



From the Pastor Dear Friends,

You have done it again! With the economy in such a state, I confess I was a little worried. Last week-end brought in another 147 pledges for our "Together in Mission" goal of \$122,981.20. So now our new total number of pledges is 527, for a grand total of \$117,106.00. While we are still a little short, (\$5,180.20) I am confident some of us are still thinking about it and that the next couple of weeks will put us over the top. I did pull out my checkbook with the intention of making up the shortfall myself, but the Lord stayed my hand and a voice from heaven said *"Do not deprive your people of opportunities to share."* (Are you smiling?) Any pledges over the goal stay in our parish. If you missed the Appeal and did not yet pledge, envelopes are available in the back of church. If you did pledge, you have the gratitude of your pastor and the 35 parishes and 49 schools who will survive because of your generosity.

Today's passage from Genesis can seem troubling if we don't know it's context. First God tells Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac; then at the last minute God stops him from doing so. What kind of game is God playing here? At the time this story was first told, human sacrifice was a common practice. Local tribes bargained with their gods by offering beloved children, slain on altars of worship. Is this what the God of Israel wanted of his people too? By his actions with Abraham, God made it very clear that he did not require or even desire human sacrifice. However as we can see in the second reading and the Gospel, God also made it very clear that he would sacrifice his own Son to save us. No sacrifice we could make would be enough. And lest we wonder how great the sacrifice would be, we hear it in God's own words: Jesus is his "Beloved Son".

~ Fr. McNamara

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every **Tuesday** in the Chapel, beginning at **7:00 am** and ending with **Benediction** at noon.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2009

If God is for us,
who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*



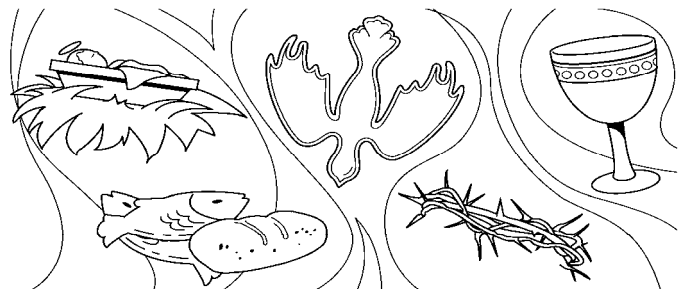
The Magnificat Intercessory Prayer Group will meet in the Veranda Room at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 12th.

30 Hour Famine, March 28-29th

St. Bernardine's Youth Ministry will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine Hunger Fundraiser and Poverty Awareness Retreat again this year. Participants commit to go without food for 30 hours (drinking all the water, juice, and sports drinks they like) and attend a retreat in the parish hall. Participants raise money by finding sponsors to support them with donations, receiving credit for an hour of volunteer service for every \$25 they fundraise up to \$375 (15 hours).

Adult chaperone/participants are also needed. We have special arrangements to accommodate the participation of those who cannot go without food for 30 hours for medical reasons.

Please contact the Youth Ministry office for fundraising and registration materials, **818-710-1662**



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The Second Vatican Council

Did Anything Happen? Does it Really Matter?
with

Father Doug Glassman
Thursdays March 5 thru April 2, 2009
7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
All are Welcome!

 *  **School NEWS** *
 * **St. Bernardine of Siena** *
 * **Children's Center** has started *
 * taking Parishioner applications for *
 * the summer and fall 2009 *
 * **Preschool Program.** *
 * Children need to be **2.9 months** in **September** *
 * and potty trained. For more information or a tour *
 * of our facility, please call the preschool *
 * office **(818) 716-4730** *
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 * **St. Bernardine Track Team** *
 * All parish children in Kindergarten thru Grade 8 *
 * are invited to participate in track practices and at *
 * the **Knights of Columbus Track Meet** with the *
 * school track team. Permission slips and T-Shirt *
 * order forms are available in the school office or *
 * on the website at *
 * **www.school.stbernardine.org** *
 * **Knights of Columbus Track Meet –** *
 * **Sunday, March 29th** *
 * Practices are at El Camino Real High School on *
 * **Tuesdays and Thursdays --** *
 * **March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26** *
 * **Kinder – Gr. 2: 4:30pm – 5:30pm** *
 * **Gr. 3 – 8: 5:30pm – 6:30pm** *
 * Permission slips are required before attending *
 * practices. *
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FOCUS ON THE LIBRARY SURVEY

Over the past couple of weeks we had conducted a Library and Adult Faith Enrichment (AFE) Survey. The following are the Library results and next week we'll report on the AFE. The survey is open-ended and survey forms will continue to be available in the library. The most used library services were DVDs, and children's materials, followed by the non fiction, biographies, church history and scripture. Least used was young Adult. Some of the comments related to need for additional health related and age related health materials; get PBS specials on DVDs, open for some time on Saturdays and maybe one night a week. There is the need for more volunteers for staffing. All in all, there was not a large, but very positive response for the library. Thanks to all who responded and those who helped with the survey. Completed survey forms are in the library if interested.

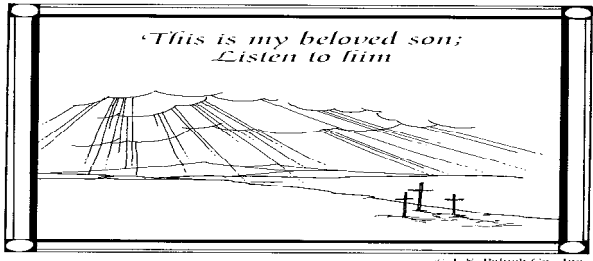
The Lenten season is a great time to spend some time in the Library. It is open every weekday morning and after all Sunday Masses. Look at the special events table for lent related books and DVDs or just browse the shelves for books of interest.

CONTACT MARIA, 818-884-2736, FOR MORE INFORMATION

The **Parish Library** is open **Monday—Friday, 9:00-11:30 am** and most **Sundays, after the 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon Masses**, as well as **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.**

ALTAR CARE - March 13, 2009

Will & Ann Gartland, Jan Peixoto, Fran Van Buskirk, Sue Vigo and Jan Wheatman



Gifts for the Spirit, your Parish gift shop was established for your convenience. We have Lenten books for reflection. First Communion gifts will be in the store soon. Greeting cards, St. Patrick and St. Joseph cards are reasonably priced. Stop in and see us, browse or just visit. We can also have your broken rosaries fixed for you **"free of charge"**

Gifts For the Spirit is located upstairs in the Parish Center across from the Hall. The shop is open Sundays from **9:15 am until 1:30 pm** and Monday through Friday (check in the Parish Center office first) from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon.**

Lenten Meal & Stations

Please join us for our Lenten Supper this **Friday, March 13th** from **6:00 pm - 7:15 pm** in the Parish Center. Following the Supper, at **7:30 pm** there will be **Stations of the Cross**



Christian Service - Justice & Peace - Death Row
Sanctity of Life
 Detention - Missionaries of Charity - Respect Life

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 14/15– Food gathering for Guadalupe Center
 and Loaves and Fishes Pantry



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

Tuesday, March 10th: Girls Only Youth Night,
 7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 11th: Gospel Night,
 7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Sunday, March 15th: The AfterMass, 6:30-9 pm,
 Parish Hall (Pizza Dinner for \$5)

Usher Training for Youth, March 15th: Youth
 who would like to serve as ushers at the
 5:30 pm Sunday Mass need to attend a
 training session. The next usher training for
 youth will be held from 2:45-3:15 pm in the
 Church.

Confirmation Preparation Process

Sunday, March 8th: Year Two, Catechetical
 Session, 3:15-5:15 pm, Parish Center

Sunday, March 15th: Year Two Catechetical
 Session, 3:15-5:15 pm, Parish Center

Sunday, March 22nd: Year One Catechetical
 Session, 3:15-5:15 pm, Parish Center
*Year One Confirmation Candidates must
 attend at least one Youth Ministry event
 per month in addition to their required
 Catechetical Sessions!*



**In your charity please pray for the sick
 of the parish:**

John MacAdam, husband of Roberta;
 Dale Sheets, father of Michael;

Sharon Roque, sister of Shirley Busta;
 Josephine Ramsey; Rita Pound;

Antonina Cione; Joe Freas; Drazen Malinis;
 Donald James; Amelia Hunt; Patrick Bennett



**Please pray for the happy repose of
 the souls:** Lillian Grandinetti, wife of
 Richard, mother of Phil;
 Josephine Paravato, mother of Martin

**Mass Intentions
 For The Week** 

March 8 through March 14, 2009

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am Bob Mack+

10:00 am Charles Barkley+

12:00 noon Trish Milewski+

5:30 pm John Franks+

MONDAY

6:30 am Trish Milewski+

8:30 am Jake Kopinski+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Armando Loazon+

8:30 am Fran Latham+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Patricia Costigan+

8:30 am Margaret Trish Milewski+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Shirley Gelinis+

