

FROM THE PASTOR ~

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our annual festival such a great success. Your generous support resulted once again with a great weekend for our parish and school. The \$10,000 grand prize winner of our Mega Cash Raffle was Robert Carver of Marlboro. I hope to meet soon with the leaders of our festival to brain storm for next year so we can make it even better in the future. Thank you to Susan Pegg for chairing our Festival, Teddy Rabidou and his faithful crew for all our wonderful food, Tom Lowe, Jose Fox, Deb Casey, Amy Halloran, Maggie Lellman, Rita Griffin, Sally Lampi, Tricia Temte, Patti Slaughter, Lisa Brown, Edythe Murkland, Lori Howard, the Rino's, Carl Price, Kim Krouse, Natalie & Jen Bilancieri, the Pastoral staff, the Knights of Columbus and all the youth and adult volunteers, your hard work is greatly appreciated. Great job also with the set up and clean up, many hands made light work, so thanks again.

Our Religious Education Program begins in just two weeks and we are still in need of teachers. If you are able to give of your time on Sunday mornings please call Ginny Boland our Administrator of Religious Education this week at the parish office.

Many were able to attend our Healing and Penance Service on Friday this past week. Thank you to all who were able to bring those who are sick or in recovery for the Anointing of the Sick and for Confession.

Jesus reminds us this week of the beauty of the Kingdom of Heaven, and asks us to live as a people who will seek out what was lost, and to be truly alive with Christ at the center of our hearts. Please continue to keep all of our parish and school children in your daily prayers as they begin their Religious Education studies.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen M. Gemme

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Saturday, September 15

5:00 PM † Constantino Colacchio by his daughter Anne
 † Patrick Maiorano by his niece Anne Falco

Sunday, September 16

9:00 AM † Charles J. Scholl by Cheryl Charest & family
 † Michael Horgan by Carol & John Harrington
 11:00 AM † Joseph D'Onfrio by the family
 † Pasquale Mattei by the family

Monday, September 17

8:30 AM † Michael Horgan by Jack Murray
 Special intention for Bill & June Kener's
 Wedding Anniversary by the Furgal family

Tuesday, September 18

8:30 AM † Michael Horgan by Michael Murray
 † John E. Ferris by his wife

Wednesday, September 19

8:30 AM † Mary Tynan by her husband
 † Beverly Borrelli by John & Ann Detora

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21

8:30 AM † The Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially
 deceased members of the Friends of the Suffering Souls

Saturday, September 22

5:00 PM † Donald Mossman by the family
 † Joseph Falco by Anne Falco

Sunday, September 23

9:00 AM † Michael A. Horgan by Dolores & Jerry Boule
 11:00 AM † Joseph Ptak Jr. by the St. Bernadette Parish Staff
 Special Intention in thanksgiving for Marguerite
 Buisson's 100th Birthday by the family

Let Us Pray For :

- Colleen, has cancer - for healing and strength
- a family having marital problems, that the Holy Spirit will guide them

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

Sunday	Lk 15:1-32	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	Lk 7:1-10	Weekday Robert Bellarmine, pb.doctor
Tuesday	Lk 7:11-17	Weekday
Wednesday	Lk 7:31-35	Weekday/Januarius, bp., martyr
Thursday	Lk 7:36-50	Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, martyrs
Friday	Mt 9:9-13	Matthew, apostle, evangelist
Saturday	Lk 8:4-15	Weekday

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

Sept 16	2276 - 2283	Sept 20	2307 - 2317
Sept 17	2284 - 2291	Sept 21	2318 - 2330
Sept 18	2292 - 2301	Sept 22	2331 - 2336
Sept 19	2302 - 2306		

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- 9/20 3rd Order of St. Francis, 7:00 p.m.
- 9/20 Prayer Group 8:00 p.m.
- 9/22 Craft Fair Workshop, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Pastoral Center Hall
- 9/23 Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m., P.C. Hall

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.

55 & OVER LUNCHEON

We would like to welcome back our parishioners who are 55 & Over to St. Bernadette Parish's monthly luncheon. If you are new to the parish or have never attended one of our luncheons, please join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with others in our community.

The next luncheon will take place on Tuesday, September 25 at Noon in the Pastoral Center Hall. Please sign up after Mass or call the Parish office if you plan on attending. If you are homebound and need a ride, please call the parish office at 508-393-2838 so we can make arrangements.

