

FROM THE PASTOR ~

The Community of Saint Bernadette is pleased to welcome Bishop Robert McManus this week. Bishop McManus will preside at Mass for our school children at 10:00 AM on Monday morning, October 29. Its always great to welcome our bishop. All parishioners are welcome to attend. We will also provide a tour of our parish school for the Bishop, and based on his past visits, he might even shoot a few baskets in the gym!

This week we celebrate All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Our parish Masses will take place on November 1st at 8:30 AM, 1:30 PM with our school children, and 7:00 PM. Also, November 2 is All Souls Day and First Friday. A special Mass for All Souls will take place on Friday evening at 7:00 PM. This Mass will be combined with our First Friday devotion, and I urge all to attend, especially if you have lost a family member or friend in the past year.

Gratitude rests at the heart of every disciple of Christ. During the month of November we take time as a nation to express gratitude on Thanksgiving Day. As Catholics, we need to find ways to give thanks; especially to God for all we have been given. Is there a person in your life you could thank during the month of November? Perhaps it's the person next to you in the pew in church, a member of your family, a neighbor, a co worker or a fellow student. We never go wrong when we live in a spirit of gratitude.

Today is Ministry Sunday, and in that spirit of giving thanks we are also called to serve. I ask that all who are able, please take the time to sign up for a ministry in the parish. When we give our time, talent and treasure we live the values of the gospel, and each of us is called by Christ to serve.

In Christ
Fr. Stephen M. Gemme



Saturday, October 27
5:00 PM † Margurite & Joseph Daddona by the family

Sunday, October 28
9:00 AM † The Courtemache Family by the family
11:00 AM † J.A. Howell by Mary Louise Ferris
† George Pacific Sr. by the Pacific family

Monday, October 29
8:30 AM † Joan Bernier by Ron and Jane Stokes

Tuesday, October 30
8:30 AM † Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, October 31
8:30 AM † Kate Walsh Doherty by Pauline Charbonneau

Thursday, November 1
8:30 AM All Saints / Our Lady's Pro-Life Intentions
1:30 PM Mass with School Children
7:00 PM Celebrants Intention

Friday, November 2
8:30 AM † All Souls - All the Faithful Departed
7:00 PM † All Souls - All the Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 3
5:00 PM † Mary Colacchio by Anne Falco
† Alexander Rossi by the family

Sunday, November 4
9:00 AM † Henry Waterman by the family
† Thomas Caozetta by Richare and Jackie Lagana
11:00 AM † Bertha Scerra by Josephine Scerra
† Ethel Vrooman by the family

Let Us Pray For :
- Bernice, healing from surgery
- Anne, healing from surgery
- Marilyn, for comfort and peace

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

Sunday	Lk 18:9-14	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	Lk 13:10-17	Weekday
Tuesday	Lk 13:18-21	Weekday
Wednesday	Lk 13:22-30	Weekday
Thursday	Mt 5:1-12	Weekday
Friday		All Souls Day
Saturday	Lk 1, 7-11	Weekday/Martin de Porres, religious

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

Oct 28	2598 - 2606	Nov 1	2629 - 2633
Oct 29	2607 - 2615	Nov 2	2634 - 2638
Oct 30	2616 - 2622	Nov 3	2639 - 2643
Oct 31	2623 - 2628		

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- 10/28 Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m., P.C. Hall
10/28 PK, K, & grade 1 Religious Education Class
10:15-11:15 a.m., Early Childhood Center
10/28 Reconciliation Class, 10:15 a.m.-Noon
In the School Building
10/28 Grades 3-6 Religious Education Class
10:15-11:45 a.m. in the School Building,
10/28 NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES FOR
JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL
10/29 School Mass with Bishop McManus, 10:00 a.m.
10/29 Gospel of Luke scripture course, 7:00 p.m.
Pastoral Center Hall
11/1 All Saints Masses: 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. with the
school children & 7:00 p.m.
11/1 Prayer Group 8:00 p.m.
11/2 First Friday / All Souls Mass 7:00 p.m.
11/3 Reconciliation Retreats: 9:30-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m.
11/4 Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m., P.C. Hall
11/4 PK, K, & grade 1 Religious Education Class
10:15-11:15 a.m., Early Childhood Center
11/4 Reconciliation Class, 10:15 a.m.-Noon
In the School Building
11/4 Jr. High/High School Religious Education, 6-8 p.m.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL MASS

Monday, October 29, 2007 10:00 AM
Celebrant: Most Rev. Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester
All are welcome to attend!

ALL SAINTS DAY

Thursday, November 1 is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. with the school children and at 7:00 p.m.



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

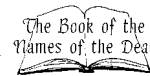
ALL SOULS DAY

Friday, November 2nd
Mass at 7:00 PM



In combination with First Friday, a Mass Will be offered up to all the souls of the departed.

Please send in the names of you departed loved ones to the Parish office to be placed into the Book of Remembrance.



STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE

The Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development will be offering a 3-session program on understanding the U.S. Bishop's pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response." All are welcome. The sessions will take place on Tuesdays, November 27, December 4 & 11 ~ 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cenacle beneath Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. To register (no cost) call Michael Gillespie (508-929-4368). The nature of the sessions will be faith-sharing. Copies of the pastoral letter can also be obtained from Michael for \$9.95. For November 27, participants should have read the pastoral letter's preface, introduction and the first chapter.

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.

GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

Father Gemme will continue his course on the gospel of Saint Luke on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. The classes left are on October 29 & November 5. All are welcome to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO SPONSOR ITALIAN DINNER



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an Italian Dinner on November 10th in the Pastoral Center Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome. Bring your family and friends for a fun dinner and to support our many charities at St. Bernadette and St. Rose of Lima. Ticket will be available at the door or for presale contact Ken Foster at 508-393-7582.

55 & OVER LUNCHEON

The next 55 & Over Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 30th at noon in the Pastoral Center Hall. Come and join your fellow parishioners for a wonderful fall lunch. You may sign up after Mass or call the parish office if you plan to attend.

ST. BERNADETTE CRAFT FAIR

Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the Fair. Also, we need baked items to be sold for the craft fair. A sign up sheet is located in the gathering space of the Church.



FRIENDS OF THE SUFFERING SOULS

The Friends of the Suffering Souls is a Catholic Lay Association who conducts a perpetual novena of Masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. You may enroll for yourself and for other living or deceased loved ones as an act of charity on their behalf. The only obligation is to have on Mass a year said for the souls in purgatory. If you are interested in joining, please contact Marian Anderson at 508-351-6244 or email at mazander@charter.net.

Remember the Souls in Purgatory! All Souls Day is November 1st. "An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November."

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



Hourly volunteers are needed at the following hours:
Tuesday 2 a.m. - 3 a.m. Tuesday 3 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday 11 am-12pm Thursday 2 a.m.- 3 a.m.
Friday 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Friday 8 p.m.-9 p.m. (To Share)

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, November 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Christine Phaneuf's house. Please contact Christine for directions at 978-562-0333 or 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!



Religious Education 2007-2008

PK, K and Grade 1 - The next class for PK, K and grade 1 is on November from 10:15am - 11:15am. Classes meet in the pre-school building.

Grades 3 thru 6 - The next class for grade 3 thru 6 is on Sunday, November 4th from 10:15am - 11:45am. Classes will meet in the school building. We ask that all students in these grade levels will enter and exit the school building through the lower glass doors. All children will be dismissed from their classrooms. Please come in to pick them up. Thank you! If you have any questions please contact the religious education office at 508-393-7445.

Junior High & High School - There will be no classes on Sunday, October 28th for Jr. High and High School. The next class for Junior High and High School will be on Sunday, November 4th from 6pm until 8pm.



Food Collection - All students please bring in a non-perishable item.

First Reconciliation - Our next class for Reconciliation will be on October 28th from 10:15am until 12noon in the school building.

Prayer Sponsors - We ask for your prayers for our reconciliation candidates, please consider being a prayer sponsor for a child. You may pick up an envelope in the gathering space.

Reconciliation Retreats - Retreats for parents and students will be held on November 3rd from 9:30 a.m.-12noon and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. and on November 17th from 9:30 a.m.-12noon.

GIRLS GROUP

The next Girls Group meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 30th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. All girls ages 10-14 are welcome to attend. Any questions contact Deb Furgal at 508-393-6732.



"... for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14

Secular Franciscans take on the simple life

By Patricia O'Connell, Correspondent
The Catholic Free Press (September 28, 2007 Edition)

What do St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Elizabeth of Portugal and King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain have in common?

Aside from their royal lineage, they were Third Order Franciscans, today known as Secular Franciscans. There are now 400,000 Secular Franciscans throughout the world, including two local fraternities within the Worcester Diocese. The secular order, founded by St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is Oct. 4, is open to both laity and religious. Christopher Columbus and the Cure of Ars were members.

Diocesan priests can become Secular Franciscans. The First Order is open to Franciscan priests. The Second Order is made up of Poor Clare Sisters, an order founded by St. Clare of Assisi, the spiritual daughter of St. Francis. Father Frank J. Liistro, pastor of Madonna of the Holy Rosary in Fitchburg, is a Secular Franciscan. He is also spiritual director to the St. Bernard Fraternity, a local branch of about 30 members that meets the second Sunday of each month (2 p.m.) at his church.

Members walk in the spiritual footsteps of their founder – St. Francis – explained Father Liistro. “The Secular Franciscans are not a club or a society,” he said. “It’s a specific religious order founded by Francis himself. The Secular Franciscans have a rule of life just as most religious do.”

“It speaks to us as a way of life,” he continued. “We have an Office we’re supposed to take care of. We have a rule of life we’re supposed to live.”

Each member prays the Divine Office, also known as the Liturgy of the Hours, a set of prayers said throughout the day by priests and religious sisters. Secular Franciscans may substitute The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, psalms, hymns and scriptural readings devoted to Our Blessed Mother, or the Liturgical Office of the 12 Our Fathers, which is 12 sets of prayers and scriptural readings recited morning and evening.

Secular Franciscans also adopt a way of life in harmony with the teachings of St. Francis. The order’s rule of life, according to the National Fraternity of the Secular Order – USA, is: “To observe the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people.”

William Griffin of Westminster has been a Secular Franciscan since 1964. “We’re called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus,” he said. “We’re called to say the Divine Office every day. Living the Christian life is trying to live out the Gospel life.”

“It’s the Christian life in an expanded form,” he said of his order. “It’s looking to serve God as His instrument and looking to put yourself into positions where he can use you.”

People interested in joining the order go through a period of formation, which typically takes about 18 months, according to Mr. Griffin, who is also a permanent diaconate candidate for the Worcester Diocese. Two members of the local fraternity, which meets at Madonna of the Holy Rosary, are in training, and one member recently made a formal profession.

Mr. Griffin advised interested candidates to attend a meeting. “Come to a meeting and just find out what we’re about,” he said.

Father Liistro is the fraternity’s spiritual director, and Jane Raboin of Rochdale holds the current title of Secular Franciscan Order minister, a designated leader assigned to each fraternity. Current members range in age from 30-something to 92, said Mrs. Raboin.

She comes from a line of Secular Franciscans. Her mother was a member of the order, as was her aunt, uncle and cousin. “We make a commitment to live a Franciscan life of poverty and chastity,” she noted.

Members contribute alms at each meeting to support their fraternity. The alms are also used to fund a variety of charities and causes, such as Franciscans in the Holy Land, the EWTN television network and a Worcester-based refugee apostolate, according to Mrs. Raboin.

Deacon Lawrence Miskell directs another local fraternity, with about 12 members, which meets at St. Joseph Church in Charlton the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. “It’s nothing but living the Gospel life really,” he said. “It’s a life of moderation, with daily prayer and daily Mass if you can,” he added, explaining that members are not called to sell all their possessions, but, rather, to live simply.

On Oct. 6, seven new members of his fraternity will make formal professions at the 4:30 p.m. vigil Mass at St. Joseph’s.

Father Liistro invites interested Catholics to inquire about becoming Secular Franciscans, if they are so called. “The idea is certainly fabulous,” he said. “It allows simple, wonderful, everyday people to join this order and live this way of life.”



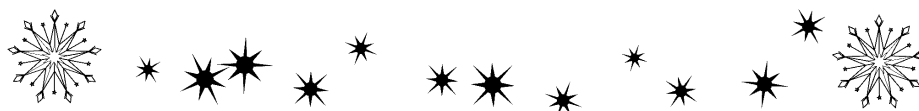
**St. Bernadette Holiday Magic Craft Fair
November 17, 2007
QUILT RAFFLE**

For the last three years, a group of women from the parish have spent about seven months each year creating an original hand-crafted quilt which was then raffled off at the HOLIDAY MAGIC CRAFT FAIR.

This year we have made a queen sized quilt (85" X 100") using a traditional block pattern called INDIAN TRAILS in Blue, White & Yellow. A picture of the completed quilt is displayed in the back of the church.

Raffle tickets for the quilt can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We encourage you to purchase tickets by filling out the coupon below and returning it in an envelope labeled "Quilt" along with cash or your check. You may place the envelope in the collection basket at Mass, bring it to the Pastoral Center Office Mon-Fri 9am to 4pm or send it by mail.

We thank you for your support of this fund raiser and we look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Magic Craft Fair on November 17, 2007.



**QUILT RAFFLE
HOLIDAY MAGIC CRAFT FAIR
November 17, 2007**



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

of Tickets: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

(Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 - Make checks payable to *St. Bernadette Parish*)

Liturgical Roles - November 3 & 4

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5:00 p.m.	Sr. Muriel M. Duggan	Deacon George S. Pegg S. Pegg D. Pegg C. Charest J. Winning P. Boivin	J. Bellemore A. Bellemore I. Rino
9:00 a.m.	D. Coad J. Maguire	Deacon George B. Breyfogle H. Turner Ann Samson M. Anderson E. Lindquist R. Lindquist	C. Leonard M. Creaghan E. Creaghan
11:00 a.m.	M. Herlihy S. Shields	Deacon George S. Vorderer D. Henries B. Henries M. Curtis R. Hebert M. Maguire	B. Elliott Rosalie Elliott G. DiBenedetto

Altar Society - November 3
G. Amato, G. Shelly, J. Plourde

OFFERINGS - WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2007

Offertory Commitment	\$ 6,351.50
Loose Money	\$ 328.00

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.

Please remember St. Bernadette Parish and St. Bernadette School in your estate planning and will preparation. Thank you for your consideration and kindness! Please contact the parish office for more information at 508-393-2838.

PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

<u>Altar Servers</u> Chuck Dinovo 366-5288	<u>Knights of Columbus</u> St. Augustine Council #5724 Michael Ryan, (Grand Knight) 393-5203	<u>Outreach</u>
<u>Altar Society</u> Walter & Rose Zydlewski 485-7683	<u>Parish Finance</u> Amy Halloran 393-3206	<u>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration</u> Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838 Cheryl Charest 393-2838
<u>Art & Environment</u> Anne Wall 393-3042	<u>Lectors</u> Horace Turner 393-5340	<u>Prayer Group</u> Marianne Kearney 351-6099
<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>Respect for Life</u>
<u>Bereavement</u> Mary Jane Pierson 393-2766 Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838	<u>Mom's Group</u> Terri Foster 393-2527	<u>R.C.I.A.</u> Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838
<u>Caring Connection/Hospitality</u> Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838	<u>Music Ministry</u> Contemporary Choir Tom Lowe 393-8113	<u>Women's Faith Sharing</u> Peg Lien 393-7180 Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838 Judi Winning 393-3303
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Eileen Dawson 393-5070	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u> Horace Turner 393-5340	<u>Youth Ministry</u> Susan Pegg 393-2838