8:30 am Soledad Nalapo

FRIDAY

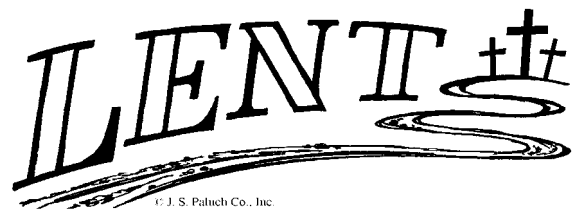
6:30 am Gary Cieslak+

8:30 am Joan O'Meara+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Gary Cieslak+

5:00 pm Jim Behanna+



Raising Young Children With Faith in a Mostly Secular World

Father McNamara and Rabbi Vogel will share their insights with parents from St. Bernardine and Temple Aliyah about the topic "Making Right Choices When Secular and Faith Values Clash" during the second session of the series "Raising Young Children with Faith in a Mostly Secular World". A question and answer period will be part of the program. Plan to join in the conversation this Wednesday morning, **March 11th, 9:30 - 11:00 am**, in the Veranda Room in the Parish Center.

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	Michelle Sjolander	999-6169
	Todd Borowski	348-5650
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	Pat Dunlap	346-5460
Marriage Encounter	Ed/Anna Marie Pudwill	348-1632
Mommy & Me	Kari Lovequist	710-1484
Music Ministry	Marilyn Enos	710-9788
Nursery Care Program	MichelleReams/8:30 Mass	207-5441
	Carole Williamson/10:00	999-3764
OASIS	Monica Goudis	348-5100
Parent/Teacher Assoc.	June Hunter	713-8120
Pre-School	Charlene Barks	716-4730
RCIA	Steve & Sharron Ellms	340-2087
Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
Safeguard the Children	Ray Barks	888-0833
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
School	Peggy Hill	340-2130
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Richard Robinson	703-7572
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Senior Luncheon	Karen Brown	591-1520
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

The Los Angeles Catholic Lawyers Assn.

(LACLA) will hold a one day Lenten Retreat for Catholic Lawyers from **9:00 am - 4:00 pm on March 14th**, at the

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center,
3134 Waverly Dr., Los Angeles.

The retreat day will be presented by Bishop Gordon Bennett, S.J., who will explore the theme, "The Meaning of Our Life". The retreat is open to all Catholic lawyers, whether or not a member of LACLA. To obtain a registration flyer and further info, please call **Antoinette Marino** at **310-445-4165** or email her at **marino@fleitmanlaw.com**.

**Save the Date & Join In on the Fun!**

St. Bernardine of Siena Dads will be holding the 4th Annual

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT on March 21, 2009 in the Parish Hall.

Instruction (if needed) will begin at **5:30 pm** and the tournament (and fun) will begin at **6:00 pm**. Cost is **\$100.00**, which includes instruction (if needed), light refreshments, beverages and awards. Re-buys during the first hour will be \$50.00.

All proceeds will benefit the St. Bernardine of Siena School. **Tickets will be sold after all masses the weekends of March 14th/15th.** Or you can call **Todd Borowski** at **818-421-8267** with questions, to sign-up or for additional information.

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**Knights of Columbus**

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

March 21, 2009

No host cocktails **6:00pm/Dinner 7:00pm**

Donation: Adult \$20, Couples \$35,

Child 15 and under \$10

Tickets **MUST BE** purchased by **March 15th.**

For more info: call **818-347-9328**, Mon-Fri, **12-4pm**

Email **Mike Montano @ montanos@att.net** OR call **Jim 818-312-6438**

Los Angeles MARCH FOR LIFE 2009

Join us as we march down Ventura Blvd. to show our support for the Pro-Life movement. We will walk for 2 miles starting and ending at St. Cyril Catholic Church.

March 14, 2009

Registration \$5.00

For more info: visit <http://www.lamarchforlife.org>

or call **Nick Bryan 818-7899-3237** or

John Costell, PGK 949-285-8918



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Crisis Pregnancy Hotline

(800)973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help

(877)467-3463 &

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Holy Family Adoption Services

(805)374-2785

St. Bernardine of Siena

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC RCIA	2 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Ve- randa	3 Religious Education 4:00pm	4 Religious Education 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	5 Talk on Church His- tory 7:30pm at Hall Baptism Class 7:30pm	6 Senior Citizen Mass/Luncheon 11:30am Lenten Meal 6:00pm	7
8 Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC RCIA	9 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Ve- randa	10 Religious Education 4:00pm Parish Council Mtg. 7:30pm	11 Talk "How to Raise Young Children in the Secular World" 9:30am Rel. Ed. 4:00pm	12 Talk on Church His- tory 7:30pm at Hall	13 Lenten Meal 6:00pm Stations of the Cross	14
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