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 once every 6-8 weeks for this ministry, please call 508-393-5070.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Augustine Council will begin collecting supplies for the troops in Iraq on the week - end of September 22/23. We thank all who donated last spring & hope that you will continue to be generous. We plan to conduct this drive every other month. If you know of any service men or women stationed in Iraq, would you submit their name & address to Merrill Dussault, 21 Hamilton Rd. Northboro, 01532. 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.

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 twice a month during the school year. All ages and new members are always welcome!

Join us for our first playgroup on Friday, September 21st from 9:30am to 11:30am at Terri Foster's house. Please contact her at 508-393-2527 for more information and directions, 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!

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The 2007 Annual Appeal for Catholic Schools will take place on the weekend of Sept. 30. Your prayerful consideration of financial support is greatly appreciated as we raise funds to directly support tuition assistance, technology improvement and so much more.



CALLING ALL GIRLS AGES 10-14

St. Bernadette Parish is starting a new girls group! If you are looking for another way to enhance your daughter's faith foundation and solidify her relationship with Jesus, please consider this commitment thru the school year. We will be learning about the virtues, having guest speakers, doing crafts, works of charity and having FUN!! The girls group will meet in the evenings on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Please join us on Thursday September 27th @6:30pm for an informational meeting and pizza downstairs in the pastoral center. Call Debbie Furgal 508 393-6732 or Lynn Somers 508 393-8642 with any questions or for more info.

Our entire community benefits from the educational opportunities and Catholic values taught in schools. It is part of the mission of the entire Church to support Catholic schools, not just those families who often make many sacrifices to send their children to our schools. They cannot bear the burden alone.

Please make a donation in the parish collection on Sept 29/30. May God continue to guide us in this important ministry.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

It was not until...we began our daily Holy Hour that our community started to grow and blossom.... We have much work to do. Our homes for the sick and dying destitute are full everywhere. And from the time we started having adoration every day, our love for Jesus became more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, our love for the poor more compassionate, and we have doubled the number of vocations. God has blessed us with many wonderful vocations. The time we spend in having our daily audience with God is the most precious part of the whole day.



Mother Theresa of Calcutta

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:

Monday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Tuesday 2 am. - 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 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Friday 8 p.m.-9 p.m. (To Share)	

VISITATION HOUSE POSITIONS

If you have non-profit experience and a strong commitment to the pro-life position then we anxiously await your application! Visitation House, Inc. is a growing organization offering shelter and hope to women facing crisis pregnancies. We are seeking two full-time positions, **House Mother and Day House Manager**. Both positions require a minimum bachelor level degree and or have experience within the social service field or this population. Duties will include crisis management, case management and advocacy in the community. The ideal candidates will have a strong Catholic faith, a commitment to the pro-life mission, a proven track record of leadership and administrative qualities. Also, they will be responsible to oversee the Home, offer spiritual leadership for the women and assist with Life Skills programs, as well as meet and greet visitors.

The Day House Manager - One House Manager is needed from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. (40 hours)

The House Mother - This is a live in position, which would include salary plus benefits.

Send or fax cover letter and resume to our Search Committee to: Visitation House, Inc., P.O. Box 60115, Worcester, MA 01606 fax 508 393-7470
Questions? Contact Eve Lindquist at 508-798-0762.

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.



QUILTING CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS - Two workshops to make quilted items for the Craft Fair. The workshops will be held on Saturday, September 22 & 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Ideas for projects and fabrics will be available. You are invited to bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies to get started on a project or you can drop in for an idea which you can create at home. If you have any questions, please call Mary Anne Clifton at 508-303-4942.

MORE 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.

LIFE CHAIN ON RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

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

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.

PK, K and Grade 1 - Classes for these grades will begin on *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 on *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 remember to sign up to work the festival, it's a great opportunity for service hours and it's fun too! You can sign up in the gathering space after Mass! Please call the religious education office with any questions at 508-393-7445.

First Reconciliation - There will be a registration /orientation meeting for all parents of second graders on *Thursday, September 13th at 7pm* in the Pastoral Center. Those parents of second grade students who would like to participate in the sacrament preparation program are required to attend this meeting. Babysitting will be available. Please call the religious education office at 508-393-7445 to reserve space for your child. All information regarding the Reconciliation program will be given out at this meeting!

AN EASY WAY TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT FAITH. . .

The biblical story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac is a frightening one. How could God ask this of him? The ultimate lesson of the story is that God did not want a child to be sacrificed. This story points to issues that we, as parents, can consider today. Although our culture does not condone the physical sacrifice of children, it does require more and more from them in order that they are seen as valuable in the world.

SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

What expectations do we have of our children? Do we insist on academic or athletic excellence beyond their capacity or interest? Do we insist that our way of doing things is the only way our children should follow?

The above excerpt was taken from *52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith*. For more tips on how to start a conversation with you child on this theme and many more, go to www.LoyolaBooks.org/52SimpleWays

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.



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**

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Letters to the Seminarians of the Diocese of Worcester

In the past years we have posted the names and addresses of the seminarians in the Diocese of Worcester to write a letter or card of encouragement as they study for the priesthood. They appreciate all the letters and prayers. Last year we had a total nine seminarians studying. Thanks to everybody's prayers, this year there are a total of 16 seminarians for our diocese. What a great blessing! Please continue to write letters and encourage them in their studies as well as continuing to keep them in your prayers.

The following is a list of the 16 seminarians studying for the Diocese of Worcester.

1. Theology IV

Deacon Frederick D. Fraini, III
Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797

2. Theology II

Mr. Nicholas Desimone
Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State
Europe

3. Theology II

Mr. Lowe Dongor
Saint Mary's Seminary & University
5400 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21210

4. Theology I

Mr. Eric Asante
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 East Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

5. Pre-Theology II

Mr. Jonathan Slavinkas
Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797

6. Pre-Theology II

Mr. Michael Clements
Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797

7. College III

Mr. Mark Rainville
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 East Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

8. S.T.L. I

Mr. Patrick Ssekyole
Saint Mary's Seminary & University
5400 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21210

9. Pre-Theology

Mr. John Hamm
Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797

10. Theology I

Mr. Marcin Nowicki
Saint Mary's Seminary & University
5400 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21210

11. Leonardo Prada

Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies
51 Illinois Street
Worcester, MA 01610

12. Hugo Cano

Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies
51 Illinois Street
Worcester, MA 01610

13. Juan Guillermo Herrera Gil

Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies
51 Illinois Street
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14. Dario Acevedo Herrera

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51 Illinois Street
Worcester, MA 01610

15. Edwin Montana Baicue

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Worcester, MA 01610

16. Guillermo Jose Ochoa

Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies
51 Illinois Street
Worcester, MA 01610



Liturgical Roles - September 22 & 23

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5:00 p.m.	S. Pegg S. Pegg	Deacon George P. Boivin M. Pierson S. Sardam J. Risotti G. Boule E. Beaulac	C. Wall J. Maenhout M. Wall
9:00 a.m.	T. Varney D. Coad	Deacon George L. Rohmer B. Chute B. Breyfogle H. Turner A. Samson A. Singh	B. Rohmer E. Rodriguez K. Foster
11:00 a.m.	M. Maguire S. Shields	Deacon George M. Braverman C. Charest M. Fausek C. Lambert R. Stokes N. Martel	J. Braverman A. Cardarelli C. Braverman

Altar Society - September 22
P. Vanarsdell, D. Gallagher, J. Cheney

OFFERINGS - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

Offertory Commitment	\$ 3,350.00
Loose Money	\$ 358.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 304.00
Seminarian Collection	\$ 1,298.00

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

Adult Bible Study

Molly Maguire 781-835-5948

Altar Servers

Chuck Dinovo 366-5288

Altar Society

Walter & Rose Zydlewski 485-7683

Art & Environment

Anne Wall 393-3042

Baptism Preparation

Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838
Deacon George O'Connor 393-2838

Bereavement

Mary Jane Pierson 393-2766
Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838

Caring Connection/Hospitality

Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838

Coffee Hour

Eileen Dawson 393-5070

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Horace Turner 393-5340

Knights of Columbus

St. Augustine Council #5724
Michael Ryan, (Grand Knight) 393-5203

Parish Finance

Susan Pegg 393-2838

Gift Shop

Maggie Lellman 393-7996

Lectors

Horace Turner 393-5340

Marriage Ministry

Deacon George &
Joyce O'Connor 393-2838

Mom's Group

Terri Foster 393-2527

Music Ministry

Contemporary Choir
Tom Lowe 393-8113

Adult Choir
Katherine Waters 393-6484

Outreach

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838
Cheryl Charest 393-2838

Prayer Group

Marianne Kearney 351-6099

Respect for Life

James & Jamie Rame 869-0540

R.C.I.A.

Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838

Women's Faith Sharing

Peg Lien 393-7180
Sr. Muriel Audette 393-2838
Judi Winning 393-3303

Youth Ministry

Susan Pegg 393-2838