

FROM THE PASTOR ~

Is your life earthbound or heavenbound? In this weeks gospel from Saint Luke, the Sadducees had one big problem -- they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their naked eyes! Aren't we often like them? We don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image. The Sadducees came to Jesus with a test question to make the Resurrection look ridiculous. The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in immortality, nor in angels or evil spirits. Their religion was literally grounded in an earthly image of heaven. Jesus retorts by dealing with the fact of the Resurrection. The scriptures give proof of it. In Exodus 3:6, when God manifests his presence to Moses in the burning bush, the Lord tells him that he is the *God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. He shows that the patriarchs who died hundreds of years previously were still alive in God. Jesus defeats their arguments by showing that God is a living God of a living people. God was the friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they lived. That friendship could not cease with death. As Psalm 73:23-24 states: *"I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory."* The ultimate proof of the resurrection is the Lord Jesus and his victory over death when he rose from the tomb. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he exclaimed: *I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?* (John 11:25). Jesus asks us the same question. Do you believe in the resurrection? Our Catholic faith teaches us that this life is not the end, and each of us is called to a life of holiness and charity, rooted in Christ: that this life will one day bring us to our eternal home.

We remember and honor our Veterans this weekend. Please remember to pray for all who have served and continue to serve in our US Armed Forces throughout the world, especially for those in Iraq, Afghanistan and all who are in harms way defending our freedom. Thank you for your service to our nation.

This week on Saturday November 17 we will have our Holliday Magic Craft Fair. Special thanks to all who are working so hard to make this a special and successful day. Please plan on attending the fair from 9AM to 3 PM this Saturday. Also there will be a wonderful Italian Dinner after the 5:00 PM mass. All are welcome!

In Christ,

Masses for the Week

Saturday, November 10

5:00 PM † Walter Struble Jr. by the family
Special Healing Intention for James Millar
By Jeanne & Joe Widner

Sunday, November 11

9:00 AM † The Deceased Members of the Knight of Columbus St. Augustine Council
11:00 AM † Patricia Griffiths by the St. Bernadette Parish Staff
† Alfred Raiano by Aunt Jeanne

Monday, November 12

8:30 AM † Taranto Family by Dorothy Taranto
† Carol Robichaud by Claire & Joe Herrerman

Tuesday, November 13

8:30 AM † Jean Benoit by the St. Bernadette School Faculty & staff

Wednesday, November 14

8:30 AM Special Healing Intention

Thursday, November 15

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

Friday, November 16

8:30 AM † Estella Messier by the family
† Sharon Joubert by Frank & Andrea Lincoln

Saturday, November 17

5:00 PM † Sharon Joubert by Alan & Donna Charbonneau
† Cathi Gault by the Duggan famiy

Sunday, November 18

9:00 AM † Josephine Scerra by the St. Bernadette School
† Elanor Tewiske by the Kearney family
11:00 AM † Charles Scholl by the Gibson & Halloran family
† Louis Scerra Sr. by his sisters

Let Us Pray For :

- Anne, liver cancer - for healing
- Jean, breast cancer - for healing
- Jane, breast cancer - for healing
- Evelyn, for healing & comfort
- Judy, for healing
- Carolyne, in a coma, for recovery, healing & comfort

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

Sunday	Lk 20:27-38	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	Lk 17:1-6	Josaphat, bp., martyr
Tuesday	Lk 17:7-10	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, virgin
Wednesday	Lk 17:11-19	Weekday
Thursday	Lk 17:20-25	Weekday
Friday	Lk 17:26-37	Weekday/Margaret of Scotland/ Gertrude, virgin
Saturday	Lk 18:1-8	Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

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

Nov 11	2709 - 2719	Nov 15	2742 - 2745
Nov 12	2720 - 2724	Nov 16	2746 - 2758
Nov 13	2725 - 2733	Nov 17	Catch Up
Nov 14	2734 - 2741		


WEEK AT A GLANCE

- 11/11 Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m., P.C. Hall
11/11 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Veterans Day Weekend
11/11 Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m., P.C. Hall
11/12 Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
11/12 R.C.I.A., 7:00 p.m.
11/13 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
11/13 Safe Environment Training, 7:00 p.m.
In the School Library
11/14 Safe Environment Training, 9:00 a.m.
Room #209 in the School Building
11/14 Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 p.m.
11/15 MOM's Group, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
At Terri Foster's Home (508-393-2527)
11/15 Secular Franciscan Order Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
11/15 Prayer Group 8:00 p.m.
11/16 Divine Mercy, 7:00 p.m.
11/17 Reconciliation Retreat, 9:30 a.m.- Noon
11/17 Holiday Magic Craft Fair, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Charbonneau Activity Center
6:00 p.m. Italian Dinner
11/17 & 18 Knights of Columbus - collection for troops
11/18 Pre-K, K & grade 1 Religious Education class
10:15-11:15 a.m. in the ECC building
11/18 Grades 3-6 Religious Education class
10:15-Noon in the School Building
11/18 Reconciliation class 10:15-Noon
11/18 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 4:00 p.m.
At St. Bernadette Church, Refreshments to follow
In the Pastoral Center Hall.
11/18 Jr. High/High School Religious Education class
6:00-8:00 p.m. in the School Building

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mrs. Christine Mowry for the two beautiful posters for Ministry Sunday. Thanks so much for sharing your time and talent with us.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

 All men are welcome to attend Men's Prayer Group on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. For more information, contact Chet Leonard at 508-393-6478.

DIVINE MERCY

**Friday, November 16, 2007
7:00 PM**

Come place your trust in the Lord
Join us in reciting in song this wonderful
devotion to our Blessed Lord



ATTENTION ALL LECTORS!

We ask all lectors to pick up their new cycle lector book in the gathering space after Mass. Please cross your name off the list so we know who has receive one. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



There will be a Parish Council On Monday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center Hall.

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.



The Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order of St. Francis) invites you to live the Gospel Life as St. Francis of Assisi did. Come, enquire at our meeting which is held every Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. The next meeting will be on November 15th at 7:00 p.m.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

As per regulations in the Diocese of Worcester all volunteers in the diocesan schools and churches must have the following three done in order to volunteer or participate in a ministry:

1. CORI check form filled out with a copy of a government Id attached. (these checks need to be redone every 5 years)
2. Code of Conduct form to be filled out and signed
3. Attend a Safe Environment Training (need to attend only once)

Next week there will be two Safe Environment Trainings. The first one will take place on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library and the second one will take place on Wednesday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the school building in room #209. This training is open to all school and parish volunteers who have not attended a training for the Worcester diocese.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. 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.



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 Thursday, November 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Terri Foster's house. Please contact Terri Foster at 508-393-2527 for directions, more information, or to sign up to receive information about playgroups and view the calendar at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StBernadetteMoms/>. We look forward to meeting you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Collection for our troops - Next weekend, November 17 & 18 the Knight of Columbus will be collection for the troops in Iraq. All donations may be left in the gathering space of the church. Please label all bags "For Troops Please help us make this collection a success. Suggested items: Chap stick, powered Gatorade, fruit/cereal bars, canned fruit with flip tops, Power Bars, Throat lozenges, plastic spoons, gum with coating, Listerine pocket pals, hard candy, small packet of tissues, twizzlers, hand sanitizer, pop tarts, books, foot powder, skittles, magazines and tootsie rolls." If you know of someone serving in Iraq, please contact Merrill Dussault at 508-393-6069.

Entertainment Books - In the near future, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books after Mass. The Worcester County edition and the Boston edition are both available and sell for \$25.00. If you would like to purchase one now contact Ken Foster at 508-3939-7582.

CALVARY RETREAT CENTER

On Wednesday, November 28, (7-9 pm): "Women of Inspiration: Women of the Bible" with Fr. John J. O'Brien, CP, STD. Evening will focus on the conflicts and challenges of Judith & Ester during their times. Includes lecture, discussion and light refreshments. Suggested Offering: \$10.

On Sunday, December 2, (4pm & 7pm): "An Evening of Winter Reflections & Melodies" featuring the Calvary Musicians. Calvary Retreat Center Chapel with song, music & readings reflecting the seasons of winter solstice and Emmanuel. Free Will Offering—All are Welcome!



Religious Education 2007-2008

PK, K and Grade 1 - The next class for the month of November will meet on November 18th from 10:15am - 11:15am. Class will meet in the pre-school building.

Grades 3 thru 6 - The next class for November will meet on November 18th for grades 3 thru 6 from 10:15am - 11:45am. Classes meet in the school building. If you have any questions please contact the religious education office at 508-393-7445.

Junior High & High School - The schedule for classes for the month of November for Junior High and High School will be as follows:

November 11th No Class - Veteran's Day weekend
November 18th Class
November 25th No Class - Thanksgiving Holiday

Classes are from 6pm - 8pm in the school building. Please call the religious education office with any questions at 508-393-7445.

First Reconciliation - The schedule for classes for the month of November for First Reconciliation will be as follows:

November 11th No Classes Veteran's Day
 November 18th Class 10:15 - Noon
 November 25th No Classes Thanksgiving

Reconciliation Retreat - Saturday, November 17th from 9:30am - Noon for those families that did not attend a Reconciliation retreat on November 3rd.

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.

***We Celebrate Religious Education Week
November 12th thru November 17th***

A Catechist's Prayer

Jesus, my beloved Savior,
may all that I do as Your catechist
be a reflection of my desire
to love You and to share
Your Holy Word with those I teach.

I know in my heart and
I do believe that when I live
for You and in You,
You walk with me in all that I do.
So guide me with Your Holy Spirit
as I teach the students in
my class this year.

My prayer is that the students
in my care will come to know
that they too live in You and
That You walk with them always.

AMEN

Please take this opportunity to thank the catechist who teaches your child this week. They are so generous with their time and talent and faith! In countless ways, catechists mirror the abundant love and mercy of God through their words, actions, attitudes, and beliefs. As those who form their children in the first experience of faith, parents and guardians are a vital part of this great ministry.

To all who volunteer here as a part of St. Bernadette's Parish Community to teach our children about God and his Word, We thank you.

May God Bless you and guide you always.



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is a line strung across America - the poverty line - and one in eight Americans hangs below it. There are thirty-seven million of them today. The poor in America struggle to meet the needs of their families and better their lives. Our faith in the Lord impels us to help them and to work for an end to the injustice of poverty.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps people rise above the poverty line by funding programs that focus on the root causes of poverty.

CCHD is committed to helping people change the conditions that keep them living in a state of poverty. These compassionate projects in our diocese and throughout the U.S. support low-income people as they work together to improve educational opportunities, create jobs, and improve access to services for the disabled.

The bishops of the United States established this important campaign thirty-seven years ago to help people end poverty not for just a day, but for a lifetime. Through the support of parishioners in dioceses across the country, the bishops were able to grant \$9 million in 2006 to anti-poverty, social justice projects in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

I urge you to give generously to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development next weekend, November 17-18. We commit 75% of the donations to the national office to support their projects across the country. We keep 25% here in the diocese to fund local self-help initiatives to benefit communities in Central Massachusetts and awarded many grants just a few weeks ago.

By joining in solidarity with Catholics in parishes across our country, you lend strength to efforts already underway to end the vicious cycle of poverty. May God bless you for your generosity.

With every prayerful best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Liturgical Roles - November 17 & 18

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5:00 p.m.	M. Audette J. Widner	Deacon George G. Boule C. Dinovo J. Winning D. Pegg S. Pegg S. Pegg	P. Dinovo E. Temte G. Temte
9:00 a.m.	J. Ryan D. Coad	Deacon George B. Breyfogle H. Turner A. Samson M. Anderson E. Lindquist R. Lindquist	R. Ryan R. Seymour S. Seymour
11:00 a.m.	J. Andrasko B. Henries	Deacon George S. Vorderer D. Henries M. Maguire M. Curtis R. Hebert P. Lien	A. Lien H. Lien E. Lien

Altar Society - November 17
P. VanArsdell, D. Gallagher, J. Cheney

OFFERINGS - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2007

Offertory Commitment	\$ 7,125.70
Loose Money	\$ 376.00
Fuel Collection	\$ 512.00

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> Veronica Fort-Schraft 393-9298 Molly Maguire 481-2509
<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> Cheryl Charest 393-2838	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u> Horace Turner 393-5340	
	Adult Choir Katherine Waters 393-6484	