

A
LETTER
FROM
OUR
PASTOR



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Dear Friends,

Among our many blessings here at St. Bernardine's is the fact that now we have the prettiest parking lot in the valley! It has been six years since we last sealed and striped it; and to delay maintenance can make things more costly in the long run. You may have noticed some patches, 7000 Sq. Ft. in fact that had to be saw-cut, removed and replaced. Then cracks are treated with a hot rubberized crack filler, prior to sealing everything. Finally, the striping, so the average parishioner knows where to park. Certain areas are marked to forbid parking but these do not apply to VIP parishioners – and you know who you are!!! Now if we call an ambulance during a service and they call the LAPD who in turn has you towed, don't worry. I promise to personally appear in court for you as a character witness. It's the least I can do for you as your pastor!

So who decides it's time to get these jobs done? Ultimately, it's the pastor's responsibility; but I would be lost without the wisdom, knowledge, dedication and generosity of volunteers. The Facilities Committee brought it to my attention that it was time; the Finance Committee gave the go ahead; and so the Facilities Committee got three bids, evaluated the bids and gave me their recommendation. The total cost for the Church/School area, plus the Pre-School area across the street was \$42,375.00. Obviously, none of this would happen without you who give financially to our parish. My deepest gratitude to all of you and there are many who give so generously.

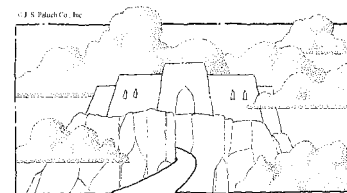
From time to time I would love to write about one parishioner or another who has been exceptional in their generosity of their time or talents or money to our community. But I have noticed a strange irony. The more someone gives, the less they want recognition. What an interesting phenomenon! I imagine it is something to do with the focus of the giver. When we are clearly giving to God, we do not look for human recognition. So to all of you exceptional givers, and I am not sure you really know who you are, you can park your car anywhere you like!

*Blessings to you all,
Father McNamara*

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29, 2010

You have approached
Mount Zion
and the city of
the living God.

— *Hebrews 12:22a*



A Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Lord Jesus,

You called chosen men

*To be with you, to preach the
Good news of salvation and to
Have authority over the powers
Of darkness. Send your Holy Spirit
Upon the men you have chosen
For the priestly ministry. May they
Answer your call and follow you
With generous hearts. Amen*

Youth Ministry Needs... Everyone's Help

Truly effective parish youth ministry requires a parish of youth ministers! Simply put, youth ministers live their faith in the presence of youth and remind youth that they have a faith to live too. Every member of the parish community that is observed by its young members is a part of this. The example that you set as a member of this faith community and a disciple of Jesus Christ in the world today is far more effective than you may realize. If you would like to take on a more active role in our parish's outreach to youth and their families, please contact the Parish Office of **Youth Ministry** at **(818) 710-1662** or **stbcym@gmail.com**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ALTAR CARE - September 3, 2010

Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski,
Tony Palmisano & Angie Syp



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 4/5 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.

Sept 18/19 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry

PARISH CALENDAR

Would you like to advertise your business on our Parish Calendar? Please contact the **Brent at Catholic Extension 1-800-282-5055 x.6061** for further info.

Workshop on the Gospel Parallel

Monday, August 30th

St. Bernardine Parish Hall—

7:30-9:00 pm

Call **Virginia McCarron 818-703-8656** for info!

Please bring your bible!



An Invitation from Temple Aliyah

Temple Aliyah is hosting a free talk entitled **Cell Antennas, Phones and Wi-Fi: What You Need to Know to Protect Your Family** on **Thursday, September 2nd at 8:00 pm** at the Temple.

International EMF experts, Dr. Magda Havas, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at Trent University, and Libby Kelley, Founder of the Electromagnetic Safety Alliance, will give a half-hour presentation followed by Q & A session with the audience.

Due to the Holiday, there will be **NO 8:30 or 10:00 am Nursery Care** next Sunday September 5th—Labor Day



NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY



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.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, THE VALLEY CIRCLE PEDESTRIAN GATES WILL BE LOCKED FROM MONDAY, 8:00 AM through FRIDAY, 5:00 PM, DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

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**.



