

FROM THE PASTOR ~

Today after the 9:00 AM Mass, our Religious Education Program began for Pre K, Kindergarten, First to Sixth Grade and First Reconciliation Students. Tonight at 6:00 PM classes begin for Junior High and High School students. Thanks in a special way to Ginny Boland our Religious Education Director and all of our dedicated teachers, support volunteers and aids that make our programs possible. Thank you for giving your time and talent to teach our children.

We still have some hours open for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, some during the daytime.. If you can sign up for one of the open hours, it would be a great help to our parish; as prayer before the our Lord in the Eucharist is a constant source of grace for all of us.

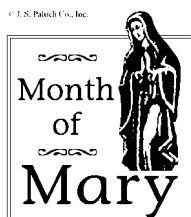
This week begins the month of October, and beginning on October 15 at 7:00 PM, I will offer a four week course on the gospel of St. Luke. The study of scripture is essential for our spiritual lives as Catholics, and I hope that many of you will attend this class. We will read the gospel from beginning to end over the four weeks, and I will highlight specific aspects of the gospel and comment on how our daily lives can and will improve by reading and praying with sacred scripture. All are welcome, invite your friends!

The 3rd Order Franciscans will meet in the church on Wednesday night October 3 at 7:00 PM with Deacon George for Adoration and Benediction and the celebration of the Transitus of St. Francis. Please consider attending this important celebration.

October is also dedicated in a special way to our Blessed Mother Mary. Please consider praying the rosary at home with your family this month, and asking Our Lady to continue to intervene on behalf of all within our parish and school of St. Bernadette.

God Bless you.

Fr. Stephen M. Gemme



Masses for the Week

Saturday, September 29

5:00 PM † Mary Rossi - 1st Anniversary by the family
† Charles Scholl by the Duggan family

Sunday, September 30

9:00 AM † Tony Noyola by the Pacific family
† Daniel J. Morazzini by the Pacific family
11:00 AM † Henry & Lydia Martin by Joseph & Claudette Moineau

Monday, October 1

8:30 AM † Erhard & Annie Baumeister by Josephine Griffin

Tuesday, October 2

8:30 AM † Henrietta Corriveau by Mr. & Mrs. William Duffy

Wednesday, October 3

8:30 AM † Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, October 4

8:30 AM Our Lady's Pro-Life Intentions

Friday, October 5

8:30 AM † Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, October 6

5:00 PM † Dr. Norio Higano by Jeanne Widner
† Alice Colacchio by Anne Falco

Sunday, October 7

9:00 AM † Thomas Conway by the Conway family
† Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of the Friends of the Suffering Souls
11:00 AM † Domonic & Mary Scerra by their daughters

Let Us Pray For :

- Phyllis, for good test results
- Virginia, comfort and peace (serious cancer)
- Laura, for healing
- the safety of the Armed Forces over seas in the Middle East
- the children who start Religious Ed. this weekend

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

Sunday	Lk 16:19-31	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	Lk 9:46-50	Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
Tuesday	Lk 8:19-21	Guardian Angels
Wednesday	Lk 9:57-62	Weekday
Thursday	Lk 10:1-12	Francis of Assisi
Friday	Lk 10:13-16	Weekday
Saturday	Lk 10:17-24	Weekday/Bruno, priest Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church
"A Portion A Day"**

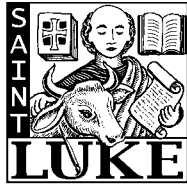
Sept 30	Catch Up	Oct 4	2426 - 2436
Oct 1	2401 - 2406	Oct 5	2437 - 2442
Oct 2	2407 - 2418	Oct 6	2443 - 2449
Oct 3	2419 - 2425		

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- 9/30 PK, K, & grade 1 Religious Education Class
10:15-11:15 a.m., Early Childhood Center
- 9/30 Reconciliation Class, 10:15 a.m.-Noon
In the School Building
- 9/30 Grades 3-6 Religious Education Class
10:15-11:45 a.m. in the School Building
- 10/4 Prayer Group 8:00 p.m.
- 10/5 First Friday Devotion, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/6 Craft Fair Workshop, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 10/7 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND
- 10/7 Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m., P.C. Hall

GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

Father Gemme will offer a four week course on the gospel of Saint Luke beginning on Monday, October 15 at 7:00 PM. This wonderful gospel has many great aspects, including the Annunciation and Nativity of Jesus, his facing temptation in the desert, his baptism, and his teaching. Our Blessed Mother's Magnificat and the Canticle of Zechariah will also be examined. The parable of the prodigal Son, the healing of the Centurion's slave and many other parables, miracles and teachings of Jesus will also be covered. Saint Jerome, the great scripture scholar, a Doctor and Father of the early Church once said that ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ. Please come and learn more about the Gospel of St Luke. The class dates are: October 15, 22, 29 & November 5. Please sign up after Mass or call the parish office at 508-393-2838 if you plan to attend.



JOYFUL NOISE MAKERS WANTED

If you're looking for a fun way to lend your time and talent to our parish, join the traditional choir! No previous experience is necessary, and the choir members are all very friendly and welcoming. Our Monday night rehearsals are a nice blend of ministry and fellowship. Some people find it good for temporarily putting aside daily cares long enough to pour all their attention into faith-filled music making. We are especially in need of basses and tenors (men), so, wives, please bring your husbands with you when you join.

Our rehearsals take place on Monday evenings at 7:30, in the church. We sing on the first and third Sundays of the month during Ordinary time and more often during Advent and Lent. Join us for the whole year, or just for a season. More information can be obtained by calling Katherine Waters, choir director, at (508)393-6484.

TRANSITUS OF SAINT FRANCIS



The Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order of St. Francis) at St. Bernadette Parish will commemorate the passing of St. Francis on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The celebration will begin with Evening Prayer followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and end with the traditional Franciscan Transitus Ceremony. All are welcome to join us in this tribute to St. Francis, one of the patrons of this parish.

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

Our next gathering will be held on Thursday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pastoral Center Conference Room. Please join us for an interesting discussion on the book, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World". All are welcome. Questions??? Contact Judi at 508-393-2838.

NORTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY

The first weekend of every month St. Bernadette Parish will take a collection for the Northborough Food Pantry. The pantry requests non-perishables items and kid friendly items such as cereal or snacks. Thank you for your generosity.



ST. BERNADETTE MASS ON T.V.

Pre-recorded Masses from St. Bernadette Parish will be shown on the Northborough local access channel 11 on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please let those you know who are homebound and are unable to attend.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

LIFE CHAIN - Join in this year's LIFE CHAIN - to be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 7, from 2-3:30 p.m. All are invited to join in prayer at this annual event, to be held rain or shine. The stations will be at White City Plaza Shrewsbury, Elm Park and at Denny's parking lot on Lincoln St. The Life Chain is a national event. Unlike a demonstration, it is a peaceful and prayerful witness to life. Join others in prayer for an end to abortion and a renewed respect for the sanctity of human life. Information contact: June Johnson at 508-755-0162 or Louise Faiola at 508-756-1150.



GATHER US IN 2007 - WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Gather Us in 2007 will take place on November 3 at the DCU Center, in Worcester. All diocesan women and young adults are invited to participate in this day-long event featuring presentations and workshops on women's maturing spirituality. This year Joyce Rupp and Antoinette Bosco will join us as key-noters. Great speakers, plenty of time for discussion. Come and be inspired. The \$45 registration fee includes lunch. The day will close with Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus. For more information or registration forms go to: the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org or <http://www.worcestercommissionforwomen.org> or contact Cheryl at the Parish office. Gather Us In is sponsored by the Commission for Women, a diocesan organization.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

New Volunteers

The 8th Annual Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the DCU. The planning committee for the Conference is always looking for men who wish to volunteer their services. All men are welcome to a Pizza Party/Planning Meeting for new volunteers, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 18th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church in Worcester. You will learn about the various ways you can help. For further information, contact Angelo Guadagno at 617-283-6680 or by email: angelog1@prodigy.net.

OPEN HOUSES

Notre Dame Academy, 425 Salisbury St. Worcester
508-757-6200, Website: nda-worc.org

Open House— for 7th & 8th grade girls and their parents on Thursday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.

Entrance Exam— for 8th grade girls and transfer students on Saturday, November 3, 8:30 a.m. Pre-register required. Call Mrs. Riordan at 508-757-6200, Ext. 229

Spend A Day At NDA— 8th grade girls are invited to spend an academic day at the Academy. Pre-registration required. Call Mrs. Kennedy at 508-757-6200, Ext. 230. You may also sign up to visit at our Open House.



Holy Name C.C. Jr/Sr High School, 144 Granite St. Worcester, 508-753-6371, Website: www.holyname.net

Open House— Sunday, October 14th, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Placement Tests— 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Grade 9— Saturday, November 17th
Grade 7— Saturday, December 1st

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair, Saturday, November 17th, the date of this year's fair will soon be here and there is still a lot to do ! In order to have a successful craft fair you need items to sell. If you have a talent for sewing, quilting, knitting, cross stitching, woodworking, ornament making, or any other craft, WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please consider making a few items that can be sold at our parish tables.



If you have items to donate, they can be left at the Pastoral Center, weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm., or contact Jeanette Farreh @ 508-485-4010 (mailbox # 1) or Cathy Porter @ 508-485-6764. Please include your name and address with your donation. With everyone's help and support we will have a spectacular and successful Craft Fair again this year.

WORKSHOPS - Please come and join us in making an assortment of items from ornaments, rag angels, wreaths, swags, lighted pinecone baskets, and much more. There are many tasks to do during the workshops, such as painting, cutting, ironing, decorating and finishing ongoing projects. **WE NEED YOU HELP!**

October 6	10 am-2 pm	Pastoral Center Hall
October 13	10 am-2 pm	P.C. Conference Room
October 20	10 am-2 pm	P.C. Conference Room
October 27	10 am-2 pm	Pastoral Center Hall

Come and work with us, laugh with us and enjoy some great fellowship as we create many outstanding items to make our craft fair a success again this year.

WARM COAT DRIVE

There are many needy families in our area that will be in need of a warm coats in the upcoming weeks. Before the weather gets colder, Junior Girl Scout Troop #484 is asking you to clean out your closets and donate any clean and gently worn coats you will not be using this year. There will be a collection box in the gathering space of the church this weekend and next weekend. They will also be a collecting coats in the St. Bernadette parking lot by the rectory on Saturday, October 27th from 10:00a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us make a difference in our community.

VISITATION HOUSE POSITION

The Visitation House is looking for a part-time maintenance person for 7 hours a week. If you are interested, call Eve Lindquist at 508-798-0762.

St. Bernadette Parish Ministries ~ Time & Talent

Where can you help or share your gift?

COFFEE HOUR

Join us from 10-11 am. Every Sunday for Coffee hour. Come for fellowship, meet families of our parish while enjoying coffee, tea, juice, donuts, and other baked goods. If any family is interested in volunteering to help out approximately 2 hours once every 6-8 weeks for this ministry or if interested in being a chairperson for this ministry, please call 508-393-2838.



CURRENT ALTAR SERVERS



There will be a refresher training sessions for all current Altar Servers on Saturday, October 20th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, October 21st after the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All

servers should attend on of the training sessions. Any child who is interested in becoming an Altar Server, a training will begin in January. Please watch the bulletin for details.

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for individuals in our parish to help assist other with rides in our parish. These individuals may need a ride to Mass, a doctor's appointment or to an event or special service that is at St. Bernadette Parish. Please call the Parish office at 508-393-2838 for more information or if you can help out with this ministry.



**Drivers
Wanted**

ALTAR SOCIETY MINISTRY

The Altar Society Ministry members are responsible for cleaning and preparing the Church for the weekend services. No one is asked to work beyond his or her capabilities.



You can expect to work in small groups for 2 hours (usually Saturday mornings) every 2 months. The ministry is made up of individuals, couples and families. We hope you will consider serving in this ministry. For more information or to volunteer contact Rose or Walter Zydlewski at 508-485-7683.

MOM'S GROUP

Do you have a newborn, toddler, or preschool-aged children? The St. Bernadette Mom's Group is a club of Christian Mothers focusing on ministering to other mothers in our parish and in the surrounding community. Raising children to be good Christians is very challenging -- we all benefit from the company of other moms facing similar issues. We meet for a playgroup in member's homes on the first Friday and third Thursday of each month during the school year. All ages and new members are always welcome! Join us for our next playgroup on Friday, October 5th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Assabet Park in Northboro (rain location: Terri Foster's house). For more information contact Terri Foster at 508-393-2527, or sign up to receive information about playgroups and view the calendar at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StBernadetteMoms/>. We look forward to meeting you!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Nowhere does Jesus hear our prayers more readily than in the Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Henry Suso

Through Eucharistic Adoration we concentrate our attention on Him as we yield to the fascination of His invisible gaze. Opening our heart, we entrust all our petitions to Him. Jean Galot, S.J.

Bernadette Parish welcomes you to join us in our Chapel for Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Adoration Chapel at St. Bernadette Parish is opened 24 hours a day Monday through Friday. Please join us. To sign up or for more information call Sr. Muriel or Cheryl in the parish office at 508-393-2838.



CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

Any student currently going into grade 9 or above is welcome to join the Contemporary Choir. If you would like further information about the contemporary choir, please e-mail Tom Lowe at TomLowe62@gmail.com.



Hourly volunteers are needed at the following hours:

Monday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Tuesday 2 a.m. - 3 a.m.
Tuesday 3 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Thursday 2 a.m.- 3 a.m.
Friday 1 p.m.-2 p.m.	Friday 8 p.m.-9 p.m.

(To Share)

Religious Education 2007-2008



Religious Education Registration for 2007 - 2008 school year - It is important that all registrations be turned in now so we can have enough teachers in place and enough materials for students. Please call the religious education office at 508-393-7445 if you have any questions or need a registration form. Schedules for all grade levels will be mailed to all those who are registered at the beginning of September.

THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND.

PK, K and Grade 1 - Classes for these grades will begin today *Sunday, September 30th from 10:15am - 11:15am* and run on a bi-weekly basis. Classes will meet in the pre-school building.



Grades 3 thru 6 - Classes for these grade levels will begin today *Sunday, September 30th from 10:15am - 11:45am* and will run on a bi-weekly basis. Classes will meet in the school building. All students in these grade levels will enter and exit the school building through the lower glass doors. If you have any questions please contact the religious education office at 508-393-7445.

Junior High & High School - Classes will begin on Sunday, *September 30th from 6pm - 8pm in the school building.* Please call the religious education office with any questions at 508-393-7445.

