

March 8, 2009

LENT

2nd Sunday

"The angel said to Abraham, 'Do not raise your hand against the boy. Do not do the least thing to him.'"

THE READINGS:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18. Abraham's sacrifice of his son, Isaac.

Romans 8:31b-34. God did not spare his own Son.

Mark 9:2-10. This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. Mar. 7 4PM Evelyn Aubin
- Sun. Mar. 8 8:30 Doris St. Pierre
10:30 Angie & John Hoeschele
- Mon. Mar. 9 9AM Intention at the discretion of priest
6:30PM Our Parishioners
- Tue. Mar. 10 9AM Rita & Vincent Powell
- Wed. Mar. 11 9AM Intention at the discretion of priest
6:30PM Intention at the discretion of priest
- Thu. Mar. 12 9AM Intention at the discretion of priest
- Sat. Mar. 14 4PM Joseph Camara
- Sun. Mar. 15 8:30 Maria DaCosta
10:30 Jesse Costa

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 4PM Bob Viveiros
Sandi Sevigney
Joyce Viveiros
- 8:30 Julia Morris
Roxie Leary
Pat Canto
- 10:30 Patricia Lucini
Diane Cordeiro
Sharyn Fitzgerald

LECTORS:

- Paul Corcoran
- Janine Perry
- Ernie Benoit

TODAY'S 10:30 MASS is sponsored by the 9th Grade class of Diane Patrick: NINA FARIAS, MEGHAN PATRICK, MELISSA GUIRAND, BRIANNA SPAGNA, CONNOR GRACA, CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT, BRITTANY COYNE, HAILEY HASTINGS, ADAM COUITT and KAYLA CHERNECKY will be doing the greetings, readings, bringing up the gifts and collecting.

PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS who missed Wednesday's meeting should contact the Religious Education Office to be updated on important information.

SUMMER LAWN CARE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: St. Bernard Parish is accepting lawn care proposals for the church and rectory grounds. Please contact the Church Office for more information (508)644-5585.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is lit for the month of March in memory of ED MCCARTHY. Please remember him in your prayers.

OUR PARISH WILL BE PARTICIPATING in the nation-wide 40 Days for Life Campaign in a special way. Besides praying daily for the end of abortion we will hold a Day of Prayer, Fast and Adoration this Monday, March 9th from

11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. when we will celebrate benediction. Mass will be held at 6:30 p.m. All are encouraged to be a part of this important day. Stop by church to visit the Lord, pray and offer some sort of simple fast. On Monday, March 9th St. Bernard's parishioners will be praying in front of the abortion clinic in Attleboro as a part of the nation wide campaign to end abortion in our country. We will be leaving the church parking lot after the 9 a.m. mass and returning around 1:00. Please feel welcome to join us. For those who can't pray in front of the clinic, the following website offers a way to participate at home. www.40daysforlife.com For more information call 508 269-7097



ROAST PORK SUPPER

Schedule our next church supper into your calendar! Saturday, March 28, 2009. Dinner served at 5:00PM in the church hall. Menu: Roast Pork, Pan Roasted Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetable, Applesauce, Salad Bar, Bread & butter, Bread Pudding for dessert and beverages. All this for only \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets will be sold after all Masses & in the Church Office until they sell out.

All proceeds used to pay off our church mortgage. Your support is greatly appreciated!

CYO BASKETBALL: St. Bernard's B team improved to 15-1 for the regular season with wins over First Congregational Church and St Joseph's. The first game was another physical battle with FCC, in which St Bernard's has now beaten FCC 2 out of 3 games. The score of the game was 33-27. These two teams are undefeated except for the losses to each other. MIKE MAHONEY and SAM MCGOWAN led all scorers with 11 and 13 points respectively. CAM CHRISTO was the main ball handler handing out several assists. In the second game against St Joseph's, all 6 players scored during the game as St Bernard's won 34-14, with 5 players scoring at least 5 pts. The teams were tied at 8-8 before St. Bernard's scored the next 21 points with pressure defense and strong rebounding. Our next game is Sunday, 3/8, at noon. We believe the play-offs will take place after that.

MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER AT TAX TIME. Your contributions are tax deductible! If you use the monthly envelopes, you may request a letter for the total amount of your 2008 contributions. The letter is provided as a convenience to our parishioners, and is not required by the IRS for your tax deduction. A letter is required if you gave a single contribution of \$250 or more. Please contact Sue at 508-644-5585 or email Sibernardassonet@aol.com to Sue's attention.

30 WEEK CLUB'S FIRST MONTHLY DRAWING

TO BE ELIGIBLE, DUES MUST BE PAID THROUGH WEEK FOUR!

On Saturday March 7, 2009 after the 4PM Mass we will draw four \$100.00 winners for each week in February. The drawing will be held at the back of the Church.

Future drawing dates are: 4/5/09 after 8:30 AM Mass
5/3/09 after 10:30 AM Mass; 6/6/09 after 4:00 PM Mass;
7/5/09 after 7:00 AM Mass; 8/2/09 after 8:30 AM
Mass;
and 9/6/09 after 10:30 AM Mass.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be held at Bishop Connolly High School on April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 5th from 7 to 9PM. Advance registration is required. Please note one of the requirements to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is that you have received your Confirmation.

THE FALL RIVER DEANERY will sponsor a Lenten Mission Mon., March 23rd- Thurs., March 26th. Fr. John Kelleher of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Centerville will preach. His theme is "***The Path of Christian Discipleship***". There will be Mass at 12:05PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. The evening session within the context of Mass will be at 7PM at these churches: Monday, St. Joseph Church, Tuesday – Holy Trinity, Wednesday – St. Michael, and on Thursday – St. Anthony of the Desert Church on North Eastern Avenue – the Mass will be the Mass in the Maronite Rite.

BOSTON CATHOLIC MEN'S & WOMEN'S CONFERENCES –Saturday, April 18, 2009 (Men) and Sunday, April 19 (Women) at the Conte Forum at Boston College. Contact Paul Levesque at 508-644-2046, email paul.levesque@comcast.net or Carol Levesque at 508-644-2046, email carol.levesque@comcast.net.

DIOCESAN RECONCILIATION WEEKEND March 20th/ 21st every parish in the diocese will host "***Be Reconciled with God***". This is an opportunity for Catholics, active and those who have fallen away, the opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Schedule is from 7-9PM on Friday, 10:30AM-12:30PM (flexible in case of funerals) and 1:30-3:30PM on Saturday. Basic questions concerning confession will be presented in the bulletin and hopefully ease the fears that should be replaced with joy and reconciliation.

What are the qualities of a good confession?

A good confession is humble, sincere and complete. It's humble when we accuse ourselves of our sins with a deep sorrow for having offended the Lord while imploring his loving mercy. It's sincere when we tell all of our sins honestly and truthfully without exaggerating them or excusing them.

How often should one go to the sacrament?

The Church teaches that we should go to confession at least once a year. For many it has been a tradition to perform ones' "Easter Duty" by receiving the sacrament of confession and the Eucharist. However we cannot put a minimum over the maximum, which simply means that one can receive the sacrament of reconciliation as often

as one feels the need to. It is by the frequent reception of the sacraments that we grow in holiness.

SERVE NEW ENGLAND –The orders for March should be placed and paid for by Sunday March 15. These orders will be delivered to St. Bernard Church on March 28 and available for pick up from 7-9AM that day.

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DAILY MASS DURING LENT: Will be Monday thru Thursday at 9AM and Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 3:30PM to accommodate those who do not like to go out in the evening and at 7PM for those who work and would like to make this Lenten devotion as a family.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Our Prayer Chapel (AKA Cry Room) is available for private adoration Monday thru Wednesday from 9AM-6PM. On Mondays of Lent we will have Adoration in the Church at 4PM concluding with Benediction at 6PM.

BIBLE STUDY: Our Lenten Bible Study will focus on the Eucharist and will take place on Monday evenings at 7PM following the 6:30PM Mass. Because we had to cancel last Monday's class we will meet until 8:45PM for the next couple of weeks to try to catch up. An additional class may be needed; we will discuss it at this week's session.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDY SERIES: The Churches of the Freetown area will host Wednesday evenings "Soup & Study" at the various churches. Clergy from the area will give the study talks. Fr. Mike will be preaching on Wednesday, March 11th at the 1st Congregational Church of New Bedford. His talk will be "Who Is Jesus?" St. Bernard will host the Holy Week series.

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST: Sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee of our parish on Monday, March 9th, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 11:30 noon to 6PM in the Church.

FRIDAYS OF LENT – CLAM CAKES AND CHOWDER

Available Fridays during Lent...Combo special = 2 clam cakes and chowder \$5; Clam cakes are \$1.25 each, 3 for \$3, 6 for \$5, or 12 for \$9. Chowder \$3. French fries and beverages are \$1 each and special dessert \$2 each.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT: The regular collection on 2/23 was \$3,010.46 with 238 budget envelopes used. \$74 was given towards the Church Mortgage, \$167 for Building & Maintenance and \$182 for Utilities. The collection on 3/1 was \$3,126.50 with 214 envelopes used. \$345 was given for Building & Maintenance and \$415 for Utilities. \$547 was donated on Ash Wednesday for Evangelization and \$639 was given towards the Catholic University in Washington D.C. We thank each and every one of you for your continued support.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Church Mortgage.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND is for the Parish Emergency Fund.

UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU has both part-time and full-time positions available in our area for the 2010 Census. \$12-\$20 per hour – for more info call 1-866-861-2010 or go to www.2010censusjobs.gov.