



Dear Friends,

We welcome a guest preacher at all the Masses today, Fr. Peter West. He belongs to an organization called "Priests for Life" and he is the Associate Director. Ordained eighteen years, he is a pro life activist for over twenty three. He will be speaking about our church's teaching about the sanctity of human life. As you know, we believe human life is sacred from conception to natural death. Obviously, areas where our culture and our faith clash are abortion and euthanasia. But our respect life values must also be applied when we talk about war, the death penalty and caring for the dying. For most of us, on this Lenten journey, disrespecting others might be our most serious sin against the sanctity of human life. For all of us, no matter the grievousness of our sin, our God overflows with compassion and forgiveness when we turn our hearts to Him. He is a loving Father to us all.

Our Together in Mission goal is \$122,981.20 and we are now at **\$123,241.00**. A huge *"thank you"* to the 570 families or individuals who pledged. Typically some more will trickle in. This is tremendous and I am thrilled and grateful for your generosity. Forty-nine schools and thirty-five parishes will have life because of us. If you missed the Appeal and would like to pledge, there are pledge envelopes at the back of church. Money over goal stays in our parish. A cushion over goal is very desirable in this economic climate in case some are unable to fulfill their pledges. To each of you who considered a Pledge, who thought and prayed about it – thank you and God bless you.

A Happy St Patrick's Day to you this Tuesday. As a child in Ireland, it was a Holy Day of Obligation as well as a national holiday. Calling it St. Paddy's Day would have been most disrespectful. My mother would fix a dinner that day with the colors of the flag of the Irish republic – green white and orange. Most likely, it would be peas, mashed potatoes and mashed turnips. In memory of St. Patrick teaching the Trinity to the pagan High King of Ireland, adults would wear a sprig of shamrock to church. Children would wear a harp of some fashion, the official symbol of Ireland. It was a day when religion and patriotism were woven together. It is 1500 years since St. Patrick died but out of the mists of Irish history, he is remembered as a driven missionary who did heavy penances. I am sure he would have a very dim view of the distant children of his converts who use his day to overindulge in alcohol! Have a blessed St. Patrick's Day this Tuesday and then on Thursday, March 19th, celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. He has been honored on this day since the end of the tenth century. In 1870 Pope Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Universal Church." *Fr. McNamara*



Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2009

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods
besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

Parish Dinner to Fight Hunger Sunday, March 29th

Youth Ministry invites all parishioners to dinner in the Parish Hall **after the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday, March 29th**. We look forward to sharing our simple meal with you as we break our fast of 30 hours following our participation in *World Vision's 30 Hour Famine Hunger Fundraiser and Poverty Awareness Retreat*. We will be accepting donations to help us reach our fundraising goal. Please join us.

ALTAR CARE - March 20, 2009

Michele Croson, Norma Crowe, Bernice Galbreath,
Helen Robinson and Judy Sabo

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



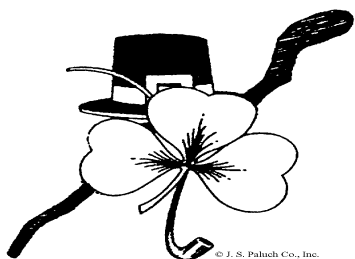
St. Bernardine of Siena Children's Center has started taking Parishioner applications for the summer and fall 2009 Preschool Program. Children need to be **2.9 months** in **September** and potty trained. For more information or a tour of our facility, please call the preschool office **(818) 716-4730**

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.



Gifts for the Spirit,

1st Communion gifts and cards are available now at your Parish gift shop.

St. Patrick and St. Joseph day greeting cards are also in store. Soon, "Chicken Soup for the Soul" Living Catholic Faith" books, 101 stories to offer hope, deepen faith and spread love. Great gift idea for R.C.I.A., Confirmation, Graduation or just to give a friend. Come and see.

We also repair broken rosaries **"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.**



FOCUS ON ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

AFE (Adult Faith Enrichment) is an acronym for the variety of parish-sponsored programs such as scripture studies, book discussion groups and interfaith programs. In the recent survey, parishioners were asked to state their interest in these kinds of programs. The results were fairly well balanced. The highest levels of interest were in scripture studies and church history. Topical issues such as current societal and social/family issues and spirituality also ranked fairly high. There was also a good level of interest in interfaith programs such as Judaism, Islam and Buddhism

Overall parishioners were pleased with the good mix of parish-sponsored programs such as those done with Temple Aliyah, the Spiritual Renewal with Fr. Just and all of Fr. Doug Glassman's programs. Completed survey forms are available for review in the library. If you haven't taken the survey yet, forms are available in the library.

BOOK REVIEW

From time to time we will be doing some brief book reviews. This month's selection is **What Happened at Vatican II** by **William W. O'Malley** and is reviewed by **Kate Smirnoff**. The book is great background for Fr. Doug Glassman's series currently in progress. To access the review go to the parish website www.stbernardine.org, click on Library and then Book Review. The library has two copies of this book. 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.**





IMPORTANT DATES

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

April 4/5 - Water, socks and blankets will be collected at all the Masses for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.



Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders

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

Tuesday, March 17th: What Would Joan (of Arcadia) Do? **7-9 pm**, Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 18th: Gospel Night, **7-8:30 pm**, Parish Hall

Confirmation Preparation Process

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!