Confirmation Preparation Registration

To register youth for our two
year adolescent Confirmation

Preparation Process, parents of new
first year candidates must attend a parent
orientation session this **Sunday, Aug 29** from
3:00-5:00 pm in the Parish Hall (youths do not need
to attend). Youth must be in high school to begin the
preparation process. Please contact the parish office
of Youth Ministry at **(818) 710-1662** or
stbcym@gmail.com for more information.

Middle School Religious Education

Our religious education class for grades 7 and 8
combined will be held on **Wednesdays** from
4:00-5:30 pm in the parish hall this school year.

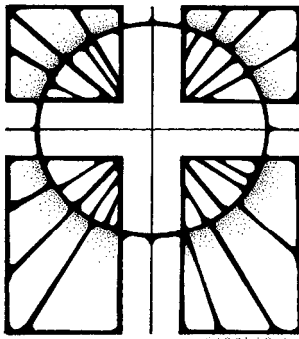
Please contact the parish office of

Youth Ministry at **(818) 710-1662** or
stbcym@gmail.com to request registration

materials. Registration materials are also
available at the parish office. Classes begin

Wednesday, September 22, so please register
your child ASAP.

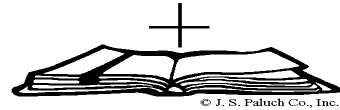
Volunteers are needed and appreciated.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Religious Education classes for children in grades
1 - 6, who attend public or private schools will begin
on **Tuesday, Sept. 21st** and **Wednesday,**
Sept. 22nd from **4:00 - 5:30 pm**. Children learn what
we believe as Catholics, how we worship, live and
pray. Our sessions also prepare children for the
reception of the first sacraments of Reconciliation and
Eucharist. Registration forms have been mailed to all
parishioners. Forms are also available online at
stbernardine.org and in the parish office For more
information please call **Eileen** at **818-340-1440**.

Mass Intentions



August 29 thru September 4, 2010

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 Evelyn Boyo+

10:00 am Fr. Ryan Noel+

12:00 noon Maria Hyun+

5:30 pm Sophie Piekarski+

MONDAY

6:30 am Carmelita A. Cruz+

8:30 am Minnie Bohent+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Evelyn Coscolluela

8:30 am Minnie Bohent+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Jacqueline Arcieri+

8:30 am Thomas Walsh+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Jose Bartilad+

8:30 am Ross Nelson+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Peggy Auer+

8:30 am Juanita Brillantes+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Thomas Walsh+

5:00 pm Aurelio Salazar+



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

Donna Ortega, sister of Marjorie
Vorgitch; Anne Padilla;

Jacqueline Peterman, aunt of Toni Vlaovich;
Arlene Onken; Eugene Koscinski; George Suel;
Terri Piscitello; Fr. John Knoernschild.;
Joyce Angelini; Paula Brummett;
Helen Ellescas; Kathryn Seymour;
Jenny McLearn

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

Velma Horvath, mother of
Annette Hamilton;
Randy Christophe, brother of Yvonne Jonason;
Enice Dhesse, mother of Jerry;
Carolyn Moore, mother of Mary Ackerman



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	Joyce Wright	884-4305
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
EM's for Homebound	Dcn. Dale Taufer	888-8200
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
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 Barkes	716-4730
RCIA	Dcn. Steve & Sharron Ellms	340-2087
Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Respect Life	Alise Sue	310-283-2804
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
Safeguard the Children	Ray Barkes	888-0833
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	206-8180
Tithing	Frank Loffa	880-8101
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Webmaster (St. B's)	Odile Swift	613-0595
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	515-2039
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	888-7073
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662



RCIA

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rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults is one of the most significant legacies of the Second Vatican Council. It is, in brief, the process or spiritual journey of faith by which new members come into the Catholic Church. Consequently, it involves, more than passing on knowledge. It involves faith and community sharing, reflection on experience and Gospel values with special emphasis on spirituality.

