

ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH LEADERS

Parish Council	Cathy Borowski	348-5650
Altar Care	Lucy Kerecman	998-6701
Altar Servers	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Baptism Classes	Deacon Jerry Cellner	888-8200
Bible Study		
(Thurs Grp)	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Cross Bearers	Dave Goracke	347-0192
Detention Ministry	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
(To Sick/Homebound)	Deacon Dale Taufer	888-8200
Festival Chairpersons	Cheryl Moore	314-6161
Finance Committee	Kristin Pudwill	712-9991
Funeral Buffet	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Gift Shop	Jean Sampson	888-7073
Justice & Peace Ministry	Michael Miller	340-4193
Lectors	Jack Maranto	887-6310
Library	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Magnificat	Jo Vlasak	347-7144
Marriage Encounter	Ed/Anna Marie Pudwill	348-1632
Music Ministry	Marilyn Enos	710-9788
Nursery Care Program	Tami Alcocer/8:30 Mass	882-4070
	Carole Williamson/10:00	999-3764
Parent/Teacher Assoc.	June Hunter	713-8120
Parish School	Theresa Valenzuela	340-2130
Pre-School	Charlene Barkes	716-4730
RCIA	Steve & Sharon Ellms	340-2087
Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
Safeguard the Children	Ray Barkes	888-0833
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Richard Robinson	703-7572
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Social Activities	Janet Barnet	348-6262
	Susan Bougetz-Aulbach	999-3138
Sunday Pre-School	Wendy Sciuto	592-0049
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	884-1686
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662



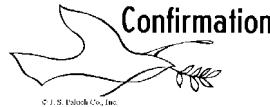
IMPORTANT DATES

3/4 Sandwich Sunday. Bagged meals (sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit), water, socks and blankets will be collected at all the Masses for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.

CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY

"My Flesh will dwell in Hope." (Acts 2:26)

This weekend, Sunday, April 27th is our Parish Collection Sunday for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. *Envelopes are available in the pews.*



Confirmation Liturgy
Sunday April 27, 5:30 p.m.

TODAY Sunday, April 27, the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We are pleased to welcome Bishop Oscar Solis as our principal celebrant. Congratulations to each of our young people receiving this momentous sacrament.

The **Parish Library** is open **Monday through Friday** from **9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** and after the 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 5:30 Masses every **Sunday**.

Schedule of Masses:

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

*Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m.;
12:00 & 5:30 p.m.*

Weekdays: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. (Monday -Friday)

First Friday: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m.

(also 11:30 a.m. October - June)

Holy Days: Schedule to be Announced

Confessions:

*Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
& anytime by appointment*

Website: www.stbernardine.org

Parish Center: 888-8200

School: 340-2130

Religious Education: 340-1440

*R.C.I.A./Adult Education:
340-2087*

Youth Ministry: 710-1662

Library: 884-2736

Gift Shop: 888-7073

Marriages:

6 months prior notification requested

Baptisms:

*1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
Call for an appointment*

Dear Friends,

Can you believe that on this date, April 27, in 1942 Monsignor Richard Murray was ordained a priest? Many of us, including myself were not even born! It was only one year after Pearl Harbor! Msgr. Murray has been a priest for 65 years! Congratulations Msgr.! The celebration of his anniversary is at the noon Mass today. Bishop Wilkerson will be present and it will be followed by a reception in the hall. You are invited to join him.

Congratulations are also in order for the sixty-one 10th graders who make their Confirmation at the Sunday 5:30 P.M. Mass today. Bishop Oscar Solis will preside. May our Confirmandi continue their journey, growing in discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Last week I had a Tiding's article reprinted in our bulletin and I asked you to read it. This was to give you background and understanding of the long letter I wrote to you in today's bulletin. It is about the settlement reached by the diocese in the sexual abuse scandal and our parish response to it. My letter to you is in another part of this bulletin.

~ Fr. McNamara



**Sixth Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2008**

**“I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . .
the Spirit of truth.”**

*Mother's Day
Novena Cards*

are available at the rear of the church.

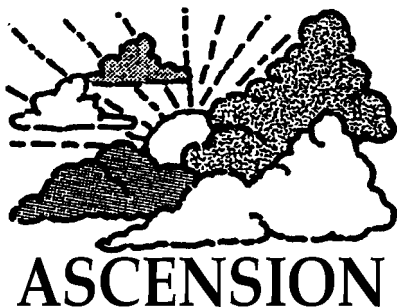


CONGRATULATIONS

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Monsignor Murray!