St. Joseph



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March 15 through March 21, 2009

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am John Byrne+

10:00 am Charles Barkley+

12:00 noon George B. Timko+

5:30 pm Cathy Zack+

MONDAY

6:30 am John Torres+

8:30 am Margaret Trish Milewski+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Trish Milewski+

8:30 am Gloria Largi+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Erik Hess

8:30 am Trish Milewski+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Shirley Gelinias+

8:30 am Gabby Fernando

FRIDAY

6:30 am Ferdinand Adriatico+

8:30 am Trisk Milewski+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Francis Falotico+

5:00 pm Cathy Zack+

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



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- Jim Tomas; John MacAdam;
- Dale Sheets; Sharon Roque;
- 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:

- Michael Concha, nephew of Rose Salazar;
- Josefina Funk, aunt of Karen Schweitzer



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 (To Sick/Homebound)	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
Festival Chairpersons	Deacon Dale Taufer	888-8200
	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



Save the Date & Join In on the Fun!

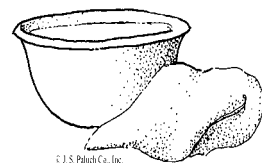
St. Bernardine of Siena Dads will be holding the 4th Annual **TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT** on **March 21, 2009** in the Parish Hall. Instruction (if needed) will begin at **5:30 pm** and the tournament (and fun) will begin at **6:00 pm**. Cost is **\$100.00**, which includes instruction (if needed), light 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.

SAVE THE DATE

The 9th Annual Monsignor Murray Golf Tournament
Monday, May 4, 2009
 Calabasas Country Club
 More info to come.....

Lenten Meal & Stations

Please join us for our Lenten Supper this **Friday, March 20th** 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**

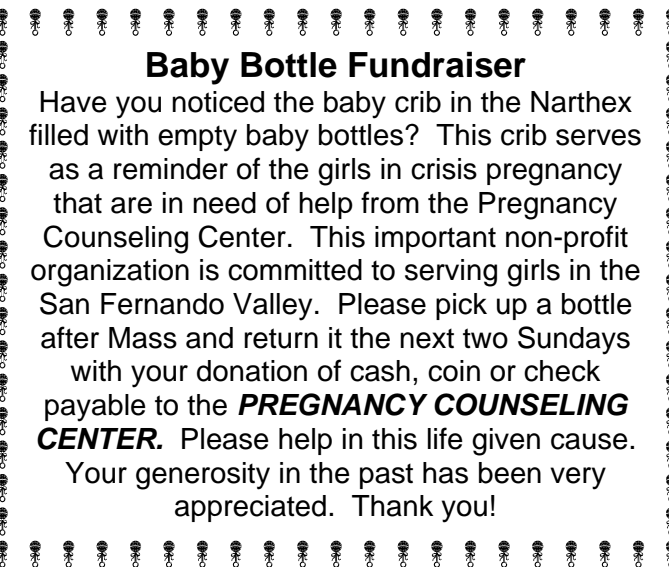


EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Have you noticed the baby crib in the Narthex filled with empty baby bottles? This crib serves as a reminder of the girls in crisis pregnancy that are in need of help from the Pregnancy Counseling Center. This important non-profit organization is committed to serving girls in the San Fernando Valley. Please pick up a bottle after Mass and return it the next two Sundays with your donation of cash, coin or check payable to the **PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER**. Please help in this life given cause. Your generosity in the past has been very appreciated. Thank you!



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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MOTHER TERESA'S MISSIONARY BROTHERS OF CHARITY and CO-WORKERS FROM ST. BERNARDINE are seeking your help. This ministry needs **COOKS** and **DRIVERS**. You would be called upon (to either cook or drive downtown) once every six weeks on Saturday mornings. If you feel the call to help, please contact **Jean Sampson** at **818-888-7073**.

Calling all Mount Carmel High School Alumni

4th Annual St. Paddy's Day Feast
Tuesday, March 17th, 11:30 am
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory
 4966 Alonzo Ave., Encino, CA 91316
 Jaclyn Campbell—818-654-1322
 Jcampbell@crespi.org

*All donations will benefit the Mount Carmel H.S. of Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship Fund

The WEEKEND COLLEGE at MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

in downtown Los Angeles will be hosting Summer 2009 Information Sessions **FOR WORKING ADULTS** wishing to return to college and complete their Bachelor's degree. The **INFORMATION SESSIONS** for the upcoming Summer 2009 Semester will be held on **Saturday, March 28th**, from **10:30 am - 12:00 noon** on our Downtown Doheny Campus inside the Mary & Frank Kelly 24-hour Study Room at 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, 9007. For further information or reservations, please call **Malika Gary** at **213-477-2866** or go to **www.weekendcollege.org**

Save This Date - Monday, March 30th

Crespi Carmelite High School will be hosting the annual **Treserras Supermarkets Scholarship Fund Golf Classic** on **Monday March 30th** at the Calabasas Country Club. Please come and support the wonderful young men of Crespi Carmelite High School. Please contact Rick Bejune, Director of Alumni Relations at **818-654-1304** or visit **www.crespi.org**



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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**

Echoes of Lourdes-Celebrating the 151st year of the Lourdes apparitions

Relics of Saints Bernadette, Therese, Faustina and Padre Pio will be on display for public veneration on this day only.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church
 13001 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood, CA
Saturday, March 28th @ 6:30 pm
 Information: **323-573-3175**

Sacred Heart Retreat Camp 2009 Summer Camps

Family Camp: June 25-June 28 or July 2-5

Girls' Camp: July 12-19 or July 26-August 2

Call **909-866-5696** for brochure & registration forms.

Spaces are limited. Donations are needed to help sponsor a child or family to camp. Please help! Contributions can be sent to:

SACRED HEART RETREAT CAMP
 PO Box 1795, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Sacred Heart Women's Retreat

May 1-3 - Donation: \$90

This retreat will include communal and private prayer. Come and be refreshed by the love and company of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Save This Date - April 27, 2009
 Louisville will be hosting their 14th Annual Golf classic on **Monday, April 27th** at the North Ranch Country Club. Please come and support the wonderful young women of Louisville.