

Dear Friends,

My gratitude to all who responded to the Stewardship Appeal last Sunday and filled out a pledge card. As you know, I spoke at all the Masses and I am very grateful for the warm reception that I received. There were many comments made to me afterwards and they were very encouraging and affirming. Today is wrap-up Sunday for the Appeal and typically there will be many more pledge cards turned in. I am hoping that there will be many new pledges from those who have never done it before and from our young people. Naturally, if you need more time to think about it, no problem, the pledge can be made at any time. And for whatever you decide to give, I am extremely grateful. You make my job easier. God bless you.

Here's a money story. A couple of weeks ago, after a 6:30 am weekday Mass, I rushed down to get some things at Pavilions. I was third in line about 7:05 am, with my milk, OJ, bananas and yogurt and all ready to hurry back, make some coffee and see what was in the morning paper. I reached for my wallet and must have emitted a groan – I had forgotten it! How annoying. How embarrassing. My stuff was already on the conveyer belt. And then, as if in answer to a prayer, an angel of generosity materialized. The gentleman ahead of me turned around, he must have heard my groan. "Hi Father, what's up?" When I told him I had forgotten my wallet, he simply said "No problem, I'll take care of it". He told me his name was Eric and that he would see me Sunday. I promised to reimburse him then. He drove off in a truck advertising some landscaping company. I thought it was WIBS Landscaping but when I googled it, there were no hits. All the way home, I thanked the Lord for the good hearts he put in his people and I prayed He would bless Eric with many blessings. So where are you Eric? I have money for you!

Thanksgiving is coming. If you will be alone that day for whatever reason, give me a call. I would love if you would join me around **4:00 pm** and grace my Thanksgiving table with your presence. There are already five of us, so don't be alone on that family day. Call me at **818-888-8200** and let me know you will be celebrating with me.

-Fr. McNamara



**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2009**

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

-Mark 13:31



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

**Dinner With Friends
November 15, 2009**

Join us **TONIGHT** for our monthly "Dinner with Friends" after the 5:30 Mass. Youth Ministry and the St. B's "Cooking Club" will be presenting a special "Thankful Meal", consisting of Minestrone Soup, Chicken Marsala, Pasta, and Bananas Foster for dessert. This delicious meal will be served starting about **6:45 pm** in the Parish Center. The cost is **\$5.00** per person and beverages will be provided. Any questions, please call **Bob Nicholas (818) 346-8244**. Hope to see you there! Thank you for your support!

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ALTAR CARE - November 20, 2009
Judy Sabo, Helen Robinson, Bernice Galbreath, Norma Crowe & Michele Croson



IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov 14/15** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry
- Dec 5/6** 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

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Welcomes

Rabbi Gary Oren

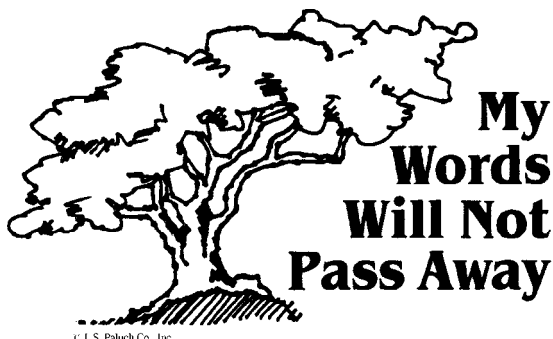
associate rabbi at Temple Aliyah

Tues. Nov. 17 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Veranda Room

Addresses our questions on the Book of Genesis Chapters 13 - 25

Everyone Welcome!

Bring your bible!



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For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever.

Thank you for your generosity.



FOCUS ON

THE SEARCH FOR SILENCE

Anne D. LeClaire has written Listening Below the Noise - A Meditation on the Practice of Silence. For over nineteen years, LeClaire has maintained silence for twenty-four hours, every other week, in spite of maintaining a home and a business. This is the story of how and why she was capable of accomplishing this feat and the tremendous benefits she derived from finding her own "Secret Garden". While we may not be able to follow her example entirely, there is a lot to be said for a search for silence in our own lives and she provides us with an outline to follow.

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.**

Dear Fellow Parishioners & Friends of St. Bernardine:

I have good and bad news to report on the Memorial Bricks.

First, the good news—Memorial Bricks recently ordered were finally installed on Monday.

Now, the bad news—in spite of turning the sprinklers and fountain water off prior to the installation, due to water leaks in the area, the bricks were too damp and the painted letters did not hold on many of the bricks. The brick master will reschedule to come back and redo those bricks, once the leaks are repaired.


If you haven't already, please find your requested brick by the fountain courtyard. We hope they meet with your approval, other than the painted letters.

For those interested, we will continue to collect orders on an ongoing basis for the next phase. Please pick up a blank form from our Parish Center or you can download one from our website. Just log onto **www.StBernardine.org**, click on **Parish Forms** on the right hand side of your screen. Select Memorial Brick Order Form, print and return the completed order form, with your payment, to the Parish Center.

The next phase of bricks will be installed when we have a minimum of 35 orders - probably sometime next year.

If you have any questions, please call or email **Helen Worthen** at **hewnena@aol.com** or **818-883-4966**.

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Confirmation

Sunday, Nov 15: Year Two Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm**, Parish Center

Friday, Nov 20-Sunday, Nov 22: Year One Confirmation Retreat

Are You Being Called to Become a Deacon?


There will be an information meeting for all men, who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, the diaconate formation program, and answer questions that you might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the diaconate formation program. Your wife is strongly encouraged to attend with you and feel free to invite your pastor as well.


The Information Day will be held **today, Nov. 15th, from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm** at St. Basil Catholic Church, 637 S. Kingsley Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90005 **(213) 381-6191**

If you have any questions about this upcoming meeting, please call the **Diaconate Formation Office** at **213-637-7383**

In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish: Tom Lombardo, brother-in-law of Ronalda Lombardo; Lori Reed; Josephine Ramsey; Rita Pound; Carol Sullivan; Marge Kluck; Christy O'Neil; Sue Spaep; Roger Sandy; Joan King; Sonny Kuffer; Marly Smith; Brenda Jo Kramer; Laurie Pearson

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls: Rosita Rodriguez, mother of Virginia McCarron; Timothy Morin, son of John & Julie Pittman; Patrick Ryan, son of Gloria Ryan



Mass Intentions For The Week 

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November 15, 2009 thru November 21, 2009

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am David McDonald+
10:00 am Vince Colarossi
12:00 noon Joey Gebhardt+
5:30 pm Joey Gebhardt+

MONDAY

6:30 am Malay Daguman+
8:30 am Joey Gebhardt+

TUESDAY

6:30 am David McDonald+
8:30 am Gloria Cortez+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Sheila Mabaet+
8:30 am Patricia Costigan+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Cynthia Paquet
8:30 am Annie Saludares

FRIDAY

6:30 am Dorotea Cartegera+
8:30 am Gerald Molitor+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Edmund A. Busta+
5:00 pm Fred Senatore+



**“Voices of Thanksgiving”
An Interfaith Program
Mark Your Calendar!**

Thanksgiving © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Please plan to join your fellow parishioners and our neighbors at Temple Aliyah for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Program to be held at Temple Aliyah **this Saturday, Nov. 21st**, starting at **7:00 pm**.

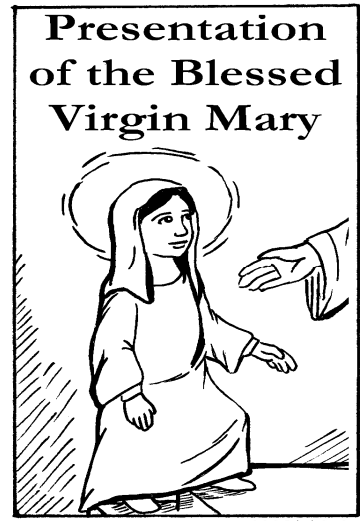
“Voices of Thanksgiving” will be a time of story, prayer and song to praise and thank God. Adult and youth choirs from both faith communities will participate. Refreshments will be served after the program. Donations of non-perishable food items for the benefit of a local food pantry will be collected that evening.

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
Coffee & Donuts	Angie Syp	222-1333
Cross Bearers	Dave Goracke	347-0192
Detention Ministry	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
Facilities	John Erlinger	883-4345
Festival Chairpersons	Michelle Sjolander	999-6169
	Todd Borowski	348-5650
Finance Committee	Steve Kiser	999-6711
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	340-5100
Parent/Teacher Assoc.	June Hunter	713-8120
Pre-School	Charlene Barkes	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 Barkes	888-0833
Sick/Homebound)	Dcn. Dale Taufer	888-8200
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
School	Peggy Hill	340-2130
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Tony Cassar	999-1063
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Senior Luncheon	Karen Brown	591-1520
Social Activities	Janet Barnett	348-6262
Tithing	Frank Loffa	880-8101
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Welcoming Committee	Darna Trafecanty	515-2039
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662

Gifts For the Spirit Gift Shop, will be having a Christmas preview of all the items in the store on Sunday, **November 29th**. Your parish gift shop has greeting cards, statues, books, bibles, music, jewelry, rosaries and gifts for many occasions. Want to brighten someone's day: You may just find that certain something in our store. To uplift the spirit of another. Giving is better than receiving.

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



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pregnancy Counseling Center

WANTED: Pregnant ladies for FREE ULTRASOUNDS!

The **Pregnancy Counseling Center** is looking for women who are **6-28 weeks pregnant** to volunteer for free ultrasounds so that our Center can complete our medical conversion and nurse training. The ultrasounds will be performed under the supervision of a registered sonographer, and you will receive a free picture of your unborn baby.

WHEN? November 30th - December 3rd or December 9th - 12th. Morning and afternoon appointment available.

WHERE: The Pregnancy Counseling Center at 10211 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345

I'D LOVE TO COME!

HOW DO I GET SIGNED UP?

Call 818-895-2500 and ask for Christie



Remember the Homeless



Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
(800)973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help
(877)467-3463 &
www.rachelsvineyard.org

Holy Family Adoption Services
(805)374-2785

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Volunteers Needed for Virtual Rosary Pilgrimage Project

Volunteers, especially catechists, youth ministers, deacons, are needed to assist with a virtual Marian "shrine" pilgrimage and Rosary exhibit. "*Family Rosary Pilgrimage: Around the World with Mary*" will be held **Dec. 8-11** in the gym at Rancho San Antonio Boys Home, Chatsworth. This project is sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries, founded by Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC. Volunteers will help set up the exhibits for various displays on the Rosary, greet the children and staff exhibits among other tasks. Call **1-800-299-7729, ext. 2023** or email FamilyRosaryPilgrimage@hcfm.org

A Ministry for Married Couples

Looking for a way to share the many blessings of married life? **Catholic Engaged Encounter** needs couples to help minister to engaged couples. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY** and free training is provided! If you would like to share what you've learned as a married couple and meet a terrific community of married couples, please consider the ministry of Catholic engaged Encounter. For more information, call **Tom & Diane Krause @ 310-316-4857** or visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org

Senior Needs Answered by OASIS

Are you, or do you know, a parishioner 65 years of age or older who needs one or more of the following services from a parish volunteer for 2-3 hours per week?

- Companionship or weekly friendly visits
- Regular Telephone contacts
- Assistance with shopping or running errands
- Light Yard work
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Small home repairs

Please call **Sunny or Adele** at **818-340-5100** for further info or assistance about our free OASIS Senior Volunteer Services.

The St. Mel Book Club Presents **VATICAN II** (Fr. Stephen Cooley, O.Carm. - Presenter)

St. Mel Parish, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills
Room 200 in the Parish Center
All are invited

Wednesday, November 18th
7:00 pm Doors Open
7:30 - 9:00 pm Presentation

Bishop Alemany High School

Prospective students and their families are invited to experience all that Bishop Alemany has to offer at our Open House, **Sunday, Nov. 15th, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm.** Please join us for an exciting and informative afternoon. 11111 N. Alemany Dr., Mission Hills Between Laurel Cyn/Sepulveda Blvd., off Rinaldi St. For more info, please contact **Cecilia Garza 818-837-5222** or cgarza@alemany.org or www.alemany.org

Chaminade News

Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
"OPEN HOUSE" - Families are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty and administrators and experience all that Chaminade has to offer. For more info, call the Chaminade Admissions office **818-347-8300 ext. 355** or visit Chaminade on the web at www.chaminade.org

Notre Dame High School OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 22nd
10 am - 1 pm
13645 Riverside Dr., Sherman Oaks
For info: **818-933-3600** www.ndhs.org

Louisville High School Open House

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Louisville High School Entrance Exam January 30, 2010

Families and friends of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend Louisville High School's Open House on **Sunday, Dec. 6th.** Come tour the campus, meet the faculty and enjoy performances by our student singers and dancers. The program will begin at **11:00 a.m.** Please visit louisvillehs.org for more information or contact us with questions at **(818) 346-8812.**

QUEST 2009 - Louisville High School GRAND RAFFLE

2010 Mini Cooper or \$10,000 CASH
Donation: \$100 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$500.
Only 600 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held on **Friday, November 20th** at QUEST gala event at Four Season Hotel, Westlake Village. Winner need not be present. Vehicle taxes & license not included.
Call **Louisville 818-346-7510** for info