

Dear Friends,

The custom tomorrow is to visit the family grave. It is All Souls Day. I would have to visit Ireland and hike up to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery in Limerick. My grandfather bought a grave there 100 years ago for his sister, who in her twenties died of consumption. It's about three feet by six feet. Subsequently, he and my grandmother were buried there as were their two sons, my dad and his brother, who were later joined by their wives, my mom and my aunt in law. It also holds my baby sister, who died soon after birth. All were buried in wooden coffins, and with Irish weather; "ashes to ashes, dust to dust" is a quick reality. There can be a burial there every six or seven years.

A stone's throw away is my mother's family grave and that contains an equal number of my ancestors on my mother's side. Ownership of the graves is passed down by the old system of primogeniture, a right of inheritance of the eldest son. My older brother Leslie then is the proud landowner of the family and I am next in line! If I had stayed in Ireland, that would be the most likely place to receive my mortal remains. Right now the smart money is on San Fernando Mission Cemetery.

Will you visit your family grave tomorrow? At least do so in spirit and offer a prayer to our God of love and mercy to take care of those who have gone before us until our time comes to join them. You may put the names of your beloved dead on the altar for the next nine days, since we are having a novena of Masses for the dead beginning tomorrow. Special envelopes were mailed with your Sunday packet and are also available in the back of the church..

November is also that time of year for the annual reminder on stewardship. I will be speaking at all the Masses next Sunday. As you might have guessed, our Sunday collections are tracking like the unemployment graph. The good news is that the time and talent donations of our volunteers in ministry are doing just fine. Obviously, I will be appealing for your maximum generosity to financially support our beautiful



parish, particularly because some of our best supporters have been hit by this economy. I would love to encourage those who are not in the habit of supporting their church to hear me. If you are out of work don't listen to me next Sunday; but if you can help, then a pledge from you will be a great boost for our parish finances. I suggest a quiet moment of prayer this week as you ponder the amount of your stewardship pledge. God bless you.

-Fr. McNamara

VIRTUS-KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE RE-CERTIFICATION

A Virtus re-certification session, *Keeping the Promise Alive* (for those who took the original Safeguard the Children training in 2004 or 2005) will be offered on **Tuesday, Nov 17th, 8:00-9:30 am**. Re-certification is required every four years for adults who work or have contact with children. To register for the session, call **Eileen 818-340-1440**



Safeguard the Children- Live Scan Fingerprinting

The 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, Nov 6th, 12:00 pm-3:40 pm** and from **5:20 pm-7:20 pm** in the Veranda Room. For an appointment, please call the St. Bernardine Children's Center **818-716-4730**. For additional info, please call **Ray Barkes, 818-888-0833**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please pick up your copy of the Sunday EM schedule in the Ministry Room of the church.
Thank you.

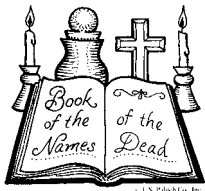


IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct31/ Nov 1** 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.
- Nov 14/15** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry

Attention All Seniors

Our Senior Citizen Luncheon is back and will be this **Friday, November 6th**. Mass will be held at **11:30 am in the Chapel**. There will be a "free" delicious luncheon and a guest speaker. Don't forget to bring a can of soup...give something back. Hope you can join us!



November is the month when we remember our beloved dead in a special way. Beginning All Souls Day, November 1st, we will have a novena of Masses for those whose names are on the Altar.

You may include your beloved dead in the Novena of Masses by writing their names on one of the envelopes available to you in the back of the church or in your Sunday envelope packet. A memorable table will be set up in the church for photographs of your deceased loved one to be displayed during the entire month. Please place your name and telephone number on the back of each photo so we can return it to you.

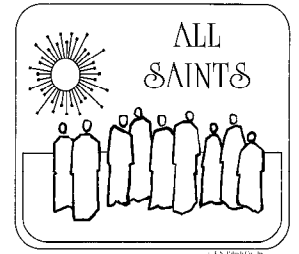
Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible Group just finished studying the Book of Genesis. Classes will resume on Wednesday, **Nov. 4th**, with a focus on the Book of Exodus. Classes are held on Wednesdays in the Parish Library, immediately following the **8:30 am mass**. Come, bring your Bible and share the Good News with us! For further information, please contact **Virginia McCarron** at **818-703-8656** or email at **vmcc0125@sbcglobal.net**

All Saints

November 1, 2009

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
— 1 John 3:1



NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY



school NEWS

St. Bernardine of Siena School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

St. Bernardine of Siena School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, \scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of service may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

 * **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**.

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Confirmation

Sunday, Nov 1: Year Two Candidate
 Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm**,
 Parish Center
Sunday, Nov 8: Year One Candidate
 Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm**,
 Parish Center

Annual Memorial Mass
Friday, November 13th - 7:30 pm

We will honor those who have died during this
 past year between *November 1, 2008 and*
October 31, 2009.

