

November 16, 2008
ORDINARY TIME
 33RD Sunday

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small things, I give you more. Come share your master's joy."

THE READINGS:

Proverbs: 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. *The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. *We are children of the light. Stay awake.*
Matthew 25:14-30. *The parable of the talents.*

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Nov. 15	4PM	Katherine Moore
Sun.	Nov. 16	8:30	Leon Menard
		10:30	Lillian Vanasse
Mon.	Nov. 17	9AM	Don Whelan
Tue.	Nov. 18	9AM	Manuel & Maria Duarte
Wed.	Nov. 19	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Thu.	Nov. 20	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Sat.	Nov. 22	1:30PM	Wedding: David DaSilva & Sarah Fillion
		4PM	Ernest P LeBeau Sr. & Ernest P. LeBeau Jr.
Sun.	Nov. 23	8:30	John Moniz
		10:30	Raymond Ventura

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4PM Denise Branco
 Jeannine Conroy
 Joanna DeCosta
 8:30 Pat Canto
 Julia Morris
 Dennis Morris
 10:30 Susan Plonka
 Beth Lawton
 Gary Guinen

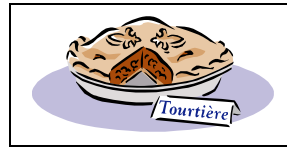
LECTORS:

Paul Corcoran
 Paul Levesque
 Chris Plonka

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER we are called in a special way to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest. You are invited to record the names of your beloved dead in the Parish Book of Remembrance, which is located in the Baptismal area. Their intentions will be lifted up in prayer throughout the month of November.

OUR CUP RUNNETH OVER! WISH LIST-A BIG SUCCESS:

The overwhelming response to our recent wish list items was a clear indication parishioners have a desire to contribute a little something special to our parish. With that in mind, we have been in need of a new Processional Cross for a very long time. The one we use now has been repaired many times over, and a somewhat beyond additional repairs. Therefore, we are setting up a Processional Candle Fund, which parishioners are invited to donate to in any amount they can afford. These donations can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention which will be listed in the bulletin, unless otherwise stated. If you would like to donate to the Processional Cross Fund, please contact the Church Office at 508-644-5585. Thank you.



MEAT PIE SUPPER The supper committee met and has new and exciting ideas for our suppers at St. Bernard. Be on the lookout for information in

up-coming bulletins. Our next supper, a Meat Pie Supper will take place on Saturday, December 6th at 5:00PM in the church hall. Menu: meat pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, rolls & butter, ice cream bar with toppings, coffee, soda. All this only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning Nov. 15/16.

THE SUPPER COMMITTEE is asking for your help in acquiring children's storybooks, coloring books, games, puzzles, and toys and the like (new or gently used) in order to set up a "children's playroom" that can be used to entertain children who attend parish suppers with their parents. This room will offer parents the opportunity to socialize without their children being anxious to leave.



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PIES FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER!

Sponsored by KIDS WHO COOK! And expertly prepared by Chef Jeff! Only \$8.50 each. ORDERS BEING TAKEN ON Nov. 8 & 9 and Nov. 15 & 16. Pies must be paid for when orders are placed. Pies can be picked up on Wednesday, November 26 in Classroom #3. They are sooooo good! Yum!

SERVE NEW ENGLAND: Is a program designed to promote volunteer service by offering deep discounts on the highest quality grocery, meat and vegetable items to community-minded people willing to volunteer 2 hours of their time each month to a worthy cause. Once a month on a Saturday our hall is used from 7AM to 9AM as a distribution site. The next pick up date is Saturday, Nov. 22nd. **Orders for the month of December must be placed and paid for by December 7th for delivery on Saturday, December 20th.** Flyers and monthly newspapers containing all the information and specials are now available at the Chapel entryway at the top of the steps for your convenience. If you have any questions please contact Yvona Colvin at 508-558-3408 after 6PM.

CAROL LEVESQUE will be receiving the 2008 Marian Medal from Bishop Coleman at St. Mary's Cathedral today, November 16 at 3PM. We once again congratulate Carol for being this year's most deserving recipient.

THE ECUMENICAL CHOIR is holding rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7-8PM. If you would like to take part in this year's Ecumenical Christmas Concert, please join us for choir rehearsals.

NOVEMBER - NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH – In order to help spread the positive message of creating families through adoption, Catholic Social Services of Fall River, will hold an information session for people interested in domestic newborn or international adoption, Sunday, Nov. 16 1:30-3:30PM. Call CSS at 508-674-4681 for info and directions. Handouts and refreshments will be available. No charge for this session.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: The season of Advent is just 3 Sundays away. As in past years we invite all to take a little time from their busy schedules and focus on the true meaning of Christmas and join us for an Advent Scripture Study on the Sunday Gospels of the Advent Season. This year's format will also include the celebration of the Eucharist at 6:30PM in Church followed by approximately 45 minute reflection session on the previous Sunday's Gospel. All of the sessions are on Monday, except for the week of Dec. 8th, when we will move to Tuesday night due to the Holyday and a previously scheduled meeting in the hall. So the dates are: Mon., Dec. 1st, Tues., Dec. 9th, Mon. Dec. 15th, and Mon., December 22nd. If you plan on attending, please contact Paul Levesque at 508-644-2046 or email paul.levesque@comcast.net.

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 7th 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 INSTALLATION OF OUR FOUR NEW ALTAR SERVERS will take place at the 10:30AM Mass on the Feast of Christ the King.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION – the most important collection for our parish during the year is now at \$15,650.00 – for which we are most grateful. Last year's total was \$18,414.00 – we're getting closer!

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular parish collection was \$3,029.10 with 235 budget envelopes used. \$45 was given for Building & Maintenance and \$110 for Utilities. \$2,217.00 was given in mortgage envelopes for the Church Mortgage, plus an anonymous donation of \$1,600 to be used towards the mortgage and another \$1,200 anonymous donation for our Emergency Fund. It is just astonishing how generous our parishioners are and we are most grateful for your sacrifices.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Parish Emergency Fund.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK is the Campaign for Human Development, a national collection.

ALL PARISHIONERS are urged to attend a taping of a most important presentation that will be shown across the diocese on cable. Mrs. Marian Desrosiers from the Diocesan Pro-Life Apostolate will explain FOCA (The Freedom of Choice Act) and how it impacts us as Christians, parents, doctors, nurses, medical personnel and youth. It will be taped Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30PM in the Church hall. FOCA is a dangerous threat to human life and freedom. Parental rights will be stripped away, conscience rights will be violated and non-physicians will be given authority to perform medical procedures as regulations will be ignored and YOU will pay for this with your tax money! PLEASE attend and bring family and friends to see what we can do to stop this most EXTREME measure. Your support and voice is needed now more than ever! See you Tuesday evening in the Church hall.

THE WOMEN OF ST. BERNARD will meet at the Rectory for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30PM. Last month's meeting was so much fun, they're doing it again! New members are always welcome.



CREATIVE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Saturday, November 29, 2008

10AM to 6PM

St. Bernard Church Hall

Unique gift ideas from area vendors and crafters. There will be gift wrapping available. While you shop, stop and enjoy our Café - Homemade soups, breads, muffins, salads!

THANKSGIVING SERVICES:

OUR THANKS to everyone who participated in the Religious Education Thanksgiving Mass last Wednesday evening. It was very well attended.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE – THANKSGIVING EVE

All of the Churches of Freetown will be gathering for a Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Prayer Service at:

**East Freetown Congregational Christian Church
Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00PM**

The offering of non-perishable food items is gratefully requested.

THANKSGIVING DAY – We will have Mass at 9AM. You are invited to bring food items to be blessed for your Thanksgiving meal, ex: pies, bread, wine, etc.

ADVENT MASS OF CONSOLATION: Having trouble preparing for Christmas because a loved one is missing from your family? If you have lost a child or grandchild (through death or miscarriage) a spouse or other loved one, you are invited to come and celebrate the life of that person at a special Mass of remembrance. Perhaps then you may be better able to reach out to others and find peace in this Advent season. Monday, Nov. 24 at

7PM at St. Julie Billiart Church, 494 Slocum Rd., No. Dartmouth. Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Family Life.