matt Hermenau
Mike Delisle
Julia Morris

10:30 Sharyn Fitzgerald
Susan Plonka
Carol Levesque

LECTORS:

Tony Branco

Linda Rodrigues

Michael Patrick

THE KIDS WHO COOK PROGRAM is going to resume Oct. 6th at 6:00 pm. There are only a few openings as most of the children are planning to return. For more information call Denise @508 763-8649.

MOHEGAN TRIP - SUNDAY, NOV. 20, 2011- It's time for our annual holiday excursion to Mohegan Sun! Coffee and ...will be served in our hall beginning at 7:15 AM.(Please arrive no later than 7:30 to get checked in and settled on the bus which leaves St Bernard's parking lot at 8 AM and head to Mohegan.) Our package includes two \$10 food vouchers good at any restaurants, and \$20 gambling voucher. We depart the casino at 2:30PM and head to Mystic Village where we will attend the Cornerstone Theatre's live show, **Holiday Cabaret** ! A light snack will be provided for the ride back to St Bernard's, arriving by 7:30PM. This is always a great time and the seats fill up quickly so don't hesitate to reserve your spot! The entire package is \$65 / person, which is the same as last year. Contact Carol Levesque for reservations at carol.levesque@comcast.net or call: 508-965-9832. Full payment is due by October 9th.



St. Bernard Church Harvest Festival –Sept. 23-25

Friday, Sept. 23rd from 7-10PM - Youth Dance and Giant Slide for children in grades 5-8.

Saturday, Sept. 24th (10AM-7PM) 10AM The Discover Assonet 5K Road Race; Early registration online or mail-in is \$20, Race Day \$22. Register online at www.racewire.com. T-shirt to the first 100 applicants, cash prizes awarded to top 3 men and women – walkers welcome! Refreshments included.

At 1PM Radio Station Light 105 broadcasting live at our festival until 3PM; Children's Pumpkin Fun Run Sat. at 1PM. The Bristol County Sheriff's Dept Iris Recognition program and fingerprinting will be here. These are child safety programs.

Sunday Sept. 25 festival runs from 9:30AM to 4:00PM – warm malassadas in the morning and The Mike Moran Band featured on center stage at 1PM.

Delicious Food, Games for all ages, Inflatable's, Entertainment, Vendors, Raffles, Gift Baskets, Silent Auction, Free Ice Cream and so much more throughout the weekend. And let us not forget all the pumpkins; we are certain you will fall in love with at least one of them and not be able to leave without it! Any questions, call 508-644-5585.

PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE SIGN-UP to volunteer to work at this year's Harvest Festival - see attachment.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMITTEE'S next meeting is Tuesday Sept. 13, 2011 @ 6:30 PM.

PUMPKIN PATCH – The pumpkins will be arriving on Thursday Sept 22 around 2:30PM. We can certainly use a lot of hands and wheelbarrows to unload the thousands of pumpkins which will be part of the Festival attraction. Thanks for your help in advance!

PUMPKIN PATCH SCHOOL VISITORS soon we begin welcoming students from the local Catholic schools to the Pumpkin Patch. They stay for a couple of hours and play pumpkin themed games and have a really great time! In order to provide these field trip experiences we need lots of adults who are available weekday mornings between 9:30 and noon on any Tuesday or Thursdays in October or possibly some Wednesdays, please consider helping us out. The majority of the activities are in the parking lot, unless the weather is bad and we have to move inside. We've had very good luck with weather in the past years. Please contact Carol Levesque at carol.levesque@comcast.net or 508-965-9832. This activity really helps to move pumpkins off the lot and increases our pumpkin profitability tremendously. The more hands we have, the better!!

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Monday, Sept. 12 at 6PM in the Parish Library.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:30PM.

PARISH EMAIL LIST: Special announcements and activities are sent out thru email to those on our Parish email List. Please send your name and email to stbernardassonet@aol.com to be included.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on Monday and Wednesday this week from 9AM-12 Noon in the Prayer Chapel.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular collection last week, was \$3,386.90 with 240 budget envelopes used. \$20 for the Mortgage, \$827 for Building & Maintenance and \$495 for Utilities and \$91 for the Emergency Fund.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Mortgage

30 WEEK CLUB GRAND PRIZES drawn last week went to: \$100 winners were: PAUL LEVESQUE, DORIS GRACIA, STEVEN SOUZA, LORI MARGETTA and JOHN & ROXIE LEARY. Winning \$500 - ELAINE MELLO; \$750 - JOHN CUTNER and Grand Prize winners taking home \$2,000 - STEPHEN & DIANE MCCABE. Congratulations to all our lucky winners! Captains, thanks for all your help, we could not have done this without YOU! Here is a little fun fact in the three years we have had the 30 Week Club it has contributed over \$30,000.00 to the mortgage and \$21,000.00 in cash prizes! WOW! I would say that makes our Parish the really "big winner". A special thank you to JEFF DEMARCO and JOHN JABLONSKI for all your work behind the scenes!

MASS CITIZENS FOR LIFE'S 2011 RESPECT LIFE WALK TO AID MOTHERS AND CHILDREN will be held on Sunday, Oct 2 at the Parkman Bandstand in Boston Common. (near the corner of Tremont and Boylston St.) Registration and Pre-walk celebration are at 1:30 and WALK at 2:30. For more information call Jane at 508 269-7097. A bus will be available.

LAST CALL: WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Bishop George Coleman will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2011. This Mass will take place on Sunday, September 18th at 2PM at St. Julie Billiard Church in North Dartmouth. If you would like an invitation please let Fr. Mike know as soon as possible.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11-2001

TODAY, September 11th marks 10 years since the terrible attacks on our country. We continue to pray for the many victims who lost their lives that tragic day for their families and for all of our servicemen and women who have given and continue to give their lives for service to our country. All are invited to an Ecumenical Prayer Service here at St. Bernard's this evening at 7PM. We continue to pray for peace. **GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is lit for the month of September in memory of DORIS ST. PIERRE. **THE MARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of September in memory of ARTHUR DUCHARME. Please remember them in your prayers.

HOUSE PAINTING HELP REQUESTED! If you can help prime and paint the exterior of a home for a recently deceased parishioner and fellow bowler John St. Pierre, please contact Bob Adams at 508-644-2491 or Larry Thomas at 508-524-1719. They will contact you with the "painting party" date. With enough help and some good weather, it could be completed in a couple of days.

NEW MASS TRANSLATION PAMPHLETS are located in the information area at the South entrance of the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Sunday, September 11, 8:00am - Noon

Sunday, September 18, 8:00am - Noon

WE COULD USE HELP FROM OUR TEACHERS DURING REGISTRATION HOURS.

If you are signing up a child for the first time and he or she was not baptized at St Bernard, a copy of their Baptism certificate is required at the time of registration.

For students in our Confirmation program of grades 8 and 9,

There will be an important Informational and registration meeting held on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:00 pm in the church. At least 1 parent or guardian and the student need to attend. Parents can register their other children who may be in a different grade during this session. An overview of the Confirmation program, requirements, retreat and fees will be covered.

SCHEDULE OF CCD CLASSES FOR 2011-2012

WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE: (SELECT ONE)

Sundays: 9:20 - 10:20AM Grades 2, 3, 7 & 8
10:30 - 11:30AM Grade 1 (monthly)
11:20AM - 12:20PM Grades 4, 5, 6 & 9
Tuesdays: 5:00 - 6:00PM Grades 5, 6, 7
6:15 - 7:15PM Grade 8
Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00PM Grades 2, 3, 4
6:15 - 7:15PM Grade 9

STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-7, who are unable to attend class for any reason, have the option of Home Study. Details will be provided at registration time.

CLASSES FOR GRADES 2-9 are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

GRADE ONE begins Sun., Oct. 30, 2011 with the 10:30 Mass.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS: We are always looking for new teachers and this year is no exception. If you would like to teach, call the CCD Office at 508-644-2032 and leave a message or email: Stbernardreled@rectory.comcastbiz.net. All teachers are required to complete a CORI (background check) required by the diocese.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION TO PAYING OFF THE CHURCH MORTGAGE

we are planning a celebration to burn the church mortgage! Already Bishop Coleman has agreed to be the celebrant of the 4PM Mass on January 7th. Members of the Parish Council will meet for a brainstorming session on Monday Sept. 12 at 6PM in the Church Hall.

****PARKING NOTICE****

Please note the following new permanent High St parking restrictions. - South side, starting at South Main and North side, 75 feet before Stop sign at South Main. The existing restricted parking area near the church exit has also been extended up to the cross walk near Simpson Lane. There are no changes to the parking restrictions on the north side of Simpson Lane. These areas are monitored by Freetown Police and they are issuing parking violation warnings. Parking is also restricted to the designated parking spaces in the church lot to ensure emergency vehicle access and minimize traffic flow disruptions. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Offenders will be ticketed...per order of the Freetown Police Department.