

Dear Friends,

So, how was your Christmas? Was everyone pleased? Did the dinner come out perfectly? Were the children happy with their gifts? Are you glad it's all over? Did you focus enough on the one whose birthday you were celebrating? Was it a day you would like to repeat? I could ask a lot more questions about your Christmas day but perhaps my last question is the best one—whether you would like to repeat the day. It's the answer to that question that can help you plan for next Christmas and if need be, set the groundwork early. So take some notes and let's get ready with some New Year resolutions.

Remember that a New Year resolution has to have two qualities. It must be **ATTAINABLE** – so be careful about promising to lose 100 pounds or becoming a scratch golfer! Be realistic. Also it must be **MEASURABLE** – so forget about being nicer or more generous. To whom will you be nicer and how will that look? And more generous? In what way – time, \$\$\$, to whom and when? Don't be vague; you have to be able to know if you accomplished it or not. Lastly, it is important not to set yourself up for failure. So as we begin 2010, it is a good idea to make a Resolution; and I wish you success with it and a blessed New Year.

We call them the Holy Family and today our Church celebrates their feast – Jesus, his mother Mary and foster father Joseph. Being a holy family, one might think everything was always perfect; but look at the story in today's Gospel. It is an emergency story where Mary and Joseph must have been panicking as they searched for the lost Jesus. It took three days and three sleepless nights. Days that must have been full of worry until finally, they found him in the Temple “sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” I imagine all parents can relate to that story and remember a time when they panicked about their children.

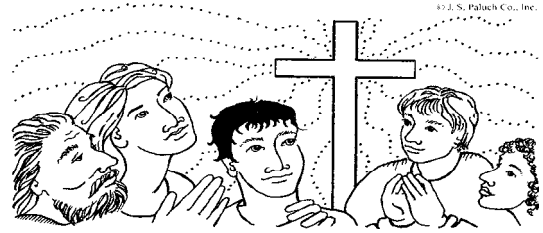
Therefore it is obvious that even a holy family will have their challenges. Change and crisis and growth seem to make for a normal life. The good news is that closeness to the Lord guides us in the many family decisions we have to make, as well as giving us the confidence that we have done the right thing.

-Fr. McNamara



**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
December 27, 2009**

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a



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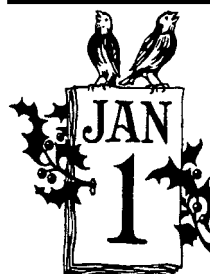
every Tuesday in the Chapel,
beginning at **7:00 am** and ending with
Benediction at noon.

Friday, Jan 1, 2010,
we celebrate the
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation,
there will be one Mass at **10:00 am.**

Mary, Mother of God



ALTAR CARE - December 31, 2009
Helen Worthen, Fran Van Buskirk, Judy Sabo,
Anna Marie Pudwill & Letizea Amato



*Happy
New Year*



IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 2/3 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

Jan 16/17 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.



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.**

 * **2010 HOLY YEAR, HOLY CHILD** *
 * All lovers of the Holy Child are invited to *
 * attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honor *
 * of the Holy Infant Jesus—The Santo Nino at *
 * the Historic Faith Center of the San Pedro *
 * Region (SS. Peter and Paul Church) at 515 W. *
 * Opp St. in Wilmington on Saturday, **January** *
 * **16th at 10:00 am.** Bishop Alexander Salazar, *
 * *Vicar for Ethnic Ministry*, will be the main *
 * celebrant. Complimentary lunch will be *
 * offered after the Procession and Mass. For *
 * inquiries and more info, please call **Mr. Jun** *
 * **Hingco** at the parish office at **310-834-5215** *
 * **ext. 23** or email **sppc@sbcglobal.net** *

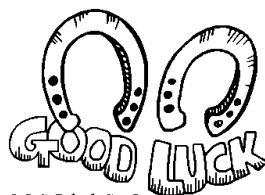


Mark Your Calendars



CASINO NIGHT
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Saturday, March 20th -
Save the Date!!!
 The Wild Bunch Saloon &
 Casino Spring Even
6:30 pm
 Cactus Mac's Parish Hall



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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 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon** (*check in the Parish Center office first*).

school NEWS

St. Bernardine of Siena School 2010-2011

New Student Open Enrollment

Applications are now available at the school website at **www.school.stbernardine.org** and will be available in the school office **beginning Jan 4th.** Application deadline is

The Wednesday Morning Bible Group will resume their meetings starting on Wednesday, **January 13th, 2010**, at the Parish Library, after the 8:30 am Mass. The Book of Genesis will be reviewed first before moving on to the Book of Exodus. Everyone is welcome! Please bring your bible and enthusiasm. Coffee will be served. Please contact **Virginia McCarron** at **818-703-8656** or **eggrod0422@ymail.com** for further information



Confirmation

Sunday, Jan 10th: Year One Candidate Session and Mass, 3:00-6:30 pm, Parish Center

Sunday, Jan 17th: Year Two Candidates and Sponsor Session, 3:00-8:00 pm, Parish Center (includes 5:30 pm Mass and Dinner)

All Are Welcome

All Catholic women are members of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Please plan to attend and support our parish at a luncheon to be held on **Monday, Jan 25th**, St. Bernardine will be hosting in the Parish Center. The day starts at **9:30 am** and ends at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$12.00 and includes morning coffee, speaker, mass and lunch. Reservations and payment must be **returned to St. Bernardine by Jan 17th**. Make checks payable to St. B's with ACCW in the memo area. For questions and/or more information, please call **Helen Fitzpatrick 818-346-2837**

Mass Intentions For The Week



December 27 2009 thru January 2, 2009

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am Fr. Michael Sears
10:00 am Afton Vigo+
12:00 noon Andrea Staid
5:30 pm Al Ferraro+

