Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2011

Sing a new song unto the Lord!
MISSION STATEMENT
We are a Parish Community of men and women who serve God, our country and one another. Inspired by St. Bernard’s love of God and humanity, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by praying and worshipping together, educating one another in faith, providing assistance for those in need, working for justice in the world, and welcoming all to the sacramental life of the Church in the Roman Catholic tradition. With Faith, Hope, and Love, we dedicate ourselves to the mission of living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in the world.

731-4220/731-4355 Fax
Email: Parish@StBernardsLevittown.org
Website: www.StBernardsLevittown.org

PASTORAL TEAM
Rev. Gerard A. Reningenbach, Pastor
Rev. Christopher M. Costigan, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Mr. John Blakeney, Deacon
Rev. Cyprian Osuegbu, Resident
Center for Religious Education & RCIA
Sr. Margaret Sammon, O.P., Director
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or
516-978-8193

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Church
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731-4220

Facilities
Len Lanzi, Facilities Manager
731-4220

Frank Santillio, Maintenance Supervisor

IN RESIDENCE:
Rev. Msgr. George P. Graham, Pastor Emeritus

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
We welcome new members to St. Bernard’s Parish, a community of faith, hope, and love. We will strive to foster your spiritual growth and hope you will share with us the gifts God has given to you. Please register by stopping by the rectory and completing the registration form. If you move away, please notify us as well.

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 5:00 pm, nine days prior to publication. You may email at Bulletin@StBernardsLevittown.org or leave a hard copy in the inbox on the bulletin desk in the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation!

SPIRITUAL LIFE
Schedule of Masses:
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (FAMILY MASS) 10:30 AM, 12:00 N, 5:30 PM
WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM
SATURDAYS: 9:00 AM
HOLY DAYS: See website: www.StBernardsLevittown.org

Confessions:
SATURDAY: 4:00-5:00 PM & 7:30-8:00 PM
WEEKDAYS: After the 7:00 am Mass

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena and Benediction:
MONDAY Evening: 7:30 PM, in the Church.

Morning Prayer:
MONDAY to SATURDAY: 8:30 AM Books are available. Please join us.

Baptism of Children: We welcome infants and children to our Christian community! Baptisms are held select Sundays at 1:30 pm. Arrangements should be made at least 6 weeks prior to an anticipated Baptism. Prior to the baptism, parents will meet with a parish staff member to be welcomed and make arrangements, and then participate in a group conversation with other parents presenting children for Baptism. These group gatherings are held on selected Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. Please call 731-4220 to arrange an initial meeting.

Marriages: Church arrangements should be made at least 6 months before the marriage and before making any contracts with restaurants or caterers. Please call the Rectory to set up an appointment with a priest, 731-4220.

Ministry to the Sick and Aging: If you are, or know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory at 731-4220.

PARISH & COMMUNITY SERVICES
AA Meetings: Tues.& Sun 8:PM, Women, Sat. 11:AM
Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk: 785-4070.
Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Pius X, No. 1690: Every second Thursday, 7:30 pm, Parish Center.
Charismatic Prayer Group: Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome. Call 933-5431 or 731-3395.
Children’s Choir: Thursday evenings at 6:15 PM in the Parish Center, Ernie & Maryclare Meditz: 731-1809.
Church Choir: Every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM in the Church.
Family, Marriage & Individual Counseling: Catholic Counseling Center, phone 631-243-2503.
Folk Group: Wednesdays, 8:00-9:30 PM. If you are interested, please call Carmen Greico at 735-1939.
Knights of Columbus, Holy Innocents Council. Membership info 731-9018
Men’s Catholic Fellowship: Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Church.
Ministry of Consolation: For information, call the Parish Office at 731-4220
Nocturnal Adoration Society: Hour of Adoration, every first Saturday of the month from 8:00-9:00 PM.
Parastal Council: Every first Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the Rectory.
Rosary Society: First Monday of the month at 8:00 PM (September—June).
St. Bernard’s of Levittown Widows and Widowers: Every second Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM (dance is on the 4th Friday of the month), Elks Lodge, 2162 Veteran’s Blvd., Massapequa. Call Chris at 631-842-6734.
St. Bernard’s Youth Basketball (CYO): Tom Page, 731-4403/Bill Beiersdorfer, 731-7980.
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 735-3218.
Tender Garden, Early Childhood Learning Center: 731-4322.
Usher Society: Head Usher, Jerry Rosalia 735-9022.
Wedding Coordinator: Rose Marie Rotondo 731-4220.
CONFIRMATION AT ST BERNARD’S 2011
BISHOP PETER LIBASCI presided
It was a truly beautiful day for all.

