

February 13, 2011
ORDINARY TIME
6th Sunday

***“Be reconciled first, and then
bring your gift to the altar.”***

thank our many Confirmation students who helped out as well.

THE READINGS:

Sirach: 15:15-20. *Before us are life and death; whichever we choose shall be given to us.*
1 Corinthians 2:6-10. *God's wisdom, not that of the rulers of this age.*
Matthew 5:17-37. *A sensible, sometimes difficult, way to live.*

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Feb. 12	4PM	Paul Cormier Ernest P. Lebeau Jr.
Sun.	Feb. 13	8:30	Jesse Costa
		10:30	Adelard Martinville
Mon.	Feb. 14	9AM	Lester Hallett – Month's Mind
Tue.	Feb. 15	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Wed.	Feb. 16	9AM	Leo Conroy & John Albernaz
Thu.	Feb. 17	9AM	Dolores Oliveira-Month's Mind
Sat.	Feb. 19	2PM	Wedding: Sarah DaSilva & Darren Fleurent
		4PM	Leo Conroy & John Albernaz Connie Bancroft-Birthday remembrance
Sun.	Feb. 20	8:30	Maria Leite & Souls In Purgatory
		10:30	Joseph Dias Jr.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING - There will be an important First Communion parent meeting held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 5:15pm for those students who attend Wednesday classes and again on 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.

TODAY'S 10:30 MASS is being sponsored by one of our 8th Grade classes under the guidance of JOANNE BERNIER. Students participating are: COLE BERNIER, ALLYSON BISHOP, JESSICA BLAIR, CHRISTOPHER CARTIER, ALICIA COSTI, JILLIAN ECONOMOS, XAVIER FARIA, MATEUS FELIPE, HANNAH KELLY, ABIGAIL LANE, MAKAYLA LOGAN, EMILYMATTOS, MORGAN MOQUIN, HAILEY MOREIRA, HANNAH NELSON, ANDREW NORFOLK, KELCEY VIEIRA and CAROLINE WILSON. It's great to see our students participating!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS! Nearly 200 volunteers filled the venue at the Elks on January 29th celebrating the spirit of volunteerism here at St. Bernard Parish. Fr. Mike presented our "Volunteer of the Year" award to ED KELLY who has been very active since joining our parish just three years ago – Ed has taken on the responsibility of cooking for our Parish Dinners, Breakfasts and special events including the Parish Festival and he even put together our Friends of St. Bernard Festival booklet. Religious Education coordinator Brian Correia presented LORI CHRETIEN with the "Religious Educator of the Year" award for her many years of lesson preparation, creativity, dedication, inspiration and sharing her faith with the children of our parish. "Altar Server of the Year" was presented last Sunday by Fr. Mike to NICHOLAS CLARK who conscientiously serves both weekends and weddings, who couldn't make last weekend's celebration. Others recognized during the evening for their accomplishments in 2010 was JUDY NORMAN who was last year's recipient of the Marian Medal, and JOSHUA CHAVES who received the Pius X Youth Award. The meal was outstanding from Riccardi's and our guests had a great time dancing the night away! **PICTURES FROM APPRECIATION NIGHT** have been posted on the parish website.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember the soul of Army Sgt. Jason Pool who passed away last week and is among the many Fall River sons who died over the past few months while serving our country. May Sgt. Pool now share the promise of Eternal Life and we offer our prayers to his family in this time of loss.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM Bob Viveiros
Joyce Viveiros
Denise Branco

8:30 Bob Adams
Walter Buote
Julia Morris

10:30 Barret Castro
Phil Carvalho
Shirley Carvalho

LECTORS:

Dennis Read

Janine Perry

CCD Student

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Over the past 2 weekends, 52 of our second graders received their First Penance and 63 of our Confirmation class attended their retreat day. Both days went as smoothly as hoped and were flawless. We even managed to get through without any snow! This could not have happened without the talent and dedication of our grade 2 and grade 9 teachers.

