

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 - MAY

17/18 Food Gathering for the Guadalupe Center and Loaves & Fishes Pantry.



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

Happy
Mother's
Day



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From
the
Pastor



Dear Friends,

To say the last two weeks, since my letter in the bulletin on April 27th was interesting, would be an understatement. I have received 31 emails, 14 letters, about 20 phone calls plus hundreds of comments from parishioners. Overwhelmingly, I would guess twenty to one, they were supportive and positive of the parish gift to our diocese to help with the sexual abuse settlement debt. "I'm in total solidarity...we will up our monthly donation...I wholeheartedly support...110% support...so happy you are our pastor...proud to be a Catholic." The themes of pride and support were expressed over and over. One man asked if I really gave away the money and if it was gone. When I nodded he said then you will need this as he handed me a check for \$5000. A few other letters had checks for \$200. One lady pledged \$1000.

There were a couple of touching tender letters where the writers were struggling to make sense of it all. Their struggle resonated with me since it took me a long time to make the decision. Two parishioners asked not to send donation envelopes anymore. Two others stated they will give less. Another said "I will attend church but not monetarily." There were suggestions that the gift should have been leveraged in some way. I sensed a lot of anger about the sex abuse issue that our gift brought back to the surface. That saddened me and I wished I had power to heal. They questioned why we should help the diocese when we did nothing wrong. Many of the comments I agreed with, though obviously not all.



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Pentecost Sunday
May 11, 2008

**There appeared to them
tongues as of fire, which
parted and came to rest on
each one of them.**

— Acts 2:3

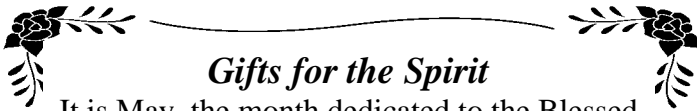
My sense of the greater Church as a family was not the common vision. From those who disagree, there were common themes demanding accountability in our Church and a change of leadership.

For myself, I think too many years of hearing confessions made me reluctant to play judge and jury. I often have to remind myself to let God be God. He has his way of doing things and he can bring about true justice. My heart goes out to the victims. By any standard, \$720 million is a huge settlement, but no amount of money is enough. It cannot bring back a shattered life. Money cannot erase the pain and the memories. I don't begrudge them a penny but more than ever, I do want our Church to become a better Church, which is why I believe we should do what we can.

One person whom I have known for years wrote that she had been terribly abused. This was shocking news to me. She wrote: "What your parish did...it means so much to me, especially right now. Reading about your decision – that brings such hope, not only to me for personal reasons, but I think hope for our Church. We are a community, and you're living that out!"

To those of you who have expressed support for me, I cannot thank you enough. To those who disagree, thank you too. Without your voice, I would be in dreamland! This quote from one of my favorite saints, St. Thomas More, captures what I wish to say to all who read this. "Pray for me, as I will for thee, that we may merrily meet in Heaven."
May God bless us all. ~ Father McNamara

P.S. Read the Cardinal's letter to us on page 6

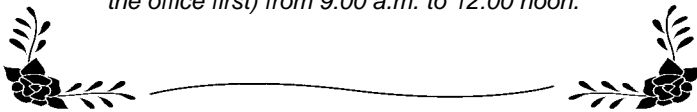


Gifts for the Spirit

It is May, the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. *Gifts for the Spirit* has a beautiful array of rosaries and Mother's Day gifts & cards, and, back by popular demand, prayer bracelets!

Are you coming up for coffee and donuts? Stop by and see us!

St. Bernardine's very own gift shop, is located upstairs in the Parish Center across from the Hall. The shop is open Sundays from 9:15 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and Monday through Friday (check in the office first) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday in the Eucharistic Chapel from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

~ 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.



Pray For The Sick

In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish: Russell Barnes; Joseph Cione, brother of Leticia Amato; Jeannie Fjelstad; Pam Crowhurst; Lisa Wall-Cortez, wife of Ernesto; Joan Tepher, mother of Gary Kloosterman, grandmother to Meaghen; Lucy McClean, mother of

Peggy Pryor; Linda Chan; Norman Collins; Dennis LaFrance; Lilyanne Garden; 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 Richard Pratt, brother of Bruce; Bob Frawley, husband of Irene;

Mass Intentions



May 11 through May 17, 2008

SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Pro Papulo

8:30 a.m. Novena

10:00 a.m. Shirley Davis+

12:00 noon George Brent.+

5:30 p.m. Atilano Pinpin+

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Novena

8:30 a.m. Clara Julian+

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Maribel Kirkham

8:30 a.m. Novena

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. a.m. Novena

8:30 a.m. James Sater+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Derek Thom+

8:30 a.m. Novena

FRIDAY

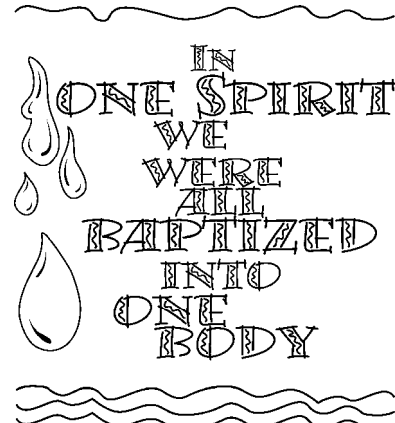
6:30 a.m. Novena

8:30 a.m. Patrick Breslin+

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Novena

5:00 p.m. Robert Lauer+



The Magnificat Intercessory Prayer Group will meet in the chapel on **Thursday, May 8th** at **10:00 a.m.** Fr. Garon will celebrate Mass at **10:30 a.m.** for Magnificat Members.

