

November 30, 2008

ADVENT

1st Sunday

"Be watchful! You do not know when the time will come."

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7. Why do you let us wander, O Lord?

1 Corinthians 1:3-9. We await the revelation of Jesus.

Mark 13:33-37. Be watchful and alert: you do not know when the time will come.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat.	Nov. 29	4PM	Andrew Dumont
Sun.	Nov. 30	8:30	Norman Desjardins & Betty Ann Deschenes
		10:30	Thomas Carreiro
Mon.	Dec. 1	9AM	Joseph Camara
		6:30PM	Patrick Doyle
Tue.	Dec. 2	9AM	Our Parishioners
Wed.	Dec. 3	9AM	Rita & Vincent Powell
Thu.	Dec. 4	9AM	Intention at the discretion of priest
Fri.	Dec. 5	9AM	Janice Monte – 1 st Anniversary
Sat.	Dec. 6	4PM	Ernest P. LeBeau Jr. & Ernest P. LeBeau Sr.
Sun.	Dec. 7	8:30	Elizabeth Menard
		10:30	Dorothy Dias

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

4PM	Bob Viveiros Joyce Viveiros Henry Dion
8:30	Pat Canto Dennis Oliveira Sharon Oliveira
10:30	Phil Carvalho Shirley Carvalho Carol Levesque

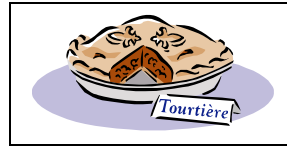
LECTORS:

Andy DiGiammo
Carolyn Reilly
Molly McCabe



The Giving Tree We invite everyone to participate in the Giving Tree program again this year. Please take a tag home and follow the directions on the tag as to whether or not to wrap your gift. We provide gifts for young people at St Vincent's Home in Fall River, Whitney Academy in East Freetown, and IDDI in Assonet. We also collect new baby items for Birthright and A Women's Concern who help and support women who choose life. As we did last year, we would like

to include a few tags for gift cards for priests residing at Cardinal Medeiros Residence in Fall River. Please return all items with the tags attached no later than: Sunday, December 14th 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. The United Church of Christ will be participating along with us, as will the Tuesday Club this year. It just keeps growing!



NEXT CHURCH SUPPER MEAT PIE SUPPER

**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 and are also available in the Church Office.

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.



The 42nd ANNUAL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday December 14, 2008

(snow date Dec 21, 2008)

7:00 pm at St. Bernard Church

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 508-644-2046; email: paul.levesque@comcast.net if you wish to perform. Deadline for signup is Sunday, December 7, 2008, Noon.

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.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: The season of Advent is upon us. 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.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS TODAY: The symbol of this Holy Season is the Advent Wreath. At all Masses this weekend the parish advent wreath will be blessed and the first candle will be lit. For those who have home advent wreaths and would like them blessed, you may bring them to Mass; a table will be set up in front of the altar for them to be blessed. **During Advent an additional weekday Mass** will be celebrated on Monday evenings at 6:30PM – except Monday, December 8th, the Holyday of Obligation, Mass will be at 7PM.



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. We hope to see a lot of our newly baptized and how they have grown.

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. **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.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION – the most important collection for our parish during the year is now at \$16,890.00 – for which we are most grateful. Last year's total was \$18,414.00 – we're getting closer and closer!

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The regular parish collection was \$3,047.60 with 214 budget envelopes used. \$924 was given to the National Campaign for Human Development, \$43 towards our church mortgage, \$81 for building & maintenance and \$151 for utilities.

THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY is for the Parish Emergency Fund.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK is for Utilities and Building Fund donations.

WISH LIST: Processional Cross we have started a Processional Cross 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. The new cross will not be

purchased until we have the funds to pay for it. Pictures of the Cross are on display near the piano.

TODAY IS OUR LAST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS FOR 2008! We hope all teachers, students and their families take the time to enjoy the Advent Season. Classes resume the week of January 4, 2009 – when we will begin our Annual Candy Sale!



JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR OUR FAMOUS MALASSADA BREAKFAST!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
AFTER MORNING MASSES
Malassada Mamas & Papas
in the kitchen!**

Avoid being disappointed..... take the time today to use the order form below to pre-order your malassadas. All pre-orders will have priority status!

MALASSADA PRE-ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone # _____

of Malassadas _____
(\$1.50 each 6 for \$7.00 12 for \$12.00)

Croissant Breakfast Sandwiches also available:

Egg & Cheese on croissant \$2.00
With bacon, sausage, ham, chourico \$2.50
_____ Type of sandwich _____

Time of pick-up:
Please indicate a time between 8AM – 11:30AM

Drop the pre-order form into the 'MALASSADA BASKET' at the main entrance to church, as you leave Mass today! Remember all profits from the sale of Malassadas go to the Extra Effort Club's goal; to pay off our Church Mortgage! Thanks!

LOOKING AHEAD...Mark your calendars...

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Elk's Lodge in Fall River. Invitations will be in the mail by early January.

FOR A VERY SPECIAL NIGHT OUT...Saturday, March 7th at White's of Westport. Our Scholarship Committee will hold their 2ND Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THOSE WHO DID SO MUCH FOR US!

When you do your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. Pass this on to everyone you know - think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get! When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

**A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center**

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