See page 15 for more great pictures, and to see them in color go to the Parish website www.stbernardslevittown.org under BULLETIN tab.

PENTECOST IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

The approaching Feast of Pentecost this year on June 13 will be significant for several reasons. First, it signifies the coming of the Spirit upon the apostles and what we traditionally hold to be the “birthday” of the church. Every year we celebrate this feast 50 days after Easter. However, this year we will be focusing on the outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit shown in the various parish ministries here at St. Bernard’s. We call it a “Gifts Celebration.” Hundreds of parishioners generously share their talents and strengths to serve all in the parish. They do this willingly, generously, and without any financial reward.

There are over 40 parish ministries, and they are listed on page 6 of this bulletin. On Pentecost weekend after all the Masses there will be display tables in the auditorium highlighting the specific features of each ministry and providing information about that ministry. There will also be refreshments, activities for the children, and various events. You will notice from our bulletin flyers that we are using a baseball theme to describe this celebration. We hope all in the parish will take a few moments after Mass on Pentecost to discover more about the great work done by so many in the parish and to recognize how the gifts of the Spirit are manifested here at St. Bernard’s.

Pentecost Sunday this year also has significance on a diocesan level. Bishop Murphy has invited parishioners from all over our diocese to gather on Sunday afternoon, June 13, at St. Anthony’s High School in Melville as part of his pastoral initiative, “Belong More Deeply.” It is meant to be a gathering of the church on Long Island on Pentecost in preparation for changes in our liturgical prayer next fall and in anticipation of a new evangelization effort to bring more Catholics back to Sunday worship.

Although we will have our own focus on Pentecost at St. Bernard’s, I invite any interested parishioner to also participate in the diocesan gathering at St. Anthony’s High School. It will take place at 3:00 P.M. on June 13. There is a sign up sheet at the rear of the church. Tickets will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. The priests of the parish will be attending, and we look forward to joining you and Bishop Murphy for this diocesan gathering.
PARISH NEWS

MAY ROSARY WALK will take place each Saturday in May after the 9:00 am Mass. Please bring your rosary and join us as we walk to Mary’s Garden reciting her Rosary. All are welcome.

MONSIGNOR’S BIBLE CLASS will be held on Monday, May 23, from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. The subject will be Saint Matthew’s Gospel. Classes are in the Parish Center after Novena Prayers in the Church.

Please join us for this interesting discussion.

It’s Time to Think Ahead!

Registration for School of Religion
this week. See page 10

Spanish Mass for Mother’s Day
This Saturday see bottom of page 11.

Diocesan PENTECOST Mass
Belong More Deeply
June 12 see page 13

Vacation Bible School
June 27—July 1 see details page 11

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Our parish goal for 2011 is $93,718.00
Amount pledged to date is $113,930.00
Number of donors is 428

Supporting Programs that Help Us...

LIVE AND SHARE OUR FAITH
CARE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE
BUILD GOD’S KINGDOM

Oops !!! Please bear with us.
The Confirmation names in the May 15th bulletin were incorrect. June 5th we will print a COMPLETE Communion and Confirmation list. Until then Have a Happy Day!

Your Faithful Editors

GIFTS OF TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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SAVE THE DATE!

THE FAMILY MINISTRY IS PLANNING A FISHING TRIP
On the Captain Eddie III at Captree.
Cost = $35 Adults Under 12 = $23
Includes fishing poles, bait, tips and pool.
Tickets will be on sale after Masses the weekends of June 11, 12 and June 18, 19.
Contact Bob Cracchiolo 516-735-5026 for further details or watch the Bulletin in future weeks. Note all money will be collected at signup.

Your Faithful Editors.
**Baptisms**

We welcome into the parish the following new members:

- Lyla Shea Heslin
- Ryan Christopher Longo
- Lucas Juan Reyes

**Congratulations to the parents**

**Banns of Marriage**

- **First Time**: Arnel Generose, St. Bernard, Levittown, NY
- Aquino Sangawa, St. Bernard, Levittown, NY

- **Third Time**: Melissa Lauren Posa, St. Bernard, Levittown
- Joseph Anthony Taranto, Maria Regina, Seafood

**Mass Intentions**

- **Monday, May 23**
  - 7:00 am: Roberto Ortiz
  - 9:00 am: Michael and Mary Sammon

- **Tuesday, May 24**
  - 7:00 am: Ann Probst
  - 9:00 am: Julia Winship

- **Wednesday, May 25**
  - 7:00 am: St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi
  - 9:00 am: Joseph McLaughlin
  - 9:00 am: Virginia Dennington

- **Thursday, May 26**
  - 7:00 am: St. Philip Neri
  - 9:00 am: Michael Sanchez
  - 9:00 am: Jennifer Jimenez

- **Friday, May 27**
  - 7:00 am: St. Augustine of Canterbury
  - 7:00 am: Margaret Urbach
  - 9:00 am: Gloria Gushue

- **Saturday, May 28**
  - 9:00 am: Evelyn Aker Kdeck
  - 5:00 pm: Anna and Charles Nuzzi

- **Sunday, May 29**
  - **Sixth Sunday in Easter**
  - 7:30 am: Michael Sanchez
  - 9:00 am: Robert Fennelly
  - 10:30 am: Terence Byrne
  - 12 Noon: For All Parishioners
  - 5:30 pm: Brian McNamara

**Parish Schedule**

- **Monday, May 23**
  - 7:30 pm: Rosary Executive Meeting, Parish Center
  - 7:30 pm: Miraculous Medal Novena, Church
  - 8:00 pm: Msgr. Graham Bible Class, Parish Center

- **Tuesday, May 24**
  - 7:00 pm: Scouts, Youth Ministry Room, School
  - 7:00 pm: Rosary recitation in Spanish, Prayer Room

- **Wednesday, May 25**
  - 7:30 pm: Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish Center
  - 8:00 pm: Prayer Group, Parish Center

- **Thursday, May 26**
  - 10:00 am: Shawl Ministry, Parish Center
  - 6:15 pm: Children’s Choir, Parish Center

- **Friday, May 27**

- **Saturday, May 28**
  - 6:30 pm: Mass in Spanish to Celebrate Mother’s Day

- **Sunday, May 29**
  - 6:30 pm: Youth Ministry, School
  - 7:00 pm: Men’s Prayer Group, Prayer Room
  - 8:00 pm: AA Meeting

**Pray for Our Beloved Deceased**

- Marie Malanga
- Milagros Aquino

**Sacrments**

**Mass Intentions**

**Pray for our beloved deceased**

- Marie Malanga
- Milagros Aquino

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**The Gifts of Bread and Wine**

have been requested
in memory of

**Larry Bagnasco**

requested by

The Shawl Ministry
**St. Bernard’s Gifts Celebration**

**Celebrate the Spirit!**

**June 11th and 12th after all Masses***

Join us on the weekend of June 11th and 12th for an inspiring Pentecost celebration at all Masses and afterwards* in the auditorium to meet and mingle and give recognition to St. Bernard’s outstanding parish ministries and the people who serve in those groups.

Activities for children and food for all will be provided as you meet and greet the men and women of the Holy Spirit League.

* except Sunday evening

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**St. Bernard’s Parish**

A community of men and women who serve God, our country and one another....**

**Gifted, Engaged and Growing!**

Join in celebrating the how the gifts of the Holy Spirit are at work in our parish community.

*** excepted from our parish mission statement

Altar Servers • Baptism Preparation • Beautification • Boy Scout Troop 316 • Bread of Life Prayer Group • Catholic Daughters of the Americas • Charitable KIDZ • Comunidad Hispana • Consolation Ministry • Cub Scout Pack 318 • Dungeon Crew • Extraordinary Ministers • Faithful Families • Family Life • Hospitality Special Occasions • Lectors • Marriage Preparation • Meals on Wheels • Men’s Catholic Fellowship • Ministry of Praise • Adult Choir • Children’s Choir • Folk Choir • Nocturnal Adoration • Parish Social Ministry • Pastoral Council • Prayer of the Faithful • Recognition Team • Religious Education • Rosary Confraternity • Shawl Ministry • Society of St. Vincent DePaul • St. Martha’s Society • Strengths Team • Sunday Hospitality • Ushers Society • Welcome Ambassadors • Worship & Baptism Greeters • Youth Ministry •
Family Sports Night!

Friday, June 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
St. Bernard’s School Gym

Families with children 2-12 years old will participate together in shooting hoops, tossing bean bags, and running races together. (No children admitted without parent)

Free snacks provided!

Let us know you are coming by contacting faithfulfamilies@stbernardslevittown.org

St. Bernard’s Faithful Families Presents

Playin’, Prayin’ and Jumpin’ with Jesus

a four-week program for ages 2-4
and their parents (it’s mommy/daddy and me!)

Four Saturdays June 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00—11:30 a.m.
St. Bernard’s Parish Center

Information and registration forms are available on our website homepage www.stbernardslevittown.org or in the parish office. ($25 place-holding fee will be refunded at conclusion of program if child and parent attend all sessions)

Participation is limited to 15 children with parent/s
Register today!!

Adult Faith Formation

Pastoral Plan Goal #3: To increase support and recognition of engaged parishioners

Preparing to receive the new translation of the Mass on November 27, 2011

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do at Mass?

For all interested parishioners, but especially important for all who exercise a ministry at Mass and who teach or give witness to children, teens or adults on behalf of the parish. This is the fifth in a series of six monthly sessions that will explore why and how we do what we do at Mass.

Session 6

We are Sent to Love and Serve the Lord: The Dismissal

Tuesday June 7, 7:30—9:00 p.m. (with Father Chris Costigan and Deacon John Blakeney)
or

Wednesday, June 1, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (with Father Jerry Ringenback and Diane Vella)

Just come, no pre-registration necessary!!
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 22, 2011

Entrance Antiphon: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

During these latter weeks of the Easter season, our reading turns from the narratives of the appearances of the risen Christ to our participation in the risen life of Jesus. Today’s passage from the Gospel according to John invites us to participate in the love that flows between the Father and the Son.

First Reading: The idyllic time of harmony in the Christian community that we heard about on the Second Sunday of Easter was short-lived. Much of the Acts of the Apostles reveals that the early Church was threatened by dangers but also fraught with tensions. Today’s reading reveals how this spirit-filled community faced its challenges.

Second Reading: Peter is speaking to a community that is suffering persecution and rejection, and he speaks an invitation: “come to him”. They are “rejected by human beings”, but in God’s eyes they are glorious – the very people of whom God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, the royal and priestly people of God who have a glorious heritage and a glorious task: to “announce the praises” of God who called them from darkness to light.

“I am the way and the truth and the life.”

In the Gospel Jesus speaks again of his relationship with the Father, a relation into which he invites us. He is going away, but going to prepare a place for us in his “Father’s house,” where there is room enough for all. Thomas and Philip ask questions: How can we follow when we do not know the way: How will we recognize the Father, whom we have never seen? And Jesus responds to both questions in a similar way, Jesus himself is the way there, the destination and the guide. Jesus is one with the Father. We are not just passive observers of what Jesus does. “Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones that these.” All disciples are called to be wonder workers.

Sourcebook, 2011.

Wednesday, May 25.

One of today’s saints to remember is Venerable Bede (672-735), a doctor of the Church, illustrates that one can transform the Church from the quiet of a monastery. He devoted his life to scholarly pursuits and is credited to educating over six hundred monks. Also for popularizing the use of AD (Anno Domini in the year of our Lord) to refer to the Christian era. He was canonized in 1935.
**Parish social ministry**
Sr. Christine Sammons, O.P., 731-6074

**St. Vincent de Paul:**
Many thanks to all who help us provide for our low-income neighbors. As these challenging economic times wear on, the generosity of so many of our parishioners makes it possible to meet the needs of so many seniors, adults and children.

**This week our pantry needs include:**
- cereal
- hearty soups
- tomato products and sauces of all kinds
- canned fruit and vegetables (except green beans)
- long-grained rice
- potatoes
- dessert mixes (pudding, Jell-o, cake)
- regular de-caf
- instant coffee
- juice boxes
- peanut butter and jelly

**Paper products and toiletries always welcome:**
- towels
- napkins
- tissue and toilet tissue
- toothpaste
- tooth brushes
- shampoo
- soap
- deodorant etc.

**We always welcome:**
- Pampers and wipes
- laundry detergent
- dish detergent

*Since we have become members of Long Island Cares, we are able to very inexpensively purchase a large box of size 6 Huggies, so we don’t need size 6! As always, many and sincere thanks!*

**Local Job Fair:**
On Thursday, June 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. a job fair will take place at the Levittown Library. The fair is co-sponsored by the Levittown Public Library and the NYS Department of Labor, Division of Employment Services. Bring your resume, dress for success, meet companies that have job openings from entry-level to experienced!

**Reach for Life:**
Selma Pauly is a breast cancer survivor who would like to help others who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is eager to share the many resources she has acquired, in order to relieve some of the burdens which accompany such a diagnosis. You may call Selma at (516) 735-3023.
St. Bernard's Religious Education
First Year Registration

Registration for children entering 1st Grade in September 2011 will take place at The Religious Education Center on:

Monday May 23 through Thursday May 26
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tuesday May 24
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Requirements for Registration:

- A copy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate (even if they were baptized in St. Bernard’s)
- Registered parishioner of St. Bernard’s Parish (please bring your weekly envelope number with you)
- Fee $195 (cash or check only)
- New Students - Grades 2 through 8 Letter of transfer from previous religious education program

Classes for 1st Year Program are held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 AM starting in September

FOR THE RIDE HOME

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Have Faith in Me)
May 22, 2011
Reading I: Acts 6:1-7 (They Chose Seven)
Reading II: 1 Peter 2: 4-9 (A Chosen Race)
Gospel: John 14: 1-12 (I am the Way)

Adults: In what ways does your personal relationship with Jesus, thrust you into the role of service?
Children: How would you describe Jesus?
We invite you to:
the Mass in Spanish to celebrate
Mother’s Day

Date: Saturday, May 28th, 2011
At: 6:30 pm
In the Church

The Mass will be celebrated by
Father Saúl Londoño.