ALTAR CARE - May 16, 2008

Michele Croson, Bernice Galbreath, Helen Robinson, Judy Sabo.



Strike for fun at St. Bernardine of Siena Mother/Son Bowling Night! Saturday May, 17th

at **from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at Woodlake Bowl
\$25 per person includes 3 games, shoe rental, dinner, and a chance at fun prizes!

Tickets are on sale NOW!

After Mass May 10th (5:00 p.m.)
and May 11th after Masses at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 & 5:30 p.m.

~ Hosted by the Social Activities Committee ~

Youth Ministry events
are open to
9-12 graders



- 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)

OASIS Wants to Help Our Seniors!

Are you, or do you know, a parishioner 65 years of age or older who would like to meet a friendly volunteer from the parish to assist with one or more of the following services?

- * Companionship
- * Regular Telephone Contact
- * Running Errands
- * Assistance with Shopping
- * Home Maintenance Referrals and Assistance

Please call Adele at (818)340-5100 for information on OASIS Older Adult Services & Intervention System.

Are YOU being called to serve the LORD?

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to assist in this important ministry at Sunday Masses. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please come to our next **Training Session on Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. If you have any questions, please call Bob Nicholas at (818)346-8244.

**There will be
NO EXERCISE CLASSES
on Wednesday, May 14th
CLASSES WILL RESUME ON May 21st.**

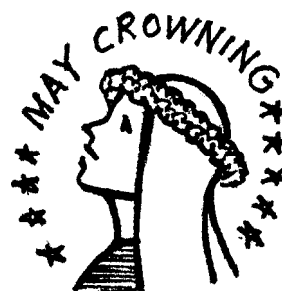
Church History: The Reformation

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.

**Attention Parents!!!
FREE BABYSITTING**
is available during the
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Masses at
St. Bernardine's
Pre-School
across the street.



**LIBRARY
OUTREACH TO THE HOMEBOUND**

~ Please Spread the Word ~

The Parish Library offers 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



**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.

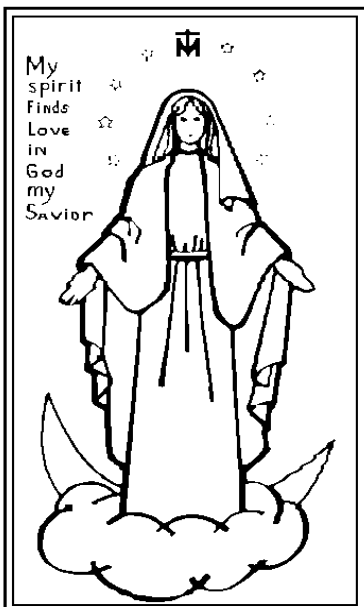
Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.
We need adult volunteers! Call Eileen at 340-1440.

**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
at (818)710-1484
or e-mail
lovequist@sbcglobal.net

We hope to meet you
and your children soon!



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May 1, 2008

Dear Father McNamara and Parishioners:

The news of your extraordinary and most generous gift to assist the entire Archdiocese of Los Angeles compelled me to go at once to our Chapel and to thank God for your witness of Christian compassion and solidarity.

Truly, you are carrying out the tradition of your Patron, St. Bernardine of Siena, who spent his entire life as a peace-maker and one who stepped forward to reconcile peoples and communities. Your decision to assist in the global settlement in such a magnanimous fashion attests to your deep faith in Jesus Christ who walks with all of us on our journeys of faith. Recall that St. Bernardine popularized the initials "I.H.S." [Jesus Savior of All Peoples] to help lead people to a fuller love with Jesus and a fuller life in the Christian Community. All of you have become a "living I.H.S." for our entire Archdiocese!

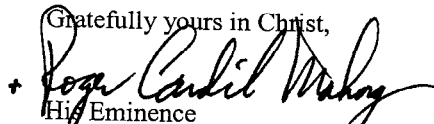
You continue to teach us many valuable lessons as disciples of Jesus Christ:

- We are only stewards of God's gifts and blessings bestowed upon us, and those blessings flourish most when given away;
- We can never "out-give God" because God always returns our generosity so that we can give yet once again;
- We have all been blessed by those who went before us these 75 years; we have benefited from their foresight and sacrifices as they bought properties, built Churches and schools, and handed them on to us to continue building up the Body of Christ, His Church;
- Now, we must sadly deal with some of the liabilities of those years as well; but we do so knowing that our Church will be stronger as we embrace the past and rebuild for the future.

Your remarkable gift not only helps all of us across the Archdiocese bring closure to those dreadful and scandalous years, but it also sets an example for other Parish Communities to imitate.

Assuring you of my fervent prayers of gratitude, and asking God's most abundant blessings upon you, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,


His Eminence
Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles