

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST



February 19, 2012
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Please contact Father Kiel or Father Larry Kulik at 724-837-0901.

Sacraments: For Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and funeral arrangements, please call the parish office at 724-465-2210. Wedding dates must be scheduled one year in advance.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to join the parish call for a registration form or come in to the parish office. Anyone who needs a sponsor certificate must be registered. Please notify us if you move or will be moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for bulletin announcements is noon of the Thursday nine (9) days prior to the weekend of the announcement. Mail or email the information to Mrs. Connie Diven at the parish office. Watch the bulletin for holiday deadlines.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith are to contact the Faith Formation Office.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Mission Statement

Our MISSION is to witness and share the tradition and beliefs centered in the celebration of Christ in the Eucharist and the other sacraments, and, to ensure their continuation through on-going education and faith formation of the entire community, especially our parents and their children. We endeavor, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to increase the Kingdom of God through worship, education, and outreach.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, a Catholic community, was established in Indiana, PA, in 1847, by a group of German Catholics. Our parish has grown and flourished in its celebration of faith through hundreds of families of diverse backgrounds. Our parish facility hosts St. Bernard Regional Catholic School.



PARISH STAFF

- Rev. William J. Kiel, *Pastor*
- Denise Swope, *Principal*
- Robert Padasak, *Business Manager*
- Becky Anne Hilditch, *Director of Faith Formation*
- James Froelicher, *Pastoral Associate*
- Deborah Yarnell, *Receptionist/Faith Formation Secretary*
- Connie Diven, *Parish Secretary*
- Maria Mihoerck, *Financial Secretary*
- Karen Marshall, *Music Director*
- Robert Louis, *Custodian*
- James Rhoades, *Cemetery Manager*
- Robert Harrison, *Cemetery Staff*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

PARISH CONTACTS

- Parish Office**724-465-2210
info@saintbernardparish.org
- School Office**724-465-7139
- Faith Formation Office**724-349-9145
bhilditch@dioceseofgreensburg.org
- Cemetery Office**724-465-4370
- Music Director**724-479-9786
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- RCIA Coordinator**724-349-9145
- Parish Website**www.saintbernardparish.org
- E-Mail** info@saintbernardparish.org

INDIANA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Chaplain: Reverend Timothy Kruthaupt.....724-254-3041
..... or 724-465-5840

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Weekdays Consult Mass Schedule Inside
Saturday (Vigil)5:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 to 10:00 AM or by appointment

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Such visits are a proof of gratitude and expression of love, an acknowledgment of the Lord's presence."~Pope Paul VI, on Adoration Come and adore Christ, who waits for you with open arms at Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday from 12 Noon-7 PM.

Happiness and the Eucharist

Without the Holy Eucharist there would be no happiness in this world; life would be insupportable. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive our joy and our happiness. The good God, wishing to give Himself to us in the Sacrament of His Love, gave us a vast and great desire, which He alone can satisfy. In the presence of this beautiful Sacrament, we are like a person dying of thirst by the side of a river — he would only need to bend his head; like a person still remaining poor, close to a great treasure — he need only stretch out his hand. He who communicates loses himself in God like a drop of water in the ocean. They can no more be separated. ~St. John Vianney

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY?

As stated in last week's bulletin, our Faith Formation children, Middle School and Senior High Youth Ministry Groups are active in St. Bernard Parish, but we are missing many children and teens whose gifts and talents could greatly benefit our parish community. During my years of involvement in educating our children in their faith, I have heard many excuses from parents as to why their children are not actively involved in Faith Formation Classes or Youth Ministry. Last week the reason we looked at and responded to was: "My child is too busy with other activities (school, sports, we visit family every weekend, etc.)."

This week we will discuss "My child says the group is boring." Is this a statement about Faith Formation classes and/or Youth Ministry, or about your child's spiritual interest? Many of the same students will say that church is boring. Our Faith Formation Department works hard to create environments that are rich with meaningful interactions. That being said, the main focus of Faith Formation classes and Youth Ministry Groups is not fixated on having "fun". Our focus is on helping children and teens to love God with their whole heart, soul, and mind, and on enjoying a friendship with Jesus. But, let's be honest and admit that some (many?) students do not want this; they simply want the class or group to be a fun distraction within their week. If this is what your child is after, it is even more important for them to get and stay connected with the children in Faith Formation class or the teens in Youth Group, because genuine faith in Christ is just as much caught as taught. Pray for a sincere awareness that the need for Jesus will emerge in your child's/teen's heart, and that they will catch fire in their faith like never before.

Retreat Planned with Father Jacob Amos

In response to an invitation from Father Jacob Amos, our deacon for the 2010-2011 academic year, a retreat is being planned for the week of May 21-25, 2012 at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. Father Jacob Amos will be our retreat director. For planning purposes, we need to know the number of people interested. Please contact the parish office at 724-465-2210 or Jim Froelicher at 724-349-8796, if you are interested.

Girl Scout Sunday



Girl Scouts of the USA will mark 100 years of inspiring girls and young women with the ideals of courage, confidence and character. Millions of active Girl Scouts, volunteers and alumnae will come together to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts. National Girl Scout Sunday will be observed on Sunday, March 11. Girl Scouts are invited to attend this Mass in their uniforms. The Girl Scouts will also be selling cookies after Mass. Please plan on attending this Mass and congratulate the Girl Scouts on their 100th Anniversary.

Get Ready! St. Joseph's Day Celebration is VERY Soon!

Mark your calendar now to attend the 18th annual St. Joseph's Feast Day Covered Dish Dinner at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 19th. Details will be on a flyer in next week's bulletin. Start praying about inviting an inactive Catholic you know to come with you to this delicious dinner. Those interested in helping to bake specialty breads for this event are asked to call Claire Valletta at 724-465-4594.

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position—clergy, volunteer or paid staff—please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 221.



Knights of Columbus
February Event Schedule
Fr. McNelis Council 1481

February 22 4th Degree Assembly meeting, 7 PM, Lodge



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Please join us for coffee and donuts after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on February 26.

NEWS & UPDATES FROM THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE



Faith Formation Classes for Grades K-5 are cancelled this weekend due to the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast being held after the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses. We will meet again on Sunday, February 26 from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM. Our topic this month is Prayer. Please continue to pray for and with your children.

Youth Ministry Groups will meet today at 12:30 PM in the Social Hall to decorate, set up, and finish cooking for the Mardi Gras Family Fun Night. Remember the fun begins at 4:30 PM for all those who registered in advance.

Middle School and Senior High Youth Ministry Groups will meet next Sunday, February 26, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

SIX WEEK LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION TO START ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 at 6:30 PM: Please join us as we study and examine the Scriptural basis of Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion of the Christ," and look at how this powerful portrayal of the suffering and death of Jesus relates to the Bible and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The study is **Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering** and is divided into six lessons and includes a summation in Week Six. Each lesson includes a short introduction, reprinted biblical texts, study and reflection questions, Points to Ponder commentary, Catechism Connections, as well a summary and quotes from canonized saints and recent popes. **The cost of the Study Guide is \$15.00 and is due at time of registration.** Please call the Faith Formation Office to register at 724-349-9145.

Thank You

Thank you to all parishioners who bought "Sin" amon rolls last weekend. It was a great success and we sold out again. Your help in making this school fundraiser a success is greatly appreciated.

St. Bernard Regional School Fish Fries-Volunteers Needed!



St. Bernard Regional Catholic School will be holding their annual Lenten Fish Fries on Friday's from February 24th to March 30th. If you can volunteer a little of your time to help with set-up on Thursday evenings, kitchen prep Friday mornings, the actual Fish Fries between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM or clean-up at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, please call St. Bernard School at 724-465-7139. Even if you can't volunteer, please consider donating a baked good for dessert or try to attend and enjoy a delicious meal. Your cooperation will make this event as successful as it has been in past years!

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Need of Volunteers

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located adjacent Valeski's 4th Street Bi-Lo is looking for volunteers to work as many hours as they can Monday through Saturday. Men are especially needed to lift heavy items that are donated to the store. If you can spare a few hours, please stop in at the store and ask for the store manager. For more information telephone 724-465-2440.

Soldiers Angels

Our shelves are almost empty! We are in need of all the basics...toiletries and snack foods. Favorites are Slim Jims, beef jerky, snack cakes, cheese crackers, nuts, granola bars, and of course candy. Shampoo, lip balm, floss, mouthwash, and feminine products are also needed. Look for our flyer in this week's bulletin to see how you can help our soldiers throughout Lent. Please join us at our next February 28th at 10 AM in the Social Hall. Thank You!

ICCAP Food Drive

"If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother." Deuteronomy 15:7 Please help feed your neighbors by bringing at least one can of non-perishable food items for ICCAP on the weekend of February 25/26. You can drop off your donations in the bins in the Narthex. Thank you!

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

Lifeline Screening will be here on Wednesday, March 21st offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. Prices range from \$129 to \$159. There is no time like the present to take action.

St. Bernard Cemetery Christmas Decorations Reminder

Please remove your Christmas decorations as soon as possible. Anything left in the cemetery past March 17th will be discarded.



God's Merciful Plan

"I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

Isaiah 43:25

The past history of the Jews is not something which does not concern us; it was part of God's merciful and loving plans for our redemption. Twelve centuries earlier he had chosen Abraham and revealed himself to him. He made the descendants of Abraham his own special people; he heaped love and kindness on them; but their response was far from generous. However, he tolerated them even when they ignored and insulted him, for in the incarnation which he had planned from eternity, his divine Son was to take his human nature from a descendant of Abraham.

Therefore, the liberation from the Babylonian exile which happened through God's loving intervention twenty-four hundred years ago, was a necessary step toward our salvation. If the prophet idealizes and exaggerates the happy conditions of the returning exiles, for example, "roads in the wilderness and rivers in the desert," it is because he sees in his mind's eye the true liberation of all men for which this was but a remote preparation. The life, death and resurrection of Christ not only brought men back from exile from God which sin had imposed on them, but it laid down a direct road through the desert of life to the homeland, which Christ won for us through his incarnation. Through the shedding of his blood Christ has made the treasures of divine grace available to all who seek them--rivers of life-giving water flow through the wilderness of this world for all who will drink of them.

Reflect for a few moments today on all that God has done for our salvation. Bringing back the Jewish exiles from Babylon was but one small incident in the long chain of events which he set in motion in order to make us Christians and his adopted children. The call of Abraham, thirty-eight centuries ago, the Exodus from Egypt thirty-two hundred years ago, the return from Babylon in 538 B.C., the coming of Christ on earth nearly two thousand years ago, were all links in the golden chain of God's salvific plan for all of us. He intended heaven to be our eternal home. To do this he raised us up through the incarnation of his divine Son to the status of adopted children. This gives us a claim to a share in his kingdom; this makes us heirs to heaven.

Unfortunately, there is but one thing that can spoil this plan of God as far as we are concerned, abuse of the free will which God has given us. Our free will which should follow what is right, which should choose the greatest good can, and sometimes does, choose instead what is not only not good but what is positively evil. We know from experience that this is so. We have been ungrateful, disloyal, disobedient and insulting to God in the past. But we know also that we do not have to continue in such a state. We can use our free will to choose what is right and avoid what causes offense to God. We owe so much to God that we should never hesitate in the future to do what he asks of us. The eternal happiness of heaven is worth all the crosses and sufferings and mortification of a million lives on this earth. Let us not begrudge sixty or seventy years of loyal service to him, who has prepared a place for us since the beginning of time. *Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M*

Prayer for Lent



Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.

Daily Readings –Week of February 19 2012

Monday	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; II Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Ash Wednesday
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Mk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9; Mk 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	~February 26, 2012 Gn 8:8-15; Ps 25 I Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



Liturgical Ministry Schedule for February 25/26

Altar Servers

5:30 PM Cody G. Marshall D. Miles D.	7:30 AM Paula L. Marie L. Eddie C.	9:30 AM Paul B. Vincent B. Nathan B.
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Cantor

5:30 PM Florence	7:30 AM Rosemary	9:30 AM Elise
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EME

5:30 PM Vicky N. Andrea P. Mary Alice S. Julie T. Jim F. Josephine G. Mary Jane H.	7:30 AM Doug R. Len K. Nancy K. Mary Kay M. Gina L. Bernie M. Maria M.	9:30 AM Roberto T. Ray Y. Marge A. Rita V. John A. Lisa A. Pat W.
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Greeters

5:30 PM Joanne M.	7:30 AM Becky & Gene T.	9:30 AM Rita K.
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Lectors

5:30 PM Chauncey R.	7:30 AM Janet S. Michael R.	9:30 AM Michael M. Anthony S.
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Money Counters for February 25/26— Team # 3

Offertory for February 4/5

Offertory	\$ 9767.75
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Accent	\$ 143.00
Solemnity	\$ 5.00
First Offering	\$ 10.00
Black/Indian Mission	\$ 1313.31
Ash Wednesday	\$ 31.00

Schedule of Events	
Monday	4:30 PM Jr. Legion of Mary, Brady Room 5:45 PM Legion of Mary, Brady Room 6:30 PM Adult Faith Formation, Social Hall 7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room
Tuesday	7:15 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship, Brady Room
Friday	4:00 PM –7:00 PM St. Bernard School Fish Fry, Social Hall
Saturday	6:30 PM R.C.I.A., Brady Room
Sunday	10:45 AM Faith Formation, Social Hall 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Group, Social Hall

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Liturgy Schedule

Week of February 20-26

Monday, February 20

7:30 AM+Nick Romani (Joanne Meyers)

Tuesday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
7:30 AM+Patrick Hartwell (Patricia Hartwell)
12:00 PM-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday
7:30 AM+Agnes Rampe (John & Mary Ann Sokol)
9:30 AM (School Mass)
Intention+Margaret Tepper (James Wilson)
5:30 PM+Frank & Jane Manzek (Barb & Frank Manzek)

Thursday, February 23

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
7:30 AM+Pam Froelicher (Jim Froelicher)

Friday, February 24

7:30 AM+Richard Ritts (Wife & Children)
6:00 PM *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, February 25

No Mass
No Confessions
5:30 PM For our Parishioners

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM Rinkus Family (Richard Rinkus)
9:30 AM+Elise, Sheila & Leo McCarthy

Liturgy Schedule

St. Thomas More University Parish

Week of February 20-26

Monday, February 20	No Mass
Tuesday, February 21	7:30 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 AM Mass
Wednesday, February 22	7:00 AM & 12:10 PM Liturgy of the Word w/distribution of Ashes (Church) 4:45 PM Liturgy of the Word w/ distribution of Ashes (Ohio Room—HUB-IUP's Campus) 7:00 PM Mass
Thursday, February 23	5:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 PM Mass
Friday, February 24	12:10 PM Mass
Saturday, February 25	4:00 PM Mass
Sunday, February 26	10:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Mass

The Sanctuary Lamps
burn in memory of *Joseph Maloney*
From Nancy Maloney