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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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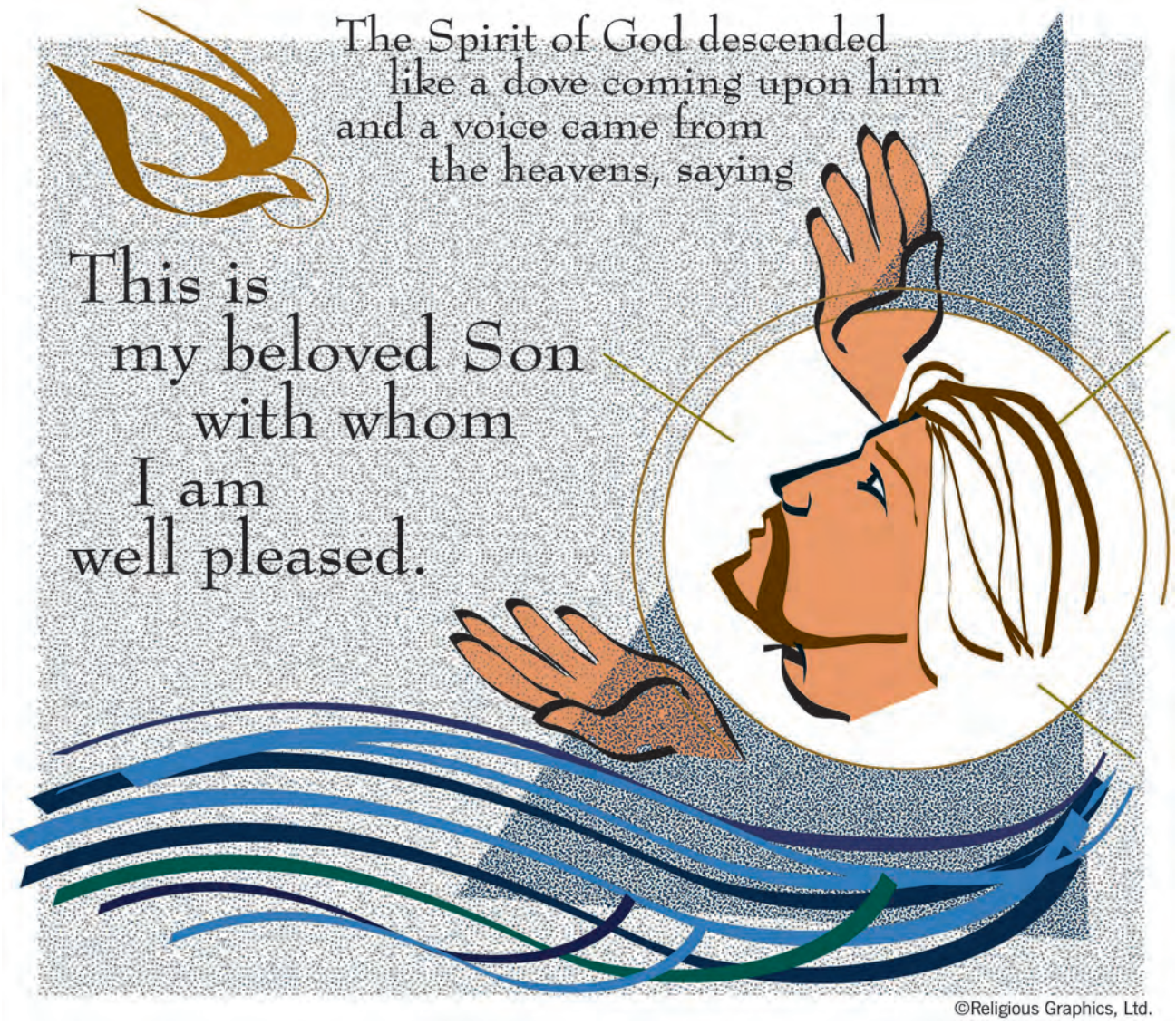

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

Give comfort to my people, says your 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**
Spanish Mass: 2nd & 4th week each month @ 7:30PM

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

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!