MONDAY

6:30 am Cheryl Reiter
8:30 am Al Ferraro+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Al Ferraro+
8:30 am Al Ferraro+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Sabina Greco+
8:30 am Al Ferraro+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Al Ferraro+
8:30 am Al Ferraro+

NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00 am Joe Sampson+
SATURDAY

8:30 am Al Ferraro+
5:00 pm Jeff Forrester+

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

Joyce Massie, mother of Carolyn Wild;
Josephine Ramsey; Ruth Pound;
Carol Sullivan; Michael Mahony, husband of Nancy;
Leonard Smail, Gail Shaw;
Kathy Bell; Marian Del Guercio;
Alvaro Valdez; Yvonne Henriks;
Janina Kozlowski; Amber Wyatt;
Judy Marks; Roger Sandy; Alegria Reyes;
Diane Milan; Sue Spaet; Aurelio Salazar;
Lori Reed



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

Guy Evans, brother of Kevin;
Irama Schuster, sister of Bertha Silvas
Zita Hogan, aunt of Robyn Hogan;
Ralph DeCastro, cousin of Maria Diaz



How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of Hosts



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Religious Education

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon classes are enjoying Christmas break. Classes resume on **Jan. 12th & 13th**.

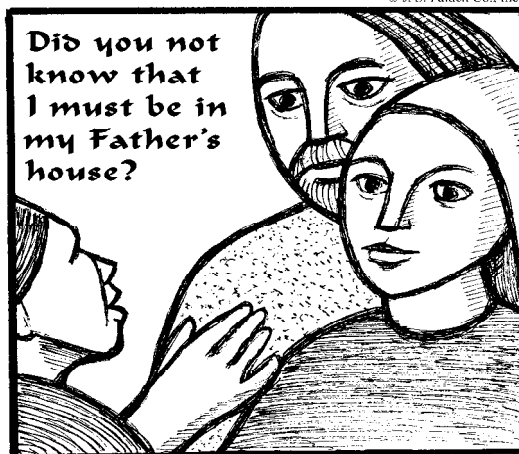
ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH LEADERS

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	Michelle Reams/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	Darna Trafecanty	515-2039
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662

Employment Opportunity at Angels Way Maternity Home

Your presence is requested!
WEEKEND HOUSE MANAGER
 Get free room and board for the weekends. The job is from 9:00 am Saturday - 9:00 am Monday. It is a position for an adult female. Requirements include having your own car & insurance. No drugs/smoking. Position is available immediately and pays \$200 a month. For more information and/or application, please call **818-346-2229**

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Bullying Is a Form of Abuse

Did you know that bullying is a form of abuse, and therefore is forbidden in our Catholic schools? Bullying typically consists of direct behaviors, such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, shoving and stealing. But it might also be indirect, such as spreading rumors that cause victims to be socially isolated through intentional exclusion. Cyberbullying, which involves the use of the internet or mobile phones to send inappropriate messages and images to or about others, is also behavior that is not tolerated in our Catholic schools. If you suspect bullying of a child at school, please contact the school principal with your concerns.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at **(213) 637-7650**

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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 Adult Faith Enrichment
in conjunction with
St. Bernardine Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Presents: The Sacraments

FIVE Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Jan. 6	An Overview of the Sacraments	Guest Presenter
Jan. 13	Baptism and Confirmation	Father Dan Fox
Jan. 20	The Eucharist	Father Dan Fox
Jan. 27	Reconciliation (Confession) and Healing the Sick	Father McNamara
Feb. 3	Holy Orders and Matrimony	Guest Presenter

These are topics presented every year to those wishing to become Catholic through the RCIA process. Come join our RCIA candidates and team as the Sacraments are explored. See how the roots of the Sacraments in Scripture and the early Church have evolved into the post-Vatican II Sacraments that we celebrate today. These presentations will provide fresh insights into understanding and appreciating the Sacraments in your parish environment.

Each is a separate presentation. Come to as many as you are able. Refreshments will be served.

The companion book is "A New Look at the Sacraments" by Father William Bausch. **It is not at all necessary** to purchase or read the book to attend and enjoy the sessions.

**Louisville H.S. Information Night for
Public School Families**

Attention all public school female students and their parents! Have you ever wondered what a

Catholic High School experience is like?

Please join us for an informal gathering as we explain the benefits of an All Girl Catholic high School on **Wednesday, January 13, 2010** in the Louisville High School Library at **7:30 pm**.

Please contact us with questions at
818-346-8812

Chaminade High School

Chaminade College Preparatory H.S. Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates:

January 23rd and January 30th from **8:00am to 12:00pm**. An online application for admission and the application fee should be on file with the school by **January 15th**. Financial Aid applications are available online. For more information please call the **Admissions** office at **818-347-8300** or apply online at **www.chaminade.org**

Louisville High School

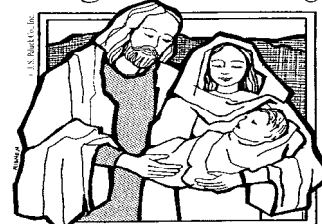
Entrance Exam-Sat., Jan. 30th

Please visit **louisvillehs.org** for more information or contact us with questions at **(818) 346-8812**.

Notre Dame High School

Now accepting 9th grade applications
Application Deadline - **Fri., Jan 15, 2010**
Entrance Exam - **Sat., Jan 30, 2010**
Financial Aid Available - Info **818-933-3600**
www.ndhs.org

The child
grew to maturity



and was
filled with wisdom

Crespi Carmelite High School

Entrance exam dates for Crespi Carmelite H.S. are **January 30th** and **February 6th**. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the admissions office at 818-654 or **rkodama@crespi.org**