

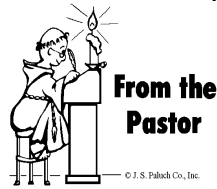
Dear Friends,

Our guest speak today is the principal of St. Lawrence of Brindisi parish school in Watts. Lilliam Paetzold-Costanzo is a living example of those helped by the Together in Mission appeal. Her school could not survive without the support of others. So today, being Commitment Sunday for Together in Mission, I ask you to do your best with your pledge. We all value education and since a quality Catholic education in a poor neighborhood is a life changing experience for so many, it deserves our support. I expect our guest will make the case for quality education in Watts far better that I ever could. Throughout our diocese there are 61 schools and 35 parishes that will be helped by this appeal.

The goal for each parish is ten percent of the previous year's income. In the brochure in last week's bulletin, for all the parishes of the diocese both goals were listed, this years and last years. You may have noticed that a great many of the parishes had lower goals this year compared to last year. Obviously the current economic situation is impacting our church and the pain is greater in the poorer parishes. Our goal this year is \$115,814.40. With all of us working together we will reach our goal. However, since some of our parishioners are affected by the economic downturn, I urge those who are financially able, to do more. Generosity must be part of our faith life. A little or a lot, whatever you give, I am deeply grateful.

Naturally you may need more time to think about this. Take home the commitment card and bring it back when you are ready. Typically, pledges are made over five months so pray, decide and commit. God bless you all.

-Fr. McNamara



From the
Pastor

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2010

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with all my heart,

for you have heard
the words of my

mouth.

— Psalm 138:1



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

“Dinner With Friends”

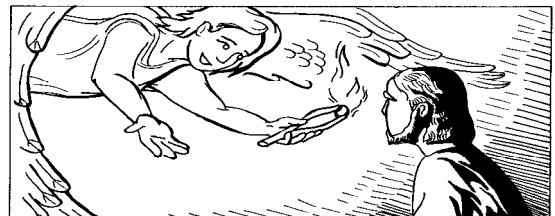
There will be **NO** “dinner with friends” for the *month of February*. Please join us on **Sunday, March 14th** for our “St. Patrick’s Day” Corned Beef and Cabbage celebration. Details in a future bulletin. Hope to see you then!

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat will gather in the Chapel for Mass on **Thursday, February 11th** at **10:00 am**. Everyone is welcome.

MAGNIFICAT, A Ministry to Catholic Women Fellowship Meal **Saturday, Feb. 20th @ 10:00 am**, Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Dr, Granada Hills, CA
Speaker - Renee Bondi, 29 year old quadriplegic singer. In searching for God’s direction, her voice was miraculously restored and she now has a global singing ministry. Mail “Magnificat” check for \$30 **by February 9th**.
Afterwards \$34.

7616 Pomelo Dr., West Hills, CA 91304
Questions? **Pat Dunlap 818-346-5460** or **Teri Thompson 805-527-3745**. Online reservations www.magnifacsfv.com



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IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 6/7 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.

Feb 20/21 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry



FOCUS ON NEW FICTION

The Help – Kathryn Stockett (a national best seller). Story about a young white woman in the 1960s who becomes interested in the plight of the black maids that every family has working for them. She writes about the abuse and mistreatment they face before the civil rights revolution.

The Hidden Flame – (Bunn and Oke) The Second book in the Acts of Faith Series, (See Centurions Wife.) A historical fiction novel set in the holy Land at the time of the New Testament focusing on the explosion of growth of the early Church and the beginning of Christian persecution.

These books (and other fiction) will be on the special reading shelves in the library.



St. Bernardine of Siena Children's Center

will begin taking parishioner applications for the *summer and fall*

2010 Preschool Programming, beginning

Tuesday, February 16th at 9:00 am. For more information or a tour of our facility, please call the Preschool Office **818-716-4730.**

Annual Father/Daughter Dance

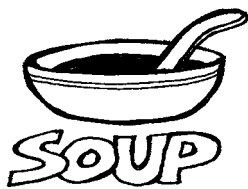
Is Saturday, February 13th, 6:30 pm.

Tickets are \$35.00 for one father/daughter pair; \$7.00 for each additional daughter. Tickets will be on sale this weekend after all masses!



Lenten Soup Supper

Please join us for our Annual Lenten Soup Supper every Friday night during Lent from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The Stations of the Cross will follow immediately at 7:30 pm in the Church. All proceeds will be going to the Guadalupe Center. This is a wonderful way to spend time with your church community and help the Guadalupe Charity. Our menu's are posted on our website for your convenience.



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 and 12:00 noon Masses**

How to Find a Job “Workshop”

Take a crash course on “How to Find a Job” on **Feb. 27th, 9:00am - 12:00pm**, St. Bernardine Parish Center! The workshop leader, Sean McCarthy, is a chamber board member with 30 years of executive search and outplacement experience working with companies like Walt Disney, Warner Bros., Nestle and Bank of America. You will learn:

- Resume writing
- Job searching
- Using the internet for job hunting
- Networking and targeting specific employers
- Interviewing techniques
- Negotiating compensation

Job seekers of all ages and experience levels are invited to attend. A donation of \$10.00 per participant to cover printing and refreshments would be appreciated. Please RSVP **818-347-4737** or elicia@woodlandhillsc.net if you plan to attend.

ALTAR CARE - February 12, 2010

Will & Ann Gartland, Jan Peixoto, Fran Van Buskirk, Sue Wigot and Jan Wheatman



Confirmation

Sunday, Feb 21st: Year One Candidate and Sponsor Session, **3:00-8:00 pm**, Parish Center (includes 5:30 pm Mass and Dinner)



Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders

30 Hour Famine, February 27th - 28th

St. Bernardine 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, sports drinks, etc. they like) and attend a retreat in the parish hall. Participants raise money by finding sponsors to support them with donations. Confirmation Candidates who attend the retreat will receive an hour of parish service for every \$30 they fundraise up to \$360 (12 hours). We have special arrangements to accommodate the participation of those who cannot go without food for 30 hours for medical reasons. Fundraising and registration materials are available outside the youth ministry office.



In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish:
Ron Garifo, formerly of St. B's;
Hector Marusich, brother of
Blanche Marusich Gomez;

Wanda Edelman; Dorothea Green;
Alvaro Valdez; Roger Sandy; Alegria Reyes;
Diane Stone; Joe Scardino

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

LaVerne Williamson, mother of Fern Cassidy;
Rabbi Bill Gordon;
Jim Sullivan, husband of Shirley;
Gail Shaw, mother of Dave & Angela;
Virginia Wetherill, mother of Beth;
Ambrose Didelow, father of Patty



Mass Intentions For The Week



February 7 thru February 13, 2010
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am Al Ferraro+
10:00 am Ray Pedreschi+
12:00 noon Philip Rotolo+
5:30 pm Amelia Franko Vallet+

MONDAY

6:30 am Bob Gebken+
8:30 am Bob Gebken+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Ed Dunne+
8:30 am John Paul Cassidenti+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Ed Dunne+
8:30 am Bob Gebken+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Gonzalo Santos+
8:30 am Bob Gebken+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Ed Dunn+
8:30 am David Lillback+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Margaret Morrow+
5:00 pm Sr. Rhona Toolan, SSL



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"Workshop on Prayer"
Thursday, February 18, 2010 -
7:30pm to 9:00pm
at the St. Bernardine Parish Hall

The What, Why and How of Prayer will be explored. Know the reasons why you go to Mass. Among others, we will discuss Meditation, Contemplation and Obstacles to Prayer. Come and get yourself ready for Lent! For info, call **Virginia McCarron (818) 703-8656.**

**St. Bernardine of Siena
- Adult Faith Enrichment -**

Presents

Rabbi Arthur Rosenberg

speaking on

The Book of Jonah



**Thursday, February 11th
7:30 pm
Parish Hall**

About our Speaker:

Rabbi Arthur Rosenberg is the Rabbi/Chaplain of the Motion Picture and Television Fund in Woodland Hills. He not only ministers to the sick, but he leads services at Shabbat and other Jewish holidays throughout the year. He is a member of the National Assn. of Jewish Chaplains, The International Federation of Rabbis and the American Assn. of Pastoral Counselors. He has preached from the pulpits at Kol Tikvah Temple in Woodland Hills, the Synagogue for the Performing Arts in Bel Air and Vista Del Mar in Culver City. For many years he was head of adult education for Temple Judea, as well as serving on the board of directors. He received his ordination from Rabbinical Seminary International and studied at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and the University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

On an ongoing basis, we will continue to collect orders. Due to ongoing work on the most recent bricks implanted, we do not have to wait for 35 orders to come in. If you'd like to order a brick, please do so NOW. There will be order forms in our Parish Center or you can download one from our website.

Just log on to www.stbernardine.org. Click on "Parish Forms" on the right-hand side of your screen. Select "Memorial Brick Order Form". Print and complete the order form. Turn completed order form, with your payment, into the Parish center.

If you have any questions, please call **Helen Worthen** at **818-883-4966** or email her at hewnena@aol.com

**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.**

St. Bernardine of Siena

February 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| | 1 Senior Exercise 9:30am | 2 Euch.Ador.- 7:00am-Chapel Rel Ed-4:00pm BibleStudy- 7:00pm | 3 Bible Study 9:15am-Library Rel Ed-4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm | 4 Baptism Class 7:30pm | 5 Senior Citizen's Mass/Luncheon 11:30am | 6 Altar Serving Training |
| 7 Nursery Care 8:30 & 10:00am RCIC | 8 Senior Exercise 9:30 am | 9 Euch.Ador.- 7:00am; Rel Ed- 4:00pm; Bible Study-7:00pm; Parish Council Mtg-7:30pm | 10 Bible Study- 9:15am-Library Rel Ed-4:00pm RCIA 7:30 pm | 11 Rabbi Arthur- Rosenberg Book of Jonah 7:30pm-Hall | 12 | 13 Father-Daughter Dance-6:30pm |
| 14 Nursery Care 8:30 &10:00am RCIC | 15 NO School NO Exercise Class PRESIDENTS' DAY | 16 Euch.Ador.- 7:00am-Chapel Rel Ed-4:00pm Bible Study- 7:00pm | 17 Ash Wednesday Bible Study- 9:15am Rel Ed-4:00 pm RCIA-7:30pm | 18 Workshop on Prayer-7:30pm- Hall | 19 Lenten Meal- 6:00pm-Hall Stations of the Cross-7:30pm | 20 |
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Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women
Nazareth House, 3333 Manning Ave., Los Angeles
Sunday, Feb. 7th, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Call **Sr. Fintan: 310-216-8170** or
Sr. Philomena Murphy: 310-839-2361

**Babysitting Volunteers needed for 8:30 &
10:00am Nursery Care. Please call
Carole 818-999-3764 or Michelle 818-207-5441.**

Retrouvaille

This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. This is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information or to register for the weekend **Feb. 19-21**, call **661-257-7980** or **retrouvaille4life@hotmail.com** or visit **www.HelpOurMarriage.com**

40 Days For Life

Kickoff Events - San Fernando Valley
Saturday, Feb. 13th, 8:00am-noon-Kickoff Rally
In front of Family Planning Assocs.,
10200 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills
Monday, February, Feb. 15th, 6:30pm-Kickoff Mass
St. Patrick's, 6153 Cahuena Blvd., N. Hollywood
You don't have to be Catholic to attend!
More info **Patti Flores, PFlores4Life@aol.com**
818-307-4332 or visit
www.40daysforlife.com/sanfernandovalley