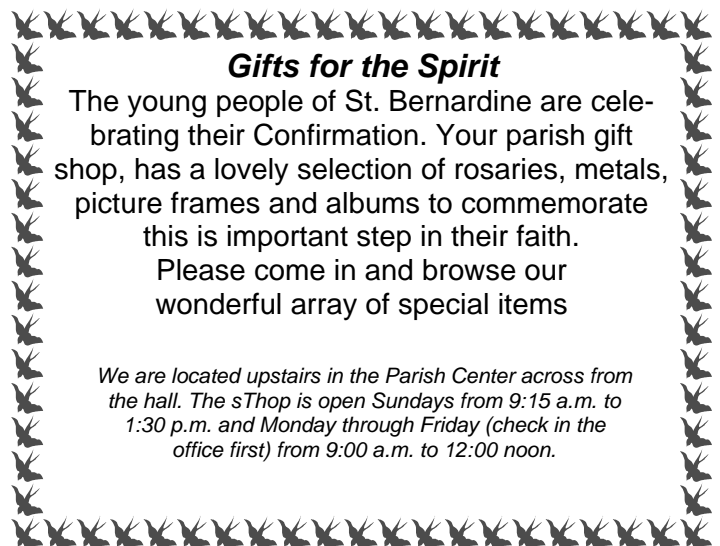
Please join us **TODAY, Sunday, April 27th** following the 12:00 noon Mass for a reception in the Parish Hall in honor of Msgr. Murray.



Sunday, May 4th is the Solemnity of the Ascension, transferred from the previous Thursday.

St. Vincent De Paul
BUNDLE SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 4th** our parish is having a **Bundle Sunday** for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Please bring your useable clothing and useable and useable household items to their truck here at St. Bernadine's Help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in desperate need of furniture and large appliances. Call for a pick up of heavy items at **(323) 224-6280** or **(800) 97-HELP -1.**



Gifts for the Spirit

The young people of St. Bernardine are celebrating their Confirmation. Your parish gift shop, has a lovely selection of rosaries, metals, picture frames and albums to commemorate this is important step in their faith. Please come in and browse our wonderful array of special items

We are located upstairs in the Parish Center across from the hall. The sThop is open Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Monday through Friday (check in the office first) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

EUCCHARISITC ADORATION

Every Tuesday in the Eucharistic Chapel from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

ALTAR CARE - May 4, 2008

Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski, Tony Palmisano, Angie Syp, Jane Twomey.

My Dear Friends,

I would suggest that you read the article in the Tidings about the sexual abuse settlement before you read this letter. It was reprinted in last week's bulletin and it provides the background to help you understand where I am coming from. You can find it on our website at www.stbernardine.org. It's about the crippling debt incurred by the settlement and how our diocese is looking for a way forward. In that article, our diocese, short on choices and with no easy solution in sight, is asking parishes who have savings that are not earmarked for a specific cause, to consider using all or part of them, to help the diocese.

St. Bernardine's is exceptionally blessed with a savings account of approximately \$1.5 million. Much of that, approximately \$1 million, is due to a bequest from a parishioner that we received a couple of years ago. When I became pastor here, almost seven years ago, we had a \$2.8 million debt. Today we are debt free and for four years now, we are a Tithing Parish. Both parish and school have endowments of approximately \$500,000 and \$450,000 respectively. Also, the parish has an emergency maintenance fund of approximately \$540,000.

The response to the request of the diocese for assistance, lands squarely on my shoulders as pastor. To help me come to a decision, in March, I had two long meetings with your elected Parish Council, the Finance Council, the parish staff, the clergy - deacons and priests, and a few other parishioners. At the first two hour meeting, the range of opinion was all over the map from giving all our savings to giving nothing. It also included some heated exchanges. There was some venting - anger, disappointment, frustration, concern for victims etc., all coming from the shame we felt as Catholics and our empathy for the victims.

The second meeting two weeks later was more subdued. I think we had more time to think about it. It was as if Wolf Blitzer of CNN had invited us into the "Situation Room". We were now more clearly looking at the "situation," meaning we were trying to see where we are now as Church, and what we need to do, to move forward. The discussion was more factual: there has been a global settlement; the diocese no longer has investment income; many properties for future parishes have been or will be sold; a huge debt remains; and the diocesan staff has been cut almost in half. Because the diocese is hobbled, the parishes limp. In our discussions, we knew of course that we were unable to solve the problem. We only had the power to contribute in a small way to the solution.