At our grade 2 Penance retreat, we had many Confirmation students help throughout the day. They assisted the teachers, Fr Mike and the children during the lessons and activities that made up the day. One of our 8th grade classes made gift bags to hand out to the students after they made their First Penance. We are so proud to have them as members of St Bernard.

We thank FR MIKE and our teachers: LAURA ANDREWS, ALISSA NORFOLK, LUCIA DARLING, NORINA RAGGIANI, DOLORES REED, LOU LEONARDO, LOUISE KELLEY, ANDY DIGIAMMO, DIANE PATRICK and MARCY COUITT. We also

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held as usual, Mon. and Wed. from 9AM until 12 noon.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is lit for the month of February for DORIS ST. PIERRE. **THE MARY CANDLE** is lit for the month of February for GLORIA & VICTOR DITULLIO. Please remember them in your prayers.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY PROGRAM will present an evening of Discussion and Prayer on Grieving tonight Sunday February 13th at 6:30PM in the Church (WEATHER PERMITTING). Deacon Peter Cote, chaplain at Catholic Memorial Home will be our presenter and give a talk on the overview of Grief, and how we can be a Spiritual Presence to the dying. The evening will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This program is open to all who wish to come. If the weather is bad, please call or check the website or email messages if you are on our email list or a voicemail message will be left on the CCD line before coming out.



BAKED HAM DINNER

Saturday, February 19, 2011

Dinner served at 5:00PM in the church hall

Menu: Baked ham with pineapple, parsley potatoes, carrots with brown sugar, applesauce, salad bar, bread pudding with whipped cream. 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.

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. 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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

COMMITTEE The Scholarship Dinner Dance and Auction will be held Sat. March 19th at Whites in Westport. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Anyone with a gift card or a gift that they would like to donate to the auction is asked to see BILL MORIN or MARLENE CORREIA. Please donate new items only. Tickets to the dinner are on sale now.

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!

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.**

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2011

– It may only be February, but we are already thinking towards the Fall Festival. First I want to say a word of welcome and thanks to LINDA DEMARCO, who shortly before Christmas approached Fr. Mike to volunteer to chair this year's festival. Linda comes with a great background of organizational skills and we are most grateful to her for undertaking this task. With that said, there will be an organizational meeting for this year's festival on Tuesday, March 8th 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 in this most important fundraiser for the parish and that was proven last year with the great success and hard work of so many people.

PARISH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING will be Tuesday, February 8th at 6:30PM in the Parish hall.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular parish collection last weekend was \$3,150.88 with 236 budget envelopes used. \$10 was given towards the mortgage, \$408 for Building & Maintenance and \$141 for Utilities. \$814 was given to the Diocese for Home Missions. Thank you for your continued financial support.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Church Mortgage.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND is for the Parish Emergency Fund. Again there was no envelope in the packet for this collection, so please use a plain envelope with your name on it to be recorded in our records.

FEBRUARY IS DESIGNATED AS ANCHOR SUBSCRIPTION MONTH – All parishioners are encouraged to subscribe to The Anchor, the weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Fall River. Subscriptions are \$20 a year.

AGAIN THIS YEAR one of our parishioner (IRS trained) has generously offered to help seniors or low income families file their taxes for free. A donation to St. Bernard parish is optional. Call the Church Office 508-644-5585 if you wish to set up an appointment. Mondays and Fridays are preferable, but he will try to accommodate other times by appointment.

TO ALL 30 WEEK CLUB MEMBERS - Hopefully you have all been contacted by your group Captain. If you have not been contacted by now, please call Jeff DeMarco at 508-880-3146 ASAP. We are now in our third week of the club; February's dues should be paid by next weekend 2/26/2011. The first drawing will be on Saturday March 5, 2011 after the 4PM Mass. Everyone is welcome, but you do not have to be present to win.

THE NEXT MALASSADA BREAKFAST
WILL TAKE PLACE MARCH 6TH.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: A Eucharistic Ministers meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the church hall. We will be scheduling through 6/19/11. Please plan on attending.