Healing the Turbulence

E– mail Father Ralph: shepherd@StBernardChurch.org

Special Thanks

Father Joe went to visit a friend in Missouri this past week and we're grateful to Bishop Richard Henning for celebrating the Noon Mass this Sunday to cover for Father Joe.

Next weekend, I'll be away as part of the team for a Retrouvaille weekend and I'm grateful to Bishop William Murphy for covering the 10:30 and 12 noon Masses for me.

Retrouvaille, as you may know, is a weekend program for couples who are experiencing distress in their marriages and is a healing lifeline to help them rediscover their love and commitment and learn some techniques that will strengthen their married relationship.

Please pray for me and the couples who are leading and who are attending this coming weekend. For more information about this program, go online to www.retrouvaille.org

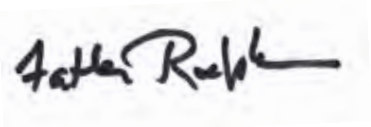
Pope Francis instructed the bishops of the United States to go on retreat to pray about the church's response to the sexual abuse scandal. While they were on retreat, he sent them a letter which in part read… "In recent years, the Church in the United States has been shaken by various scandals that have gravely affected its credibility. These have been times of turbulence in the lives of all those victims who suffered in their flesh the abuse of power and conscience and sexual abuse on the part of ordained ministers, male and female religious and lay faithful. But times of turbulence and suffering also for their families and for the entire People of God.

"The Church's credibility has been seriously undercut and diminished by these sins and crimes, but even more by the efforts made to deny or conceal them. This has led to a growing sense of uncertainty, distrust and vulnerability among the faithful. As we know, the mentality that would cover things up, far from helping to resolve conflicts, enabled them to fester and cause even greater harm to the network of relationships that today we are called to heal and restore.

"We know that the sins and crimes that were committed, and their repercussions on the ecclesial, social and cultural levels, have deeply affected the faithful. They have caused great perplexity, upset and confusion; and this can often serve as an excuse for some to discredit and call into question the selfless lives of all those many Christians who show an immense love for humanity inspired by the God who became man. Whenever the Gospel message proves inconvenient or disturbing, many voices are raised in an attempt to silence that message by pointing to the sins and inconsistencies of the members of the Church and, even more, of her pastors."

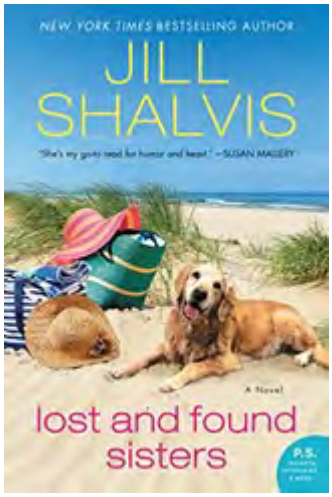
You can read the whole letter at the bishops' website: www.usccb.org

The Pastoral Council of St. Bernard's has been considering these concerns at their recent meetings and have invited two church leaders to speak with and listen to our parishioners at a roundtable discussion today (Sunday, January 13th) at 3pm in the school cafeteria. We are happy to welcome recently ordained auxiliary bishop Richard Henning and Mary McMahon, director of the office for the protection of children and young people in our diocese. I hope that you'll attend to learn more about what we are doing to create a safe and healthy community and to share your own thoughts and feelings about how the church can progress in the midst of the unfolding revelations of the shameful and criminal actions of the past. And let us all continue to pray for anyone who has experience abuse of any kind.



Mid-Week Mid-Morning Book Discussion

They say life can change in an instant…After losing her sister in a devastating car accident, chef Quinn Weller is finally getting her life back on track. She appears to have it all: a loving family, a dream job in one of L.A.'s hottest eateries, and a boyfriend ready to slip a ring on her finger. So why does she feel so empty, like she's looking for a missing piece she can't find?



Join your fellow parishioners on **Wednesday January 30 at 10 AM** in the St. Bernard Parish Center for an informal discussion of **Lost and Found Sisters** by NY Times best-selling author Jill Shalvis.

For more information please contact Wally Rodier at 516-731-6690 or wrodi@verizon.net.

GIFTS OF TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

January 6, 2019	**January 7, 2018**
$ 13,812.85	$ 11,295.05
579 envelopes	*434 envelopes*
Faith Direct	
$ 2,320.55	$ 2,604.00
Total Collection	
$ 16,133.40	$ 13,899.05

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PARISH CALENDAR *(Subject to change)*

Monday, January 14
After 8am Mass Miraculous Medal Novena, *Church*
~~2:00 pm Zumba Gold, *Parish Center*~~ cancelled
7:00 pm Bereavement Group, *Parish Center*
7:30 pm Meeting Christ in Prayer, *Parish Center*

Tuesday, January 15
10:00 am Our Lady of Consolation, *Parish Center*
6:15 pm Children's Choir, *Parish Center*
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 316, *School Cafeteria*
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 Adult Choir Rehearsal, *Church*

Wednesday, January 16
10:00 am—2:00 pm St. Francis Van, *Parking lot*
~~2:00 pm Zumba Gold, *Parish Center*~~ cancelled
7:30 pm Folk Group Rehearsal, *offsite*
8:00 pm Charismatic-Bread of Life Prayer Group, *Parish Center*

Thursday, January 17
9:30 am Padre Pio, *Parish Center*
9:30 am Shawl Ministry, *Parish Center*
1:45 pm St. Vincent de Paul, *Clairvaux House*
7:30 pm Bible Study, *Parish Center*

Friday, January 18
10:00 am Bible Study, *Parish Center*
2:00 pm Stroke Life Society, *Parish Center*
7:30 pm LIFT High School Program, *Parish Center*

Saturday, January 19
9:00 am Charitable Kidz, *Parish Center*
11:00 am Women's AA Meeting, *Cafeteria*

Sunday, January 20
9:00 am Baptism Preparation Mass, *Church*
10:00 am Baptism Preparation Gathering, *Parish Center*
4:15 pm Youth Choir Practice, *Church*
8:00 pm AA Meeting, *Cafeteria*

MASS INTENTIONS

This listing may not reflect recent changes or additions.

Saturday,	**January 12**
8:00 am	Barbara Kelly, Margaret Kroner, Catherine Fleming, Frank Milazzo
5:00 pm	Dottie Zink
7:30 pm	Jaime Jimenez-*Living*
Sunday,	**January 13**
7:30 am	The Hynes and Legere Families Living and Deceased
9:00 am	Marie Mascia
10:30 am	Richard Marconi, Warren Pappas, Genevieve Paladino, James P. Athenas
12 Noon	Joseph Reilly
5:30 pm	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
Monday,	**January 14**
8:00 am	Meyer & Magaña-Babich Families living & deceased
Tuesday,	**January 15**
8:00 am	Mildred Wilkinson
Wednesday,	**January 16**
8:00 am	Members of Morning Prayer Group and their Families
Thursday,	**January 17**
8:00 am	Sandra McDevitt
Friday,	**January 18**
8:00 am	Anthony Bakar
Saturday,	**January 19**
8:00 am	Mazie Horan, Janet Sadlowski, Andrew Sabo – *2nd Anniversary,* Mary Puglia
5:00 pm	Thomas Wenz
Sunday,	**January 20**
7:30 am	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
9:00 am	Patricia Amoroso
10:30 am	Tom Gilmartin, Richard Marconi, Sr. Juliana Deptuch, Pat Amoroso
12 Noon	Michelle Groenert– *5th Anniversary*
5:30 pm	Betty and Andrew Lalonde Sr.—*Anniversary Remembrances*

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED AND THOSE WHO MOURN FOR THEM

Felix Sanabria Gomez *Anthony Radano*
Manuel Sepulveda

SACRAMENTS

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Time

Michelle Olivieri, *St Bernard, Levittown*
Joseph Bongiorno, *Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson*

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Thomas Brennan	Patricia Burns	Christine Daly
Thomas Gilmartin	Nora Gruber	Jean Kyte
Bernadette Lynch	Rafael Nardo	Baby Ozzie Rosa
Eddie Salvatierra	Marguerite Vlaun	Lincoln Vlaun

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

Sara Aprigliano	Chris Angyal	Susan Arena
Brian Austin	Lorraine Bardolf	Arlene Barsch
Ike Bootsma	Lois Byrne	Jean Caprera
Rosemary Clark	Mason Francis Combs	Justin Dawson
Monica DeLaRosa	May Ann Dima	Debra Dowdell
Margaret Dowdell	Gerry Finlan	Jim Finlan
Rachel Fiorito	Linda Fitz	Kathleen Flaherty
Rich Fuleki	Muriel Gallagher	Teresita Gallego
Carole Gefken	Michael Giampetruzzi	Colleen Grasing
John Guiffre	Mike Hach	Patricia Hafner
Carolyn Hakim	Cynthia Hansen	Donna Hare
John Hartofil	Vicki Jacona	Steve Jugan
Jerome W. Kalkhof	Katherine Anne Kwestel	Violet Kwestel
Rosemarie LaFrance	Eugene Francis Luginsland	Martin Logan
Tia Mabanta	Jaime Macias	Andrew Mahoney
Lucy & Richard Marconi	William McDonagh	Teresa McDonald
Mary McLean	Mary Messina	Irmgard Montanino
Maryann Mulholland	Kerri Orlando	Johnny Perdue
Rosina Perri	Catherine Pipinou	Dolores Pizzo
Joan Rampolla	Fred Rappa	Laureen Quinn-Sturge
Deanne Reilly	Vinny Rosa	John Rotondo, Jr.
John Rotondo, Sr.	Flore Rowe	Federico Rueda
Eve Saint	Thomas Saint	Terry Sherwood
Guadalupe Silva	Katie-Ellen Spinelli	Danielle Stallone
Frances Stallone	Norma Steiger	Liberty Tabag
David Testa	Rosalie Travers	Frances Trzcinski
Joan Virostko	Theresa Votta	Brendan Wagner
Thomas Williams, Jr.	Cynthia Wilson	

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Share a meal.
View a video on a topic of faith.
Share your viewpoint.
Listen to others.
Grow!

Alpha is happening again!

9 weeks: 8 Friday evenings March 22—May 24, 7-9 p.m.

(Skips Good Friday April 19, and meets Sat. May 4, 1-4 p.m. instead of Fri. May 3)

For information and registration:

English—*www.stbernardchurch.org/alpha* ***Español***—*www.stbernardchurch.org/alphaespanol*

Are you spiritual??

That's the question that kicks off the first session of our informal adult discussion and learning group AWAKENING FAITH. Participants are then asked to think of the most "spiritual" person they know, and share with the group. We then discuss what makes a person "spiritual?" Do they have to pray a lot, or go to church? Or do they just have to be "nice"? As we listen to one another, we gradually come up with some basic ideas about what makes a person "spiritual." We eventually realize that spirituality doesn't necessarily have a connection with religion. There are plenty of people who are spiritually aware, but never set foot in a church, mosque, temple or synagogue. Being spiritual means having a deep awareness of the presence of a divine reality, and letting that awareness direct your life in a positive way.

Religions are supposed to help us do that. They "bind together" (Latin—*religio*) people who have similar experiences and perceptions of that divine reality (aka "God"). They are supposed to help us deepen our relationship with God and support us in our mission to bring heaven to earth. And furthermore, they give us the support of others in doing that. Doing God's work is tough stuff, and we need a community to support us. Jesus made that very clear!

For us Christians, that community is the ***Church.*** For us Christians, Jesus has shown us what that "divine reality" is all about, and what God expects of us for our own happiness and the happiness of the world. But just as there are people who are "spiritual but not religious," there are people who are religious but not spiritual. That *should be* an impossibility, since religious practice is rooted in spirituality. So ask yourself: Are you spiritual, religious, both or neither? And if you want to discuss it, come to AWAKENING FAITH next time it's offered!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

You can still join us!

exploring THE SUNDAY READINGS

Each week we will READ, LEARN, REFLECT and DISCUSS the coming Sunday's readings.
See what a difference it makes!

7 Thurs. nights starts Jan. 10, 7:30-8:45 pm
OR
7 Fri. mornings starts Jan. 11, 10-11:15 am

$6 donation for materials requested.
Contact Diane Vella at 516-731-4220 ext. 143 or dvella@stbernardchurch.org to register.

Maybe it's time to Belong

- Going to church but not baptized?
- Baptized, going to a Catholic church, but not Catholic?
- Baptized Catholic, going to church, but not confirmed in the faith?

Join the journey to adult faith!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Place form in collection basket, or contact Diane Vella:
516-731-4220 ext. 143 or dvella@stbernardchurch.org

GIVE BACK IN THE NEW YEAR

For Morning Funeral Liturgies

Friendly, compassionate people from our parish greet guests arriving for funerals and help them to feel welcome and comfortable.
Availability on weekday and/or Saturday mornings.

If you have that warm, welcoming way about you, consider paying forward your God-given gift to others as a Church Greeter.
Training is provided.
Completion of diocesan volunteer registration is required.

For information, contact Diane Vella at 516-731-4220 or dvella@stbernardchurch.org

For Weekend and Holy Day Masses

Church growth research shows that how people are welcomed by others in church has a big impact on whether or not they return. It starts at the door with the Worship Greeters!

We are particularly in need of Greeters for the Sunday 7:30 and 12:00 Masses.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus – Holy Innocents Council 3581
Knights in Action – December

Holy Innocents Council did not rest in December. We held our Annual ACDS Fundraiser raising $8,900, which aids those afflicted with Downs Syndrome and other developmental diseases. Honoring Jesus, all Knights of Columbus councils around the country hold an annual "Light Up For Christ" service. St. Bernard's Children's Choir did a wonderful job singing beautiful Christmas songs. Holy Innocents, as always, made a generous donation to Dottie and our wonderful Children's Choir. Our Knights on Bike held a fundraiser which raised $2,000 for those suffering from Cooley's Anemia, a blood disease that could be life threatening. Holy Innocents council also donates over $500 in Christmas baskets which goes to those needy families in our Levittown community. Also the beautiful Christmas trees outside St. Bernard's Church were donated by our council. And yes we can say Merry Christmas, as we vow to "Keep Christ In Christmas." This is just a small sample of what Knights of Columbus councils in our country and around the world do. Consider joining us as we provide support to our Church, our Community and those less fortunate. Any practical Catholic gentleman interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus please contact us. We also have a woman auxiliary the wonderful Columbiettes. The brothers and sisters of Holy Innocents Council would like to wish you and your family, a Blessed Christmas season filled with the Love of Jesus and a Happy and Healthy New Year. God Bless you and your family.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Divorced or Separated Catholics Of Long Island
Including Widows, Widowers and Singles
A Social Organization for Single Persons

New Member Orientation meeting **Wednesday, January 23 at 7:30 pm.** St. Frances De Chantal School 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. Non-denominational. All are welcome. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call: Carol – 516-794-4933 or Janet– 516-579-4016.

Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on **Sunday, January 20, 2019**, from **1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m.** This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow), a hospital that commits abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL (631) 243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

Do you need to fulfill your
Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **February 8, 9, 10, 2019.** For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org

St. Ignatius Parish Presents

A 5 day, 4 night trip to Washington, D.C.—Friday, March 29 to Tuesday, April 2, 2019—at the incredible price of only $575 per person (add $179 for single occupancy). **ALL** breakfasts, dinners transportation, tours and tips **are included!** Insurance is additional. For more information, flyer and reservations, please contact Barbara @ (516) 935-5576.

St. Bernard's Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

meetings are held on the **2nd and 4th TUESDAY** of the month from **11:00 am to 12:00 Noon** in St. Bernard's Parish Center. This program is designed to help each other cope with the challenging situation of dealing with someone with dementia.
For more information, please call Sister Maureen Ashe, at 646-241-8497.

Mark Your Calendar:

2019 - SAVE THESE DATES:

Friday, January 18 – March for Life

Sunday, February 3—Bring donations for Veterans to Hospitality Sunday: socks, cans of coffee, fixodent, deodorant, liquid soap, hair accessories for women.

Saturday, February 16, 1:00 PM—Monthly meeting

Scholarships Are Available – at the Court, County, State and National levels. Deadlines for applications vary. Contact Pam Wells at waymap@aol.com for rules and application forms.

CDA always welcomes new members. For information, please contact Kathy Scarallo at 516-796-6208 and/or Susan Maher at 516-633-8960.

Focus on Religious Freedom

from

Catholics for Freedom of Religion—CFFR

www.cffor.org

Celebrate! Religious Freedom Day is Here!

"Each year since 1993, the President declares January 16th to be 'Religious Freedom Day,' and calls upon Americans to 'observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship.'

"This is a great opportunity to teach students a civics lesson about the First Amendment and how it can be applied to schools," writes Gateways to Better Education.

Our Founders leaned heavily on Thomas Jefferson's *Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom,* passed on January 16, 1786, when they established the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom. This Virginia legislation stopped the practice of taxing people to pay for the support of the local state approved church and clergy and it protected the civil rights of people to express their religious beliefs without suffering discrimination.

To commemorate the day, schools can recognize Religious Freedom, the foundation of all our freedoms, with some of the following ideas:

- Read the Presidential Proclamation that every president composes and signs each year on January 16th and can be found at www.whitehouse.gov.
- Ask students to discuss and/or write about "What religious freedom means to me."
- Talk about countries where religious freedom is not allowed and that almost 3/4 of the world's population is denied this freedom that Americans enjoy.

Action Steps:

1. Contact your local School District and Board of Education and encourage them to recognize and celebrate Religious Freedom Day.
2. Go to www.cffor.org and www.GoGateways.org for additional information and ideas.

(cffor.org; GoGateways.org)

LITURGY CORNER

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

First Reading: We return to the prophet Isaiah and one of his best known prophecies. The prophet of whom he speaks is crying out in the desert, exhorting all to make ready for the Lord. This magnificent depiction of a passionate voice became the framework for understanding the role of John the Baptist in announcing Jesus as the Messiah of God.

Responsorial Psalm: speaks to the wondrous works of God. The images are vivid and spark the imagination: God's palace is constructed on the waters, the clouds are a chariot, the wind is God's wings. God also provides abundantly, and in praise we respond, "O bless the Lord, my soul."

Second Reading: The letter to Titus affirms that it is not through their merit that the followers of Jesus have been saved but by grace. This, along with training in right living (temperance, justice, devotion), empowers the community to "await in blessed hope" the second coming of Jesus.

Gospel: John had clearly developed a following and many people were wondering if he, in fact, was the Messiah. John says no; his baptism is with water and one will come behind him who is more powerful. This account differs in significant ways from the account in Matthew. Note that there is no reference to John baptizing Jesus. Still we again see the presence of the Holy Spirit, and hear the affirmation by God the Father of his Son, affirming the Sonship spoken of in Luke's account of the Annunciation.

Sourcebook 2019

THE RIDE HOME

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

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

Gospel: Luke -3:15-16, 21-22

Adults: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Children: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

Readings for
January 13, 2019—January 20, 2019

Sunday, January 13. The Baptism of the Lord. Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

Monday, January 14. Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Mark 1:14-20.

Tuesday, January 15. Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Mark 1:21-28.

Wednesday, January 16. Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Mark 1:29-39.

Thursday, January 17. Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot. Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-11; Mark 1:40-45.

Friday, January 18. Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3-4, 6-8; Mark 2:1-12.

Saturday, January 19. Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8-10, 15; Mark 2:13-17.

Sunday, January 20. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10; Jn:2:1-11.

Daily readings can be found online at:

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

ATTENTION:
HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORES and JUNIORS

Faith and Service in the City:
Vincentian Leadership Institute for High School Students

St John's University in Queens is offering a program to teens who have just completed 9th, 10th grade or 11th grade. This is a Vincentian Leadership Program, following the tradition of St. Vincent de Paul, who cared deeply for the poor. The program is called ***Faith and Service in the City.*** It is a week-long residential experience designed for young Catholic leaders who will be immersed in scholarship and service, followed by prayer and reflection on their daily trips to soup kitchens, shelters and educational sites that will enhance their understanding of Vincentian spirituality.

The same program is offered three different weeks, so there is flexibility in working this opportunity into your summer schedule. The dates for the three week-long sessions in summer of 2019 are:

Sunday, July 7 – Saturday, July 13
Sunday, July 21 – Saturday, July 27
Sunday, August 4 – Saturday, August 10

The cost of this week-long program is $100, which includes room & board, classroom instruction, and transportation to and from the service sites.

This is the website detailing the program: https://www.stjohns.edu/academics/schools-and-colleges/st-johns-college-liberal-arts-and-sciences/faith-and-service-city-vincentian-leadership-institute-high-school-students

Parents and teens who are interested in learning more about this fantastic opportunity are invited to attend a meeting on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th at 10am in the Parish Center**. St. Bernard's teens who attended the program last summer will talk about their experiences.

For more information, please contact
Sister Christine Sammons, Director of Parish Social Ministry at csammon@stbernardchurch.org or
Pat McDonough, Director of Youth Ministry, at pat@stbernardchurch.org

St Bernard's Basketball
Girls Registration Is Still Open For February/March/April Season

Leagues available:

- Novice Division – 3rd grade
- Junior Division – 4th and 5th grade
- Intermediate Division – 6th and 7th grade
- Senior Division – 8th and 9th and 10th grade
- We also have limited openings for 2nd grade clinic - co-ed

Register online at www.stbernardcyo.org

Please email info@stbernardcyo.org with any questions.

50/50 raffles and Chinese Auctions

Beer, Wine, Soda, Chips DJ

Guests may bring drinks or food of their choice

You must be 21 years of age to attend

$15 per person or $100 per table of 10

Any questions: Csciotto74@yahoo.com

St. Vincent de Paul:

We continue to feel such deep gratitude to all of our parishioners and friends who pro-vided tremendous material and financial support during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons!

As we return to our somewhat "normal" routines, we will be requesting specific items for the pantry if you are able to help. This week, our pantry needs include:

✓**Peanut butter**
✓**Grape jelly**
✓**Toilet tissue**

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

St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus:

St. Francis Hospital's new outreach bus will be at St. Bernard's on **Wednesday, January 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for free health screenings (**brief cardiac history, blood pressure, simple test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 and older**.) No appointment is required and **free flu shots are available.**

An Overnight for Married Couples:

Celebrating the Memories" will take place at St. Joseph Renewal Center, 26 South Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore on **February 9-10, 2019.** It will be led by three couples; cost is $150 per couple. For further information, call 631-647-8683. A lovely pre-Valentine treat!

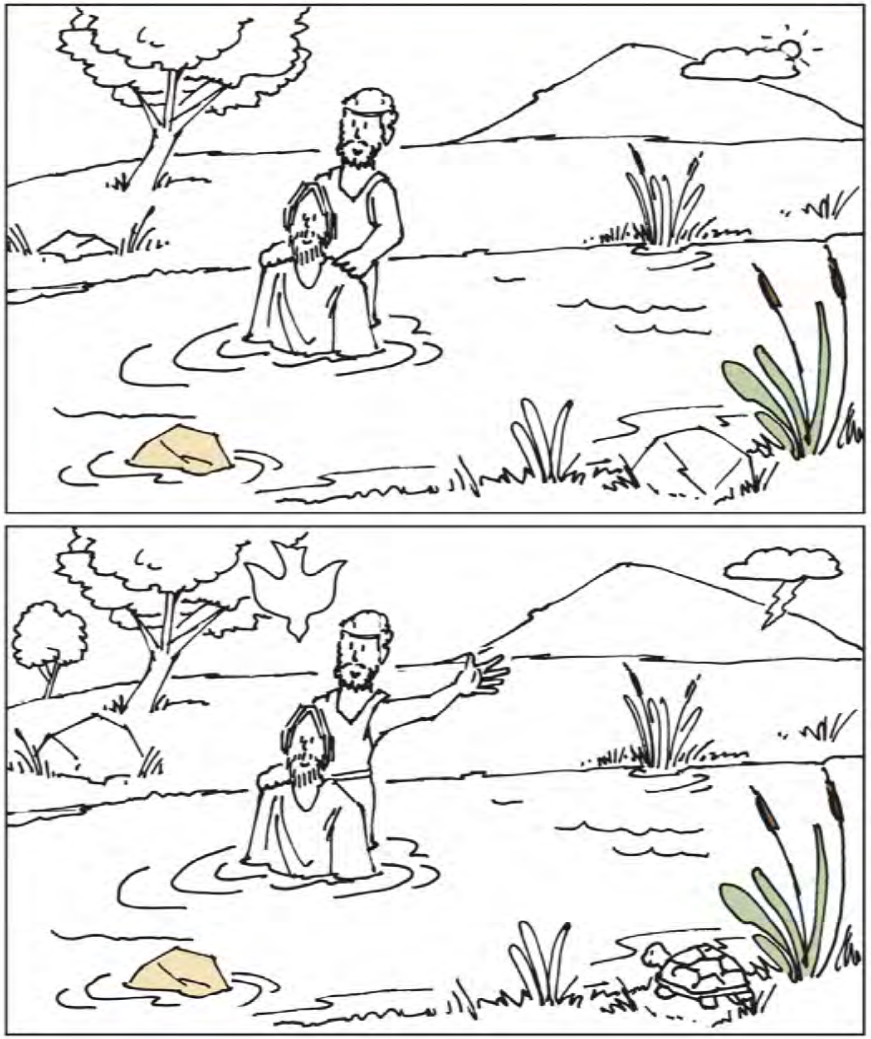
Who are Moral Heroes?
"Inspiration for the Hero inside of YOU!"
Please join us at St. Vincent de Paul
and be inspired… in honor of
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service
Monday, January 21, 2019
10 am – 2 pm (lunch is included)
SVDPLI Annex, 259 Broadway, Bethpage, NY 11714
All Young Vincentians (Charitable KIDZ) in Grades 6-12 are Welcome!
*Fun Service Project
*Prayer & Reflection
*Friendraiser Activity
Please RSVP at 516-822-3132 or
info@svdpli.org RE: MLK DAY by Wednesday, January 16th.
(If you have questions, please call
Sister Christine at 731-6074.)

2019 Narcan Training:

As we are sure you know, Narcan is a nasal-spray antidote to an opioid overdose. The County is providing **training** (March 7th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Hicksville Library169 Jerusalem Avenue) and a **refresher course** (January 30th, 7:30- 8:30 p.m., Bethpage Community Center, 103 Grumman Rd. Bethpage.) For further information go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/overdose

When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to Him like a dove. And a Voice came from heaven: "You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased."

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.



Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+ **January 13, 2019 • Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

John Baptizes Jesus

John the Baptist told the people about Jesus.

Connect the dots.
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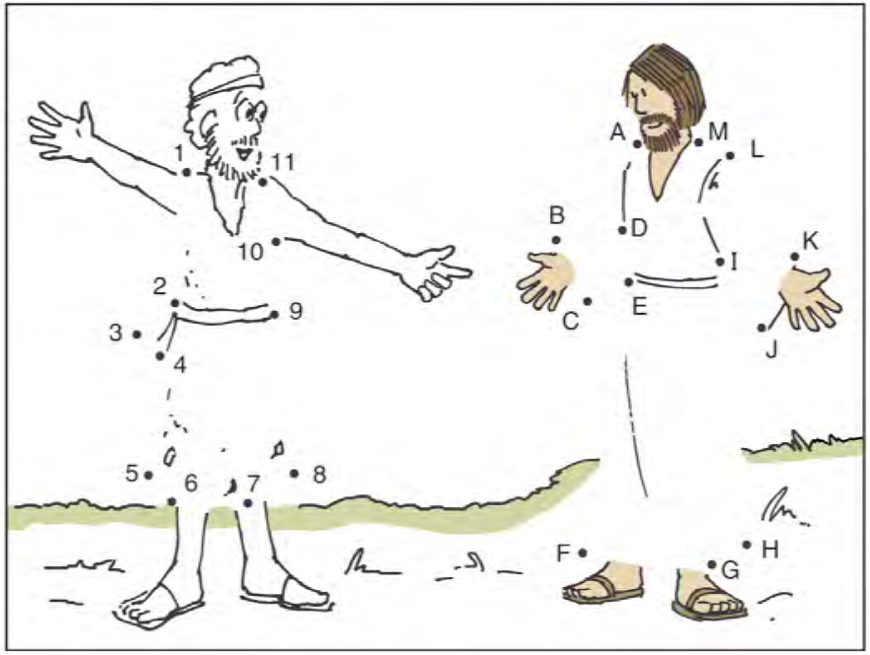

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