Diocese of Worcester presents ***YOUTH DAY 2007***

Saturday, October 27, 2007

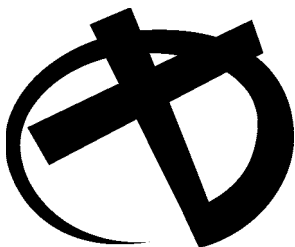
Oakhust Retreat and Conference Center 120 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA

Registration deadline: Oct. 10 Pre-registration required \$20 per person

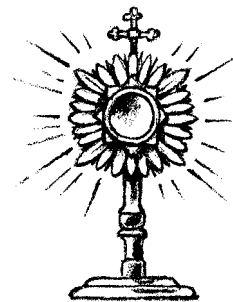
\$15 per person for groups 30 or more. Costs include lunch & dinner

Download registration form on our website: www.ymworcester.org

Day includes keynotes, music by *Disciples' Voices*, breakout sessions, and Eucharistic Adoration



Registration begins 9AM
Opening Mass 10 AM with
Bishop Robert McManus
Presider, Homilist, & Keynote
Close with Eucharistic Adoration
Keynote Martin Doman



Bus transportation will be available from St. Bernadette Church.

Contact Susan Pegg, Office of Youth Ministry at 508-393-2838 for information.

Liturgical Roles - October 6 & 7

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5:00 p.m.	J. Widner J. Winning	L. Rohmer L. Griffin D. Pegg S. Pegg J. Winning E. Beaulac Sr. Muriel	S. Pegg A. Bellemore K. Foster
9:00 a.m.	K. Ryan M. Duggan	J. Ryan T. Varney R. Lindquist E. Lindquist R. Agbay R. Rahn B. Breyfogle	K. Carens J. Carens A. Furgal
11:00 a.m.	M. Maguire J. Andrasko	M. Braverman C. Charest A. Singh A. Samson R. Stokes N. Martel T. Varney	M. Waldron E. Rodriguez G. DiBenedetto

Altar Society - October 6

M. Mossman, C. Staniunas, Y. Mangs, A. Samson

OFFERINGS - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

Offertory Commitment	\$ 4,395.00
Loose Money	\$ 397.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

For your information:

Please make out separate checks when submitting for the Offertory collection and for the Campaign for St. Bernadette's. *Please indicate in the memo section which fund the check should go into.*



Welcome to Our Parish

Thank you for joining us in the celebration of the Mass! It is our sincere wish to welcome you to our parish.

If you are new to our parish or to the Catholic faith, we are honored to have you with us.

Registration packets are available in the Gathering Space of the Church and at the Pastoral Center Office or by calling 508-393-2838. Please feel free to ask any questions about our Church.

All items (including flyers) to be placed into the bulletin must be in the office by Friday of the prior week. If possible, please email information to stbernadetteparish@charter.net. Thank You.

PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

<u>Adult Bible Study</u> Molly Maguire 781-835-5948	<u>Knights of Columbus</u> St. Augustine Council #5724 Michael Ryan, (Grand Knight) 393-5203	<u>Outreach</u>
<u>Altar Servers</u> Chuck Dinovo 366-5288	<u>Parish Finance</u> Susan Pegg 393-2838	<u>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration</u> Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838 Cheryl Charest 393-2838
<u>Altar Society</u> Walter & Rose Zydlewski 485-7683	<u>Gift Shop</u> Maggie Lellman 393-7996	<u>Prayer Group</u> Marianne Kearney 351-6099
<u>Art & Environment</u> Anne Wall 393-3042	<u>Lectors</u> Horace Turner 393-5340	<u>Respect for Life</u> James & Jamie Rame 869-0540
<u>Baptism Preparation</u> Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838 Deacon George O'Connor 393-2838	<u>Marriage Ministry</u> Deacon George & Joyce O'Connor 393-2838	<u>R.C.I.A.</u> Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838
<u>Bereavement</u> Mary Jane Pierson 393-2766 Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838	<u>Mom's Group</u> Terri Foster 393-2527	<u>Women's Faith Sharing</u> Peg Lien 393-7180 Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838 Judi Winning 393-3303
<u>Caring Connection/Hospitality</u> Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838	<u>Music Ministry</u> Contemporary Choir Tom Lowe 393-8113	<u>Youth Ministry</u> Susan Pegg 393-2838
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Eileen Dawson 393-5070	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u> Horace Turner 393-5340	Adult Choir Katherine Waters 393-6484