



**From the
Pastor**

Dear Friends,

We warmly welcome today Dr. Karen Kallay. She is principal of Ascension parish school in Los Angeles located at Figueroa and 112th Streets. That is one of the 35 parishes and 49 schools that are helped by the Together in Mission annual appeal. This annual appeal is dear to her heart and the topic of her talk to us at all the Masses this weekend. I am keenly aware that the financial crisis in our country has become a financial crisis for some of the individuals and families of our parish. I hope and pray then that those, blessed with secure jobs and incomes, will respond with a generous pledge today.

The colorful insert in today's bulletin lists every parish in the diocese and their goals. A parish goal is ten percent of its ordinary income. Specific donations towards building funds, maintenance funds or parish schools etc. are not part of ordinary income. We are in Deanery 5 so you can see our goal is \$122,981.20 Notice also the list of parishes and schools that will be helped by our generosity this year. My first and second appointments are both listed for school help – St. Gregory Nazianzen and Divine Saviour, both in Los Angeles. I hope you thought and prayed about what you will pledge this year. And I hope too, you will be inspired and surprise yourself with your own generosity.

Three days and Lent begins. As a child in Ireland, this Tuesday was called Shrove Tuesday and also Pancake Night! Even though it's over 45 years since my mother made pancakes for us kids, I still look for pancakes on Mardi Gras. What power parents have! Have you decided what you are going to do for Lent yet? It is a shame when we let our religious traditions die so get thinking. As usual, I will place in our parish offices and classrooms a box of chocolate covered raisins. A new sticker will be on them saying – Lent, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. See you for ashes on Wednesday.

And the "pinhead award" goes to the creators of the web sites- "delivermyprayer.com" and "Vaticanreading.com" who claim that money donated to them goes to the Vatican. The Apostolic Nunciature states unequivocally that **none of these web sites or assertions have the approval of the Holy See.** As my father used to say "what is the world coming to?"

~ Fr. McNamara

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 22, 2009**

It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.

— Isaiah 43:25



**Safeguard the Children-
Live Scan Fingerprinting**

That Parish's Safeguard the Children Committee, in conjunction with the Archdiocese, is hosting Live Scan Fingerprinting.

Fingerprinting and safe environment training is required for all adult Parish and school Employees and Volunteers, who have regular supervisory contact or may be alone with students or minors. Fingerprinting will be done on **Friday, March 6th, from**

12:00 pm - 3:40 pm & from 5:20 pm - 7:20 pm in the **Veranda Room**. For an appointment, please call the

St. Bernardine Children's Center at 818-716-4730. For additional information, please call **Ray Barks 818-888-0833**



Please note the following Mass Schedule for

Ash Wednesday:

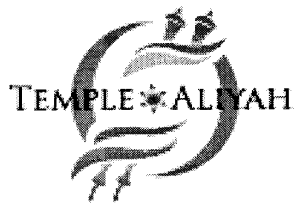
6:30 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm

Gifts for the Spirit, your Parish gift shop was established for your convenience. We have Lenten books for reflection. Ash Wednesday is February 25th.

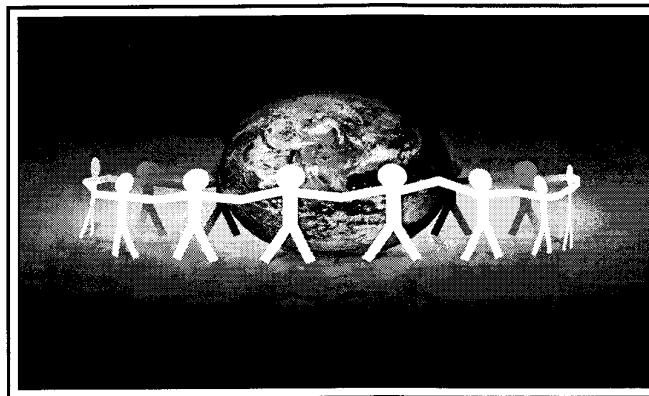
1st Communion gifts will be in the store soon. Greeting cards, St. Patrick and St. Joseph cards are reasonably priced. We also have a few Sunday Missals left. Coming up for a donut? Stop in and see us, browse or just visit.

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.**



Raising Young Children with Faith in a Mostly Secular World



Join Rabbi Stewart Vogel and Father Robert McNamara
and the parents from St. Bernardine and Temple Aliyah
for these challenging conversations.

You can attend both sessions or just one session.

Session 1: Thursday, February 26, 2009 7:30-9 PM @ Temple Aliyah
Topic: "Talking with our Children About God"

Session 2: Wednesday March 11, 2009 9:30-11 AM @ St. Bernardine
Topic: "Making Right Choices When Secular and Faith Values Clash"



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 28/Mar 1 - 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, Feb 22nd: Parenteen Night, **6:30-9 pm**, Parish Hall. Teens are not to attend without a Parent. **Be sure to bring food for our Potluck Dinner.** We will be watching and discussing *Sex Has a Pricetag* from abstinence educator, Pam Stenzel



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.

Confirmation Preparation Process

Sunday, Feb 22nd: Year One, Catechetical Session, **3:15-5:15 pm**, Parish Center
Sunday, March 8th: Year Two Catechetical Session, **3:15-5:15 pm**, Parish Center
 Parish Center Year One Confirmation Candidates must attend at least one Youth Ministry event per month in addition to their required Catechetical Sessions!

Mass Intentions For The Week



February 22 through February 28, 2009

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am Emily Erin+
10:00 am Robert DeHaven+
12:00 noon John Russell+
5:30 pm William Lawler+

MONDAY

6:30 am Paul Hsu
8:30 am Thomas Lyness+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Sandy Stires+
8:30 am Nicholas F. Lamaina+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Trish Milewski+
8:30 am Rosita Rancharan
11:00 am Rafael Asignacion
7:30 pm Ruth Chambers

THURSDAY

6:30 am Trish Milewski+
8:30 am Meredith Augustine

FRIDAY

6:30 am Richard Shanholtzer+
8:30 am Trish Milewski+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Attracta Timmins+
5:00 pm Bronius Duda+

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



Drazen Malinis; Tracy Carpenter;
 Edmund Lanski; Donald James;
 Amelia Hunt; Robert Affronti;
 Minnie Barkley; Nolan & Ella Watson;
 Maddy Marazita; Patrick Bennett;

Marcella Johnson;

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:



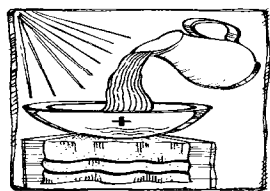
Donna Bigi, daughter of Arlene & Bob Prokop;
 Albert Decker, husband of Anna;
 Mark Logsdon, husband of Marilla, (former parishioner)

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 Deacon Dale Taufer	346-8244 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	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	Michelle Reams/8:30 Mass Carole Williamson/10:00	207-5441 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 School	Jo & Rudy Vlasak Peggy Hill	347-7144 340-2130
Scouting (Boy Scouts) (Cub Scouts) (Girl Scouts)	Gary Bishop Richard Robinson Kim Palkovic	998-7917 703-7572 992-0737
Senior Luncheon	Karen Brown	591-1520
Social Activities	Janet Barnet Susan Bougetz-Aulbach	348-6262 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Nursery VOLUNTEERS Needed

Just a reminder that there is **free babysitting** available during the **8:30 am** and **10:00 am** Sunday masses at the preschool across the street for the Church. Also, the **8:30 Nursery Care** is looking for **Volunteers**. If you are interested, please call **Michele Reams (818) 207-5441**



St. Bernardine of Siena Children's Center has started taking Parishioner applications for the summer and fall 2009 preschool programming. 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**

Bible Study/Lectio Divina

Following our Parish Spiritual Renewal Days Tuesday Evenings Beginning **March 3rd, 7:00-8:30 pm** in your Parish Library
New group forming.....Everyone Welcome
BRING YOUR BIBLE!



Looking for Something to DO for LENT?

Plan to attend our Lenten Series "Vatican II: Did Anything Happen?" presenter: Fr. Doug Glassman
Five Consecutive Thursday Evenings, beginning **March 5, 2009, 7:30 pm**
The companion book Vatican II: did Anything Happen? By John W. O'Malley, S.J. will be available for purchase outside of church after all the masses **Feb. 22nd** weekend (it is not necessary to read the book in order to greatly benefit from the presentations)

Something ELSE to DO for LENT!

Bible Study focusing on the Sunday Mass Scripture Readings **9-10:00 am**. Saturdays in Lent, beginning **Feb. 28th**, in your Parish Library.
BRING YOUR BIBLE!

ALTAR CARE - February 28, 2009

Marilyn Byloos, Jerry & Theresa Cofsky, Stella Como, Anne Falatico and Helen Robinson



The Annual Religious Education

Congress is scheduled for **Feb 26th (Youth Day)** through **March 1st** and focuses on the theme *Love Unfolding...Igniting our Yes!*

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! For more info or to register, stop by our parish Religious Ed Office for a guidebook OR call

Attention Attorneys- Looking for VOLUNTEERS

The Los Angeles Catholic Lawyers Assn. ("LACLA") is developing a network of attorneys through the local parishes to serve a variety of needs among the Catholic community, such as: benefits issues, foreclosures, credit card debt, eviction, unemployment, marital disputes and other similar issues. Often the pastor of the parish is the first contact made by those in need of legal assistance in these circumstances. The goals of LACLA have expanded to include assisting the elderly who may have been involved in financial schemes to deprive them of their assets, addressing disputes among family members through mediation services and providing other legal service to needy parishioners on a pro bono or reduced cost basis. If you are an attorney interested in being part of this network for St. Bernardine parish, please contact the parish liaison, **Lesley Hawes**, lhawes@mckennalong.com or lahawes@hotmail.com, 213-243-6117. Parishioners in need of legal assistance in these areas may contact the parish office or the parish liaison directly. For more information regarding LACLA, please check the LACLA website at www.lalawyers.ning.com

Les Dames de Saint Louis cordially invite you to attend our annual Luncheon on Sunday, **March 1st**, at **11:00 am** at the Woodland Hills Country Club, 21150 Dumetz Road. Shuttle service as well as parking privileges will be provided at Pacific Boys Lodge at Serrania Ave./Dumetz Rd. Luncheon tickets are **\$75.00** and all proceeds from the Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets support the **Sisters of Saint Luis Retirement Fund**. For reservations, please call **Chris Osborn** at **818-703-5091**

THANKS ALOT

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The staff and volunteers of Guadalupe Community Center extend a heartfelt thank you to the kind parishioners of St. Bernardine of Siena Parish for your generous donations to the Center's annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program. This year St. Bernardine donated **\$16,875.00 in scrip** to the program! Your wonderful response to our request made it possible for us to assist a total of **324 families (1,345 individuals)** between November 24 and December 22, 2008. You need to know that your generosity made it possible for those working with the Adopt-A-Family program to reap the rewards of giving. We wish you could have seen the children's faces when Santa arrived on a huge hook and ladder truck from **Fire Station 72**; as well as received the hugs and seen the tears of gratitude from parents who had feared they might not be able to give their children anything for Christmas. May God bless you and your families today and everyday for your beautiful spirit of Christian generosity to the poor of the community we serve.



Focus On Supporting Your Library

Looking for ways to support your parish library? Here are some ideas:

- Do you have good quality and good condition religious books or DVDs to share with other parishioners? If so, why not donate them to the library? If we already have copies, we will donate to other libraries or make available through our periodic Book Faire's. We will give you a receipt for tax purposes. (No text books please!)
- Visit the library website www.stbernardine.org, click on library and take a look at our children and adult "Wish Lists". You select the book. Book plates are available to memorialize your gift for any occasion...
- If those ideas don't work, we also accept cash donations and we will purchase in your name, children's and adult books and DVD's.

CONTACT MARIA, 818-884-2736, TO MAKE A LIBRARY DONATION.

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**.