Back by Popular Demand

Vacation Bible School
Will include arts & crafts and basketball activities

June 27 to July 1st
Monday to Friday
From 9:30 am until 12:30 pm
For boys and girls entering grade one
through grade four
$ 40.00 per child includes:
all related Bible study materials
and arts and crafts supplies.

In St. Bernard’s Gym

For further information contact Laurie Fenton
516-459-0473 or e-mail lorrief821@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School Registration (June 27 through July 1, 2011)

Tear off or drop off at St. Bernard’s Rectory along with your check made payable to St. Bernard’s Catholic Church

Child(ren)’s name(s) and grade(s): ________________________________

Your name and relation to child(ren) along with a contact number where you can be reached.

SPECIAL MASS IN SPANISH TO CELEBRATE MOTHER’S DAY

Los invitamos a:
la Misa en Español para celebrar
el Día de las Madres

Fecha: Sábado 28 de Mayo de 2011
Hora: 6:30 pm

En la Iglesia

La Misa será celebrada por el Padre Saúl Londoño.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Parish Appreciation Party 2011

Marie McNamara - Winner of the first Spirit of St. Bernard Award
Please join

**Bishop William Murphy,**
the bishops of the Diocese of Rockville Centre,
our priests, deacons and religious
as we celebrate

**Pentecost**

**Sunday Mass**

Sunday, June 12, 2011
3:00 pm

Saint Anthony’s High School Student Center
275 Wolf Hill Road
South Huntington, New York 11747

If interested in attending please sign up at the table at the rear of the church. Directions will be provided. If enough parishioners sign on, we might try to arrange for a bus.
Lively Contestants wanted for Telecare’s Game Show, Divine Intervention
Contestants are currently being booked for Telecare’s game show Divine Intervention. If you are interested in being on the show as a contestant, tapings are scheduled for July 26th - July 29th and August 1st & 2nd in the afternoons and evenings at the studio in Uniondale. If you would like to see how the game is played please visit: www.telecaretv.org and catch an episode. If you are interested, please call 516-538-8704 ext. 155 or E-mail: divineintervention@telecaretv.org.

Organ Scholarships are Available
The Nassau and Queens Chapters of the American Guild of Organists are pleased to announce their first annual joint Scholarship Awards program for current organ students of any age. Two scholarship awards of $800 each are available. Applicants must reside, work, or study in the five boroughs of New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, or Westchester counties. The live audition is scheduled for Sunday, June 19, 2:00 PM at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in West Hempstead. The completed application must be received by May 27, 2011. For a copy of the application form, contact Liz Bailey at emb158@aol.com or 516-248 8447. Questions should be addressed to Matthew Koraus at 516-672-9939.

Holy Family School Open House.
Holy Family School, a national school for excellence accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools is having a spring open house, Tuesday, May 24, 6 – 8 pm. Spots are available in our Pre-Kindergarten and Nursery School Programs. Come and explore what a Holy Family Catholic School Education is all about. Competitive tuition pricing, before and after school extended day services and flexible programming are available.

Catholic Young Adults are Connecting From All Over Long Island on Meetup.com
This website is for all Catholic young adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's who would like to participate in spiritual groups and activities and want to be part of a vibrant community of young believers here on Long Island. It is intended to serve as a platform to find out about upcoming young adult group meetings, holy hours, service opportunities and all kinds of special events and happenings in the Diocese. Website: http:// www.meetup.com/Catholic-Young-Adults-of-the-Diocese-of-Rockville-Centre/

Fresh Air Fund
Are you looking for a way to turn your faith into action? Share one week of your summer with a city child. As a host family with the Fresh Air Fund, you will help a child experience the freedom of playing outdoors and the simple pleasures of life in your community. The children range in age from 6 to 12 years old and host families may request the age and gender of their Fresh Air visitor. For more information, call Grace Ruzkas at 516-364-8652, the Fresh Air Fund, 1-800-367-0003 or visit the website at www.freshair.org.
CONFIRMATION 2011

THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH