St. Bernard's Catholic Church

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A Community of Faith Hope and Love

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

To the upright I will show the saving power of God!

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Would you like to join our vibrant community of Faith, Hope and Love at St. Bernard's? Sign-up and get to know us at one of our monthly New Parishioner Registration and Welcome evenings! For information, call the parish office at 516-731-4220, or download a form from our website www.stbernardchurch.org. Click on "Join St. Bernard's" on the bottom of the home page form. If you move away, please notify us as well.

MISSION STATEMENT

With faith, hope, and love the people of St. Bernard's parish family are on a mission to bring the gospel of Jesus to the Levittown Community and beyond.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Schedule of Masses:
Saturday: 8:00 am and 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am (*Family Mass*), 10:30 am, 12 Noon, 5:30 pm (*Youth Mass*)
Weekdays: 8:00 am
Holy Days: see website: **www.StBernardChurch.org**

Confessions:

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Weekdays: After the 8:00 am Mass

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena and Benediction:

Monday: Check schedule on page 4.

Morning Prayer:

Monday through Saturday, 8:30 am, Prayer Room. Books are available.

Baptism of Children: *We welcome infants and children to our Christian community!* Baptisms are held on select Sundays at 1:30 pm. **Please contact the parish at least 3 months before an anticipated baptism – even before a new child is born – to ensure enough time to complete the baptism preparation process.** Our three-step preparation process includes: 1) at-home reading and preparation by the parents; 2) an intake conversation with a member of our parish staff; and 3) participation with other parents in a Sunday morning gathering, which begins with attendance at our 9:00 am "Family-friendly" Mass. Please call 731-4220 or e-mail parish@StBernardChurch.org to request a Baptism information and preparation packet.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Society: 735-3218

Usher Coordinator: John Lyons (516) 390-5150 or Jlyons8234@gmail.com

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

Welcome Father Innocent

E– mail Father Ralph: shepherd@StBernardChurch.org

Want to Marry Someday?

As I mentioned at the Masses last weekend, the Vatican has updated the marriage rite for Catholics. I asked people to let me know if they knew of unmarried Catholics between the ages of 18 and 35 who live in Levittown whom they could invite to our "Introduction to the New Marriage Rite Workshop" on Wednesday, Feb 1st. (See page 4 for details.) Here's the result of the quick census:

Ages	
18-20	7
21-25	59
26-30	62
31-35	11

The low number of 18-20 years old reflects the many who are away at college at this time and the low number of 31-35 year olds reflects those in this age group who are already married -- and of course many in this age group no longer live in Levittown. Eighteen single people between the ages of 18-35 were at Mass last weekend. Please spread the word about our workshop.

We are happy to welcome Father Innocent as our newest resident priest at Saint Bernard's. Father Innocent is the new chaplain to Nassau University Medical Center and his coming to Levittown is a "welcome back to Long Island" as he had served in our diocese for seventeen years in Maria Regina in Seaford and in Saint James in Setauket. He recently served in Nigeria, his home country, before coming back to the states.

Father Innocent was born on December 12th, 1963 and is from a family of eight children (three boys and five girls). He was ordained a priest for the National Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria on July 2, 1992 which means this year he will be celebrating his 25th anniversary.

He loves sports -- he played volleyball and soccer in his younger years and became a professional soccer referee before entering the priesthood. These days he runs around a little less-- with swimming and playing golf among his current favorite sports.

Father Innocent likes to read, and as he says, "I like challenges." So we are happy to welcome him to the challenges of life in Levittown and look forward to a fruitful ministry among us. He has been here but a week and it already feels as if he has belonged longer than that. Father Joe and I are so happy to have him live with us and he has already been a blessing to the parishioners he has met.

Welcome, Father Innocent!

PARISH NEWS

This Wednesday, January 25

Mid-Week Mid-Morning Book Discussion

Don't miss this one! A Pulitzer Prize winner and an extraordinary story that promises to stay with you for a very long time. ***All the Light We Cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr tells the tale of a blind French girl and a German orphan whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Join your fellow parishioners for an informal discussion of this NY Times Best Seller on Wednesday **January 25 at 10:00 AM** in the Parish Center. For more information contact Wally Rodier at wrodi@verizon.net or 516-731-6690.

Thinking of Getting Married Someday?

Did you hear that the Catholic Church just updated the marriage ritual with new prayers, blessings and options for couples? The new Rite has gone into effect as of 2017 and Father Ralph is doing a workshop to highlight the changes and options on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:30pm in the church. Even if you haven't found the right partner yet, you should come to this presentation so you'll be well informed when the time comes. More info online. www.stbernardchurch.org/Marriage-Someday. Bring friends!

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND

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Catholic Schools Week is January 29—February 4

To learn more call 516-678-5800 ext. 258 or visit www.LICatholicElementarySchools.org

GIFTS OF TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

January 15, 2017	January 17, 2016
$ 15,468.95	$ 12,577.65
650 envelopes	*560 envelopes*
Faith Direct	
$ 2,357.95	$ 2,054.72
Total Collection	
$ 17,826.90	$ 14,632.37

Capital Campaign

Goal:	$1,000,000.00
Pledged:	$1,199,925.00
Collected to date:	$1,135,081.00

Please **continue** to fulfill your pledge commitment so that all of the planned projects can be accomplished.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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PARISH CALENDAR *(Subject to change)*

Monday, January 23
4:00 pm PB&J Group, *Parish Center*
7:30 pm Miraculous Medal Novena, *Church*

Tuesday, January 24
10:00 am Our Lady of Consolation, *Parish Center*
11:00 am Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group, *Parish Center*
2:00 pm Zumba Gold, *Parish Center*
6:15 pm Children's Choir, *Parish Center*
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 316, *Cafeteria*
7:00 pm CYO Swim Meeting, *Parish Center*
7:00 pm Spanish Rosary, *Prayer Room*
7:00 pm Vivitrol Support Group, *School Room 206*
7:30 pm AA Meeting, *School Room 207*
7:30 pm Choir Practice, *Church*

Wednesday, January 25
7:30 pm Folk Group Rehearsal, *Off-site*
8:00 pm Bread of Life Prayer Group, *Parish Center*

Thursday, January 26
10:00 am Shawl Ministry, *Parish Center*
2:15 pm St. Vincent Meeting, *Clairvaux House*

MASS INTENTIONS

This listing may not reflect recent changes or additions.

Monday, January 23
8:00 am William McNamara

Tuesday, January 24
8:00 am Deceased members of the Gilmartin / Collins Family

Wednesday, January 25
8:00 am

Thursday, January 26
8:00 am

Friday, January 27
8:00 am

Saturday, January 28
8:00 am Timmy Reid
5:00 pm Joseph Mongello

Sunday, January 29
7:30 am Michael Giampetruzzi– *Living*
9:00 am Marybeth O'Halloran
10:30 am Joseph Garry, Edmund Joseph, Jr., Mary DeKoning Cicero, John F. Ackerina
12 Noon Anthony Carbone
5:30 pm For all parishioners

PARISH CALENDAR *(Subject to change)*

7:30 pm Bible Study, *Parish Center*

Friday, January 27
10:00 am Bible Study, *Parish Center*
2:00 pm Island Harvest Food Safety Training, *Parish Center*
6:00 pm Girl Scout Cadette Troup, *Parish Center*

Saturday, January 28
9:00 am Awakening Faith, *YM Room School*
10:15 am Special Ed, *Parish Center*
11:00 am Women's AA Meeting, *Cafeteria*
6:00 pm Sacred Heart Communities, *Parish Center*

Sunday, January 29
3:00 pm Visit from St. Thomas Church, *Church**
4:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal, *Church*
4:30 pm Reception St. Thomas Orthodox visit, *Parish Center **
6:30 pm Youth Ministry Meeting, *YM Room*
8:00 pm AA Meeting, *Cafeteria*

**See page 7 for more information*

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Joan Berg	Joan Paulette Dingle	Joseph Gould
Ann Kelly	Rosetta Macone	Sharon Natoli
Maria Ramirez	Roselind Mary Stanislaus	Cynthia Wilson

All names will remain on the list for 4 weeks after you call in. After that time we ask, if necessary, to call again. Thank you for cooperating and God bless all.

Please pray for all those on our Long-term Sick List

Baby Mason Francis Combs

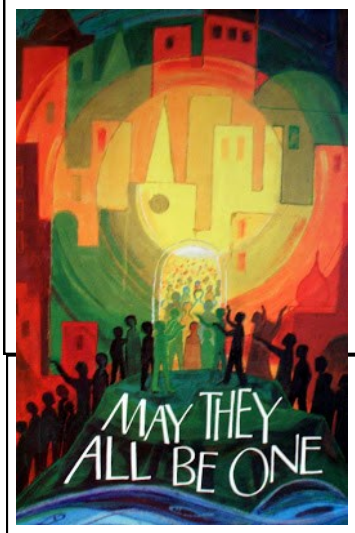
Susan Arena	Brian Austin	Arlene Barsch
Kathleen Biscardi	Eileen Bopp	Irene Boyce
Jean Caprera	Rosemary Clark	Ed Costello
Diane DeSalvo	Monica DeLaRosa	Debra Dowdell
Margaret Dowdell	Gerry Finlan	Jim Finlan
Linda Fitz	Kathleen Flaherty	Rich Fuleki
Teresita Gallego	Regina Gorman	Colleen Grasing
John Guiffre	Mike Hach	Patricia Hafner
Carolyn Hakim	Cynthia Hansen	Donna Hare
John Hartofil	Judy Hupfer	Vicki Jacona
Steve Jugan	Jerome W. Kalkhof	Anne Kalman
Katherine Anne Kwestel	Violet Kwestel	Tia Mabanta
Andrew Mahoney	Lucy Marconi	Gene McDonagh
William McDonagh	Teresa McDonald	Dr. John McLaughlin
Mary McLean	Mary Messina	Irmgard Montanino
Kerri Orlando	Johnny Perdue	Rosina Perri
Raymond Pfeifer	Catherine Pipinou	Joan Rampolla
Fred Rappa	Laureen Quinn-Sturge	Deanne Reilly
John Rotondo, Jr.	John Rotondo, Sr.	Flore Rowe
Federico Rueda	Terri Saccente	Eve Saint
Thomas Saint	Angela Scilla	Keith Sessa
Terry Sherwood	Norma Steiger	David Testa
Rosalie Travers	Jerry Valinoti	Donna Vollaro
Theresa Votta	Brendan Wagner	Richard Yankowski
Frank Zizzo		

Help Us Keep the Sick List Up-to-date

When your loved one's health improves, please call the rectory at 516-731-4220 to let us know so their name can be removed from the sick list. It is important that the list remain current. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED AND THOSE WHO MOURN FOR THEM

Louis DeRespino Marianna Ferraro James Athenas



If Jesus prayed that all his followers "may be one," how come we're not??

(Part II)

by Diane Vella, Pastoral Associate

When's the last time you worshipped in a church that's not Catholic? It's OK to visit; you may even enjoy the experience. Sometimes you'll find the worship very similar to Catholic worship (like in a Lutheran or Episcopalian church), and sometimes it might be very different (like in a Baptist or Pentecostal church). There are different ways of worshipping Jesus and building up his Body, the Church, and each church has its own way of thinking about and doing what they think is most important. Differences aren't always bad things. Each of us has to find what "works" to best connect us to Jesus and one another, always seeking what's truest about Jesus and his community.

We do have some legitimate differences about some important aspects of being Christian. A lot of those differences have to do with questions about how the Church should be organized, and about who should be responsible for making decisions. So, the Roman Catholic Church believes that a teaching office centralized in the Pope and the bishops from all around the world brings greater unity to the Church, while other Christian communities, - the Lutherans for example—have a less centralized decision-making system, believing that this better responds to the needs of the Church in different regions.

Another example: the Roman Catholic Church (but not the Eastern Catholic Churches) have maintained the tradition that priests should remain unmarried so they can be freer to serve, while most other churches and Christian communities have returned to the even earlier tradition of married clergy, believing that the support of a spouse and family helps a priest to do his or her job better—and also gives you a bigger "pool" of people available for the priesthood!

Other things are really differences in *emphasis* rather than belief or practice. For example, Catholic and Orthodox Christians emphasize relating to God's friends who have gone before us—the saints, those canonized and those known to God. We consciously "commune" with them, we ask them to pray for us and with us, and we use pictures and medals and statues to remind us of them and help us to imitate them. However, did you know that ALL Christians profess belief in "the communion of saints" as well? It's simply that some Christian communities—Baptists, for example—don't emphasize relating to the saints in the way that we do. Not a difference in belief here, just a difference in emphasis.

What's most critical for all of us to realize is that ALL Christians agree on the most important aspects of our faith: We all believe in one "creative" God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit; we all believe God became human in Jesus "for us and for our salvation," and we all believe that God sends the Holy Spirit to inspire, guide and strengthen us. We all believe that Jesus established a community so that we could support one another in giving glory and praise to God by continuing Jesus' mission of bringing God's love, forgiveness and compassion to our families, workplaces, and communities. ALL Christians profess the same Nicene Creed, although not all Christians actually say it every Sunday in Church. ***What unites us is much more than what divides us!***

LUTHERANS AND ROMAN CATHOLICS: THEN AND NOW

500 years after the Reformation, how far have we come?

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the church

The Rev. Laurie Cline
Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellmore

The Rev. Msgr. Donald Beckmann
Pastor, St. Ignatius Martyr R.C. Church, Long Beach

Sponsored and presented by the Long-Island Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue

Return visit from St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Levittown

In November, 85 St. Bernard's parishioners visited St. Thomas Church for a tour and to learn about the worship and ministries of our newest fellow Christians in Levittown.

Join us as we have invited the people of St. Thomas to visit us in return!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
3:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

If you are able to join our hospitality team for this event, please contact Diane Vella at 516-731-4220 or dvella@stbernardchurch.org

Are you a man or woman over 50?

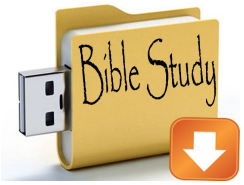
Spirituality for the Golden Years

Monday, February 13, 1:30 p.m.
Parish Center

This month's topic:
The Spirituality of Compassion

Leader: Sister Jo Ann Walsh, R.S.M.
Retreat Director and Certified Spiritual Director.

What does the Bible really mean?



The Prophets: Fortune-Telling Fools or Faithful Fanatics?

Almost every Sunday of the year, we hear in Church from the writings of the Prophets of the Old Testament: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others. Who were these people? What was their message to the people of Israel, and what are they saying to us today about faith and life? Come join us and the Sunday Scriptures will "come alive" in a new way!

4 Thurs. starts Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m. or 4 Fri. starts Jan. 20, 10:00 a.m., Parish Center
Diane Vella, M.A., instructor

Information: Diane Vella, 516-731-4220 or dvella@stbernardchurch.org

LITURGY CORNER

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 22, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah recalls Israel's history when the northern tribes were conquered by the Assyrians and placed in exile. Their situation described as "darkness" and their living conditions as being "in the land of gloom." Their eventual freedom is attributed to the intervention of God who came to them as a light. The result of this freedom was "great rejoicing" and "abundant joy." The prophet compares their jubilation to the joy that happens when the spoils of the harvest are shared, and when those in slavery are given their freedom.

Responsorial Psalm 27: The first verse is a declaration of praise of the Lord. The second is a petition to dwell with the Lord and the third is an affirmation of confidence in the Lord. The Lord is addressed with three metaphors: light, salvation, and refuge. Each ascribes to the Lord both the desire and the power to take care of the psalmist and, by inference, all those who know the Lord.

Second Reading: On more than one occasion Paul takes the Church in Corinth to task for the divisions that arise among them. Today's text is one example. Although Paul considers them brothers and sisters in the Lord, he still takes responsibility for their spiritual welfare and for the harmony that should be among them. He dismisses their bickering over whom they should follow by reminding them that it is Christ Jesus who has saved them. The Gospel he preaches is that of Christ; and that is what they are to follow.

Gospel: Today's reading is Matthew's account of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. One of Matthew's themes is the connection between Jesus' mission and that foretold by the prophets. He does this by quoting the Isaiah passage that was the first reading. Jesus is presented as the light for the nations. Now that John the Baptist has been arrested, Jesus takes up his ministry and calls the first four apostles. The immediate response of the four fishermen has become an example for every disciple who intends to follow the Lord. The last lines of the Gospel announce the nature and scope of Jesus' mission.

Day of Prayer and Saints of the Week

Monday, January 23. Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. On this day, the Church gives us prayers rooted in hope as the United States mourns the loss of millions of lives by abortion. In the Mass for Peace and Justice, we pray that all governments, especially our own, seek a truly just society; one in which the common good of all people, including the most vulnerable, is sought. We should remember that there may be members of our parish who are still in the process of reconciling with God and the Church because they have had an abortion. Using this day to condemn rather than to show mercy causes unnecessary pain.

Tuesday, January 24. St. Francis de Sales. Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622), bishop of Geneva, contributed immensely to the development of spirituality through the publication of his book, *An Introduction to the Devout Life.* Living at a time when manuals on spirituality were written primarily for clerics and members of religious orders, St. Francis' book provided a practical path of holiness for people from all states of life. Along with his accomplishments in the area of an everyday, or lay, spirituality, he cofounded with St. Jane Frances de Chantal the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, a religious community of nuns that would move beyond traditional enclosure to a healthy blend of prayer and service to the poor.

Thursday, January 26. Sts. Timothy and **Titus**. Bishops. First century bishops and martyrs, Sts. Timothy and Titus are celebrated together because of this joint association with St. Paul. Timothy accompanied Paul on some of his journeys, and he is the one addressed in the Letters to Timothy in the New Testament. St. Titus was also a disciple and companion of St. Paul. He was probably a Gentile, and Paul refused to have him circumcised because the Gospel freed Gentiles from the Law of Moses. He is mentioned several times in Paul's letters and was probably commissioned to preach to the Gentiles.

Friday, January 27. St. Angela Merici. Virgin. Several miraculous occurrences, including restoration of sight and visions surrounded the life of St. Angela Merici (1474-1540), a native of Desenzano in northern Italy. She was profoundly impacted by one vision in which she saw a great company of virgins and saints singing and playing instruments while descending from a staircase in the heavens. Based upon this vision, St. Angela founded a group of consecrated women known as the Ursulines, dedicated to the education of young women, especially the poor. The women often resided with their own families, but met for instruction. St. Angela was gravely concerned that customary practices of rules not hinder the women from freely serving those in need.

Saturday, January 28. St. Thomas Aquinas. Priest and Doctor of the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) felt drawn to the charism of the Dominicans, even though his parents wanted him to become a Benedictine monk. As a young Dominican, his reserved demeanor led his classmates to believe he was unintelligent; therefore, they called him the "dumb ox." Little did they know St. Thomas was a brilliant man who would write the *Summa Theologica*—a theological masterpiece that explicates the truths of the Catholic faith by demonstrating the intimate relationship between reason and revelation.

Sourcebook 2017

Diocese of Rockville Centre
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Liturgy I

Fundamentals and Basic Principles of Liturgy

Location**: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**
210 S. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757
Presenters: **Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, D.Min.**
Dates: **February 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 2017**
Time: **7:00 pm-9:00pm**
Cost: **$40.00 per person**
Learn more & Register Online: **www.drvc-faith.org**
If you have any questions contact Marie Ventimiglia at 516-678-5800 ext. 505

Readings for
January 22, 2017- January 29, 2017

IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO START !

Sunday, January 22. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 4:12-23.
Monday, January 23. Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98:1-6; Mark 3:22-30.
Tuesday, January 24. Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11; Mark 3:31-35.
Wednesday, January 25. Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle. Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117:1-2; Mark 16:15-18.
Thursday, January 26. Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops. 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mark 4:21-25.
Friday, January 27. Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34.
Saturday, January 28. Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; (Ps) Luke 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41.
Sunday, January 29. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 146:6-10; Matthew 5:1-12.

THE RIDE HOME

This feature is for families to share their thoughts as they travel to and from Church.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Adults: To whom could you preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than with words?

Children: What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

St. Vincent de Paul:
Thanks to everyone who remembers our low-income neighbors now and then, or on a regular basis. We are most grateful! Thanks also to everyone who offered financial support through the recent blue envelope collection. Please feel free to stop in to our office to see our pantry, so when folks ask where the food from church goes, you can tell them!

This week, our pantry needs include:

- **Peanut butter**
- **Grape jelly**
- **Tuna fish**
- **Ramen noodles**
- **Cup-o-noodles soups**
- **Oatmeal**
- **Canned pasta**
- **Coffee and tea (regular, decaf, instant)**
- **Hearty soups**

As always, thank you!
Please remember the poor boxes
and to "buy one, get one free!"

The Nassau County Bar Association:
This agency, located at 15th Street at the corner of West Street, Mineola, offers free private legal consultations to **seniors** (65+) (February 16th, 9:30-11:00 a.m.) and to **those with mortgage/foreclosure concerns** (January 23rd, 3:00-6:00 p.m.) It is necessary to call to schedule an appointment: (516) 747-4070. The consultations are conducted in a variety of languages, as needed.

Souper Bowl of Caring:
We hope you have been collecting loose change and bills for our **Souper Bowl of Caring which will take place on February 4th and 5th, 2017 at each Mass!** We would be thrilled if we could forward $5000 to Father Patrick toward the new well in his village in Nigeria. So start your scavenger hunt for change, sooner rather than later! Thanks!

Free Health Fair~~Tuesday, January 24th
The Nassau County Department of Social Services **(at 60 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Uniondale, Room 101)** is hosting a free health fair on **Tuesday, January 24th from 10:00-1:00 p.m.** including:

- ✓ **health screenings**
- ✓ **health information**
- ✓ **health insurance information**
- ✓ **free giveaways.**

For questions, call 516-546-9075.
F.Y.I.: Spring bereavement groups (recently bereaved, parents who have lost children, survivors of suicide, plus a training session) will be starting at the beginning of March. Further details to follow!

Come join us for the
Columbiettes Valentine Breakfast

On Sunday, February 12, 2017
From 10 a.m. - 12 noon
$10.00 per person at
Holy Innocents Council at
3581 Jeffries road - Levittown
Sign up at council or
Call for reservations:
Marie Chavez – 735-0037 or
Fran Beers - 735-7746

Catholic Daughters Court St. Pius #1690

- **January 27, March for Life in Washington, D.C**. for the legal protection of unborn children. Free. 5 AM Mass at St. Frances de Chantal in Wantagh. Bus departs at 5:30 for Holy Family in Hicksville. Bus departs Holy Family at 5:45 for Washington, D.C. Return at approximately 9-10 PM. For more information, contact Kevin Hoffman at 516-527-0761 or at kevin.hoffman@kmbs.konicaminolta.us.
- **February 5** – After all Masses – CDA hosts parish hospitality. Donations for veterans (toiletries, socks, candy, etc.) will be collected)
- **February 25, 1:00 PM – CDA Meeting** in Parish Center

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE PRESENTS
CANDY BAR BINGO!!

Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 6:00pm

St. Bernard's Cafeteria

Admittance Fee: One large size candy bar

8 games of bingo

Chances to win fun prizes and Chinese Auction, too!
Hot dogs and snacks will be available for purchase

Fun for the whole family!!

For more information:
susan.maher3@verizon.net
(516) 633-8960

"To walk in the light is to have a daily commitment to living out a righteous life…"

- Pope Francis

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Ordained in June of 2016, Fr. Jiha Lim heard the call to serve as a priest when he was an altar boy at his parish in South Korea.

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"Now as a priest in our Diocese, and Associate Pastor at St. Mary in Manhasset, my goal is to bring joy and hope to the people of God – and to reach out to others who are discerning becoming priests in our Diocese – to walk with them on their journey as other priests walked with me on mine."

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"*You can pray, read your Bible or other religious material, and talk about your faith at school.*" (U.S. Department of Education Guidelines)

"Bring Your Bible to School Day" announced by student group:
A Wayne City, Illinois H.S. has issued a ban on students posting about prayer or religious events on the school's Facebook page. When a student group advertised this event, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, a militant atheist group, complained and the superintendent immediately took down the posting without investigating the claim or the Department of Education Guidelines. A notice posted by a **student** is very different than if a school official did it. (christiantimes.com, 1/8/17; frc.org,1/6/17)

"You can organize prayer groups and religious clubs, and announce your meetings. "(U.S. Dept. of Ed. Guidelines*)*

We the People ...
Many Americans in the early years of the Republic truly regarded the Constitution as a miracle that was actually "influenced, guided and governed" by the hand of God. Founding Father, Benjamin Rush, said the origin of the Constitution was "from heaven" and he believed the "hand of God was employed in this work just as God had divided the Red Sea to give passage to the children of Israel, or had created the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai." Founding Father, James Wilson, said, "Governments, in general, have been the result of force, of fraud, and accident...The United States exhibit to the world the first instance, as far as we can learn, of a nation, ... deciding calmly concerning that system of government under which they would wish that they and their posterity should live."

(The 5,000 Year Leap, by W.C. Skousen)

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GIRL'S INTRAMURAL EVALUATIONS

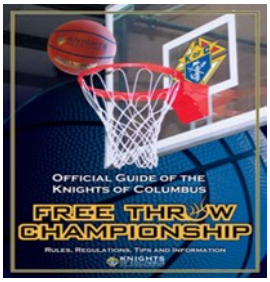
All take place in St. Bernard's Gym

Tues. Jan. 24th
6pm - 3rd Novice
7pm - 6/7th Intermediate
8:15pm - 8/9/10 Seniors

Wed. Jan. 25th
6pm - 8/9/10 Seniors
7:15pm - 4/5th Juniors
8:30pm - 6/7th Intermediate

Thurs. Jan. 26th
6pm - 3rd Novice
645pm - 4/5th Juniors

***It is **MANDATORY** for you to be at 1 of the 2 evaluations. If not you may not be able to play. If you cannot make either please email info@stbernardcyo.org before Jan. 23rd. for more information.



K of C Annual Free Throw Shooting Competition

When: TBD – Look on our website for updates
Where: St. Bernard's Gymnasium
Time: TBD **Who:** All ages 8-14

PICTURE DAY

Picture day for all **Girls Intramural Teams 3rd – 7th grade** will take place on **Saturday March 11th, 2017** Coaches will have your scheduled times. More info will be posted on the website.

ST. BERNARD'S CYO BASKETBALL
FEBRUARY 11, 2017
DOOR OPEN AT 7PM
More info will be on our web site

John and Karen Cahill's (CYO Board members) nephew, Devin O'Rourke has been battling Steven Johnsons Syndrome for a while and while thankfully he is getting better and is out of the hospital, the bills have been devastating to this family. We're trying to help them and plan on doing a 50/50 at the Night of the Races.

NOTIFICATION OF EVENTS

If you did not sign up on our website this year and want to continue receiving info on CYO events, Please create a login on our site. Emails are sent to the email address you use to sign up. Please unblock @stbernard.org from your spam folders

Jesus called His 1st disciples, saying, "Come, follow Me."

Trace the names.

The 1st were 2 brothers named

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and

Andrew.

The next 2 He called were also brothers. Their names were

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and

John.

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Jesus Preaches in Galilee

Jesus went to Galilee.

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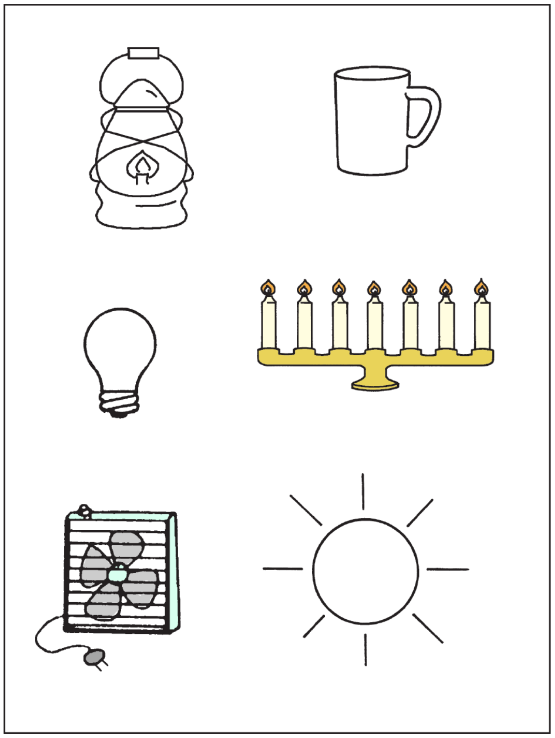
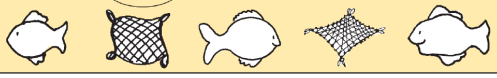
Jesus brought hope to the people, like a light in a dark place.

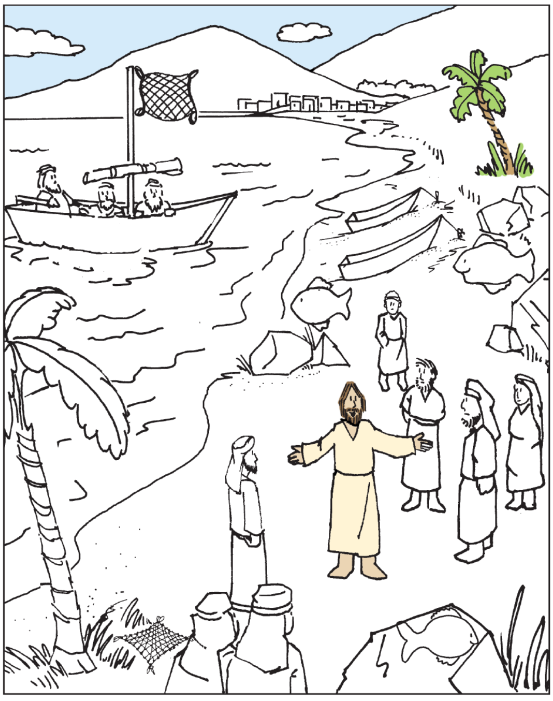
Circle the things that make light.



Jesus preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Circle the hidden objects.





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