That second meeting was more focused and there was consensus we should give a financial gift but as to the dollar amount, we were still far from agreement. Interestingly, and most encouraging to me, there was consensus that this group of individuals who had gathered would support whatever decision I made. While this was pleasing, it also seemed to increase the weight of the decision. And I was alone. For months now the question has been constantly on my mind. There is unanimity in that we must do something: however, it had come down to a question of how much.

I prayed a lot, had some sleepless nights too. I had to come to a decision. To do so, I kept asking what kind of parish is St. Bernardine's. I prayed to one of my favorite saints St. Thomas Moore. And I kept thinking of a quote that I think is from Mother Theresa "If you don't need it, it belongs to someone else." But I kept coming back to us as parish. Who are we here at St. Bernardine's? What is our nature, our character? In the past how have we responded to requests for financial help? I looked at our responses to Katrina and the Tsunami in 2005 and to the mission appeal the bishop from Africa made in 2006. In each of those appeals, you parishioners gave freely from the pews and I was stunned by your generosity. In order, they netted \$64,413, \$31,083 and \$74,384. These are powerful examples of your personal responses to critical needs. Generosity of that sort could only have come from caring and sacrificially giving people. You have given like a people who wanted to make a difference, and a difference you did make. That continued generosity inspired my decision then to help by giving all our savings minus \$1,000. The one thousand is to keep the account open, because I trust in a God who will continue to bless us.

Aware that some of you would have done things differently, I beg your understanding. I will be in the Parish Center this Tuesday, April 29th, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM if you would like more explanation or if you would like to share your point of view with me. I pray I have made the right decision and with God's help I will continue to encourage you to live by Faith, walk in Hope and act in Charity.

May God bless us all,
Father McNamara

SAVE THE DATE!



St. Bernardine of Siena Mother/Son Bowling Night! Saturday May, 17th at 8:00 p.m.
at Woodlake Bowl

Tickets will go on sale after Masses on May 3rd
~ Hosted by the Social Activities Committee ~

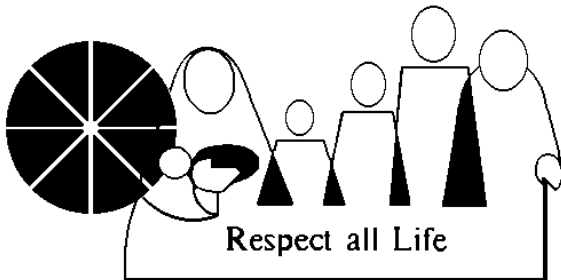
**St. Bernardine of Siena
First Alumni Mass**

Sunday, May 4th at 2:30 p.m.

A time to return to roots, to reminisce, to catch up with old friends and fellow Sabers. To interact with the present faculty, students, parents and staff ... a time to rebuild bridges ... and above all, a time for nostalgia and fun!

Mass to commence at 2:30 p.m. followed by light refreshments to be served in the Veranda Room in the Parish Center.

Please join us: **RSVP to stbalum@sbcglobal.net**



HEALTH ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP

St. Bernardine's Health Issues Discussion Group will meet at **9:15 a.m.** on **Tuesday, April 29th** in the Library for another informative discussion on how to improve your health. **Everyone is welcome!**



In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish: Richard Pratt, brother of Bruce; Norman Collins; Dennis LaFrance, stepfather of Brian Aulback; Lilyanne Garden, sister of Richard Bougetz; Kathleen Castigliola; Marcia Gattenino;

Mary Juarez; Betsy Ortiz, Mary Woolsey; Carole Rankin; Thalia Feingersh; Ermina Chavez; Kevin Cordasco; Rabbi Bill Gordon.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Arlene Titizian; Pasquale Feroce

Mass Intentions



April 27 through May 3, 2008

SUNDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Msgr. Murray's 65th Anniversary of Ordination
- 8:30 a.m. Helen Gnojek+
- 10:00 a.m. Christopher Bauman+
- 12:00 noon Richard Michalski+
- 5:30 p.m. Pro Papulo

MONDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Mermine Dollente Fajardo
- 8:30 a.m. Monica Chan+

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Luisa Lim+
- 8:30 a.m. Michael Mastramatteo+

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Nino Pizzuti+
- 8:30 a.m. Joyce Hanson & Flora Mena+

THURSDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Sylvia Peters+
- 8:30 a.m. Fred Brack+

FRIDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Marge Kilis+
- 8:30 a.m. Rev. John Wallace+

SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Jake Kapinski+

LIBRARY

OUTREACH TO THE HOMEBOUND

~ Please Spread the Word ~

Beginning in May, the Parish Library will be offering DVD's, VHS tapes and a variety of books and periodicals to registered parishioners who are homebound. For information, or to sign up for this service, please contact


Maria at the library at **(818)884-2736**

Would You like to become an Altar Server?

There will be **3 MANDATORY Altar Server Training Sessions** on:

- **Sunday, May 4th** from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Library
- **Sunday, May 18th** from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Church
- **Sunday, May 25th** 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Church.

Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server must be at least in the 4th grade and willing to attend **ALL THREE** meetings Please contact Maria Giammatteo in the library at **884-2736** for more information.

Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders  *Youth Ministry*

- Tonight, April 27: Sacrament of Confirmation at 5:30 p.m. Mass (Bishop Oscar Solis, principal celebrant)
- Sunday, May 4: Parent/teen Night from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall with potluck dinner (**Teens are not to attend without a parent**)
- Wednesday, May 7: Girls Only Youth Night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Wednesday, May 14: Youth Night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Sunday, May 18: Discipleship Night from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (pizza, salad, and drink for dinner for \$5)



Volunteer Opportunities for Fun-Loving, Faith-Filled Adults!
ST. Bernardine's Vacation Bible School—June 23rd through 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. For children grades K through 5th in September. **We need adult volunteers!** Please call Eileen at **340-1440**.

“God is a Verb—Moving within the Spirit”
 A Day of Recollection at the Old Santa Barbara Renewal Center on **Wednesday, May 7th**. Sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm. And include presentations, reflection, Eucharist and lunch. Presenters are Fr. Richard McManus OFM, Fr. Howard Hall OFM, and Sr. Susan Blomstad, OSF. The suggested donation is \$20. Please contact the Mission Renewal center at **(805)682-4713 ext. 133** or retreats@sboldmission.org to make your reservation.

Church History: The Reformation
 With Father Doug Glassman
 Every Thursday through May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
“The Cry for Reform in the Church”
 The Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Counter Reformation: 1500-1660 with father Doug Glassman.
 Join Fr. Glassman **Thursday, April 17th** for **“Calvin Reform in England 1559.”**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY :
AT ANGELS WAY MATERNITY HOME
HOUSE MANAGER: this is a live-in position for an adult female to supervise the home and residents. It offers private room and bath, plus \$900 per month. Requirements include having you own car, insurance and be a non-smoker. For information, an or an application., please call **(818)346-2229**.

Missionary of Charity Brothers ~
 Mother Teresa's Missionary Brothers and Co-Workers are looking for drivers and cooks. A team from St. Bernardine's travels downtown every Saturday morning to bring hot lunch to the brothers and those in their care. As a volunteer, you would be assigned to a team and be called **only once every six weekends**. A beautiful way to do small things with love for others.
 If you are moved to join this ministry, please call Jean Sampson at **(818)888-7073**.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS RETREAT
 Preached by priests of the Miles Christi Religious Order
 At the Mission Santa Barbara Retreat Center
Women: May 16-18
Men: August 29-31
 Reservations: Christina Timmerman @ (209)357-0128 or california@spiritualexercises.net
 (Info on the Order: www.mileschristi.org)



St. Bernardine's Mommy & Me Playgroup
 A great way to meet other moms and for infants and toddlers to meet other children their ages, learn to play together, and make friends.
 Contact Kari Lovequist for details **(818)710-1484** or e-mail lovequist@sbcglobal.net.
 We hope to meet you and your children soon!

COMING EVENTS *April*

27 **St John Eudes Spring Boutique:** Crafts, clothing, jewelry and more will be on sale. From **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Picture taking with Super Hero (\$1) Concession stand!

May

4 **Sisters of Notre Dame Spring Fling** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Center, 1776 Hendrix Ave., Reservations can be made with a \$25 donation before April 30th; call Carmela at (805)917-3714.