For parishioners who have had a death of a
 family member and the funeral was NOT at
St. Bernardine: if you will be ATTENDING the
Nov 13th Memorial Mass and would like to
participate in the candle ceremony, please call
 St. Bernardine **before Nov 11th.**

Please give your name, address and phone
 number, the name of the deceased and the date
 of the death. **If you received a letter** from
 St. Bernardine, regarding the **Nov. 13th**
Memorial Mass, you do **NOT** have to call
 St. Bernardine. All are invited to come to support
 those who have had a death. They will be most
 grateful for your presence.

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



Christy O'Neil, niece of Patricia
 Fries; Sue Spaep; Roger Sanby;
 Joan King; Sonny Kuffer, stepdad
 of Karen Brown; Marly Smith;
 Brenda Jo Kramer; Tina Musilek;
 Danielle Blaha; Kevin Cordasco;
 Michelle Rogers; Linda Segien Morris;
 Joseph Sica; Tom Cornea; Don Kaszynski;
 Laurie Pearson

**Please pray for the happy
 repose of the souls:**

Gary Lennstrom, brother of Ken;
 Albert Ferraro, husband of Yolanda



**Mass Intentions
 For The Week** 

November 1, 2009 thru November 7, 2009
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am Maria Beltran+
10:00 am Paul Fehrenbach+
12:00 noon Vincent Senatore+
5:30 pm Mary Dyer+

MONDAY

6:30 am Novena
8:30 am Rose Kukusek+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Ed Rodriguez+
8:30 am Novena

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Novena
8:30 am Helen Palmerton+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Dolly & Paul Moore+
8:30 am Novena

FRIDAY

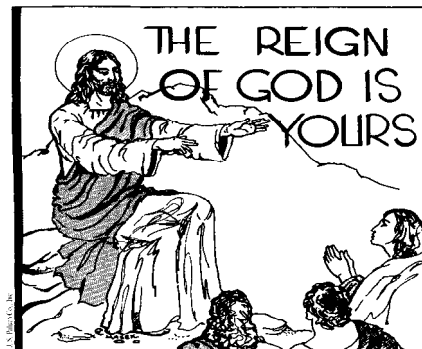
6:30 am Novena
8:30 am Dolly & Paul Moore+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Novena
5:00 pm Consuelo Fermin+

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



ALTAR CARE - November 6, 2009

Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski,
 Tony Palmisano, Angie Syp and
 Antonia Tarazan

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 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
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	Darma Trafecanty	515-2039
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662

Crespi News

Friday, Nov 6th, join us for *8th Grade Step-Up Day* from **8:30am - 1:15pm.** Continental breakfast/lunch included
On Sunday, Nov. 8th., 1:00pm - 4:00pm the school will host an *Open House.* All families welcome to tour of our facilities and classrooms. *Last tour begins at 3:00 pm.*
 For more info, call **818-654-1329** or www.crespi.org

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
(800)973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help
(877)467-3463 &

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Holy Family Adoption Services
(805)374-2785



FOCUS ON THOMAS MERTON

Merton was a Trappist Monk, a prolific writer (over 70 books) In his early years he did a great deal of searching and led a somewhat wild life until he got the calling to enter religious life. Our library has twenty-five of his books including his autobiography The Seven Story Mountain. We also have a 1953 First Edition of the Sign of Jonas a journal he kept for six years in the monastery which is fascinating reading as it shows a different side of Merton. For a listing of his books go to StBernardine.org Click on Library and click on Access database, then type in Merton.

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.

St. Bernardine's

Children Center would like to thank everyone, who helped in the Dessert Booth at the Festival. We would also like to thank everyone, who donated goodies, especially Sal Calderone of Urth Café and the Areliz family of El Carusel Bakery.



33rd Annual Catholic-Jewish Women's Conference

"Scripture and Tradition: Battleground or Common Ground?" **Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm,** Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels Conference Center, 555 West Temple St., Los Angeles, 90012. Speakers: Dvora E. Weisberg, Ph.D. & Laurie Wright-Garry, Ph.D.

Small group dialogues in the afternoon. **\$40** per person, *students \$25*, includes box lunch. Questions, **Barbara 805-497-1370** or **Carryl 818-884-5332**

November 2009

St. Bernardine of Siena

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC	2 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Veranda	3 Euch. Adoration 7:00am - Chapel Rel. Ed. 4:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm	4 Religious Education 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	5 Baptism Class 7:30pm	6 Senior Citizen Mass/Luncheon 11:30am	7
8	Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC	9 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Veranda	10 Euch. Adoration 7:00am—Chapel Rel. Ed. 4:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Parish Council Mtg.	11 Religious Education 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	12	13 Annual Memorial Mass 7:00pm	14
15	Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC	16 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Veranda Justice & Peace	17 Euch. Adoration 7:00am-Chapel Rel. Ed. 4:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Cub Pck Meet 7:30pm	18 Religious Education 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	19	20	21
22	Bundle Sunday Angels Way Boutique Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC	23 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Veranda	24 Eucharistic Adora- tion 7:00am - Chapel NO Religious	25 NO Religious Education NO RCIA	26 Mass 10:00am THANKSGIVING	27	28
29	Gifts of the Spirit— Christmas Preview NO RCIC Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am	30 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Veranda					