If you or someone you know are interested in the Catholic Church and you are:

- An unbaptized person
- A baptized Christian of another denomination
- A baptized Catholic never having received Eucharist
- Or if you are interested in becoming more spiritual in your faith

You are invited to join our RCIA Group that will begin **September 15th**. We meet every **Wednesday** evening for two hours starting at **7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall Veranda Room.

For further information, please call **818-340-2087**. Someone will call you back. Please spread the word, invite an interested friend to be part of this year's new RCIA journey towards a closer relationship with God.

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

COFFEE & DONUTS SOCIAL WILL BE BACK!
Sunday, September 5th
Parish Center Patio
After the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses

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Join Us!
Angel's Encore Youth Choir

Students, grades 2-8, are invited, beginning **Saturday, Sept. 18th**
 Rehearsals-Saturdays, **10:30-11:15**

Fine Arts Room, building 2 (facing the basketball courts)
 For more info—contact **Marilyn Enos**, menos@stbernardine.org

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Silent Auction Items Needed!

The 14th Annual Fall Festival is right around the corner and the Silent Auction committee is putting together exciting packages for the **Oct. 8th-10th** event. However, we need your help! We are looking for the following items: trips, time-shares or weekend stays at hotels, condos, or cabins -- rounds of golf -- sports or entertainment memorabilia -- spa passes -- tickets to sporting events, concerts, theme parks, movie theaters or shows -- restaurant or store gift certificates. If you own your own business or know someone who does, any donations of gift certificates, goods or services would also be greatly appreciated. Remember, all gifts are tax deductible! Lastly, the committee needs baskets of all shapes and sizes, as well as volunteers. If interested or if you have anything to donate, please contact our co-chairs, **Sophia Crescenzi 818-917-6788** or **Valorie Snyder 818-347-0986**. You can also drop any items off at the Parish Center or school office. Please include a note with your name and address on it for our records. Thank you in advance for your help.

Justice and Peace

In *September*, the Justice and Peace committee will have a Shower Sunday collection of Individual-size toiletries. So please save your unused shampoos, conditioners, lotions and soaps from your travels this summer. We will also be collecting new toothbrushes and individual-size toothpaste. We will assemble the toiletries into hygiene kits and bring them to M.E.N.D. (Meeting Each Need with Dignity) in Pacoima. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.mendpoverty.org>.



Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
(800)973-7334
Abortion Recovery Help
(877)467-3463 &
www.rachelsvineyard.org
Holy Family Adoption Services
(805)374-2785

39th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention

Join thousands of Catholics at the 39th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention "Stand Firm in the Faith" to take place over Labor Day weekend, **September 3-5, 2010** at the Anaheim Convention Center! -**FREE** John Michael Talbot Concert on **Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3:30 pm** in the Arena! - **Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR** will be performing and speaking throughout the weekend! Something for the entire family! Online registration available now: www.scr.org For more info/brochure, please contact SCRC **818-771-1361** spirit@scr.org or www.scr.org

ACCW MEETING

All Catholic Women are members of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. The West San Fernando Valley District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is having a District Meeting on **Monday, September 27th** at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 18115 Sherman Way, Reseda. The day begins at **9:00 am** and includes Msgr. James Gehl, speaker, with **Mass at 11:30 am**. Luncheon will be catered and is to be prepaid at **\$12.00**. Please make checks payable to *St. Catherine* with "ACCW" in the memo area. The day ends at 1:30 pm. Deadline for reservations is **Wednesday, Sept 23rd**. For questions and/or more information, please call **Helen Fitzpatrick 818-346-2837**.

Scenic Serra Retreat in Malibu is offering a Men's Retreat, **Sept 3-5** and a Women's Retreat **Sept. 10-12**. For more info call **310-456-6631** or www.serraretreat.com

Report Inappropriate or Illegal Content on the Internet

One of the main reasons that children do not report the inappropriate content they find online is fear of punishment from parents. If you let them know that it is not their fault if they come across an inappropriate site, they will be more willing to come to you when it happens. If your children ever show you a site that contains illegal behavior, such as pornographic images of children, contact your Internet Service Provider and the Cyber Tipline at: www.cybertipline.com For particular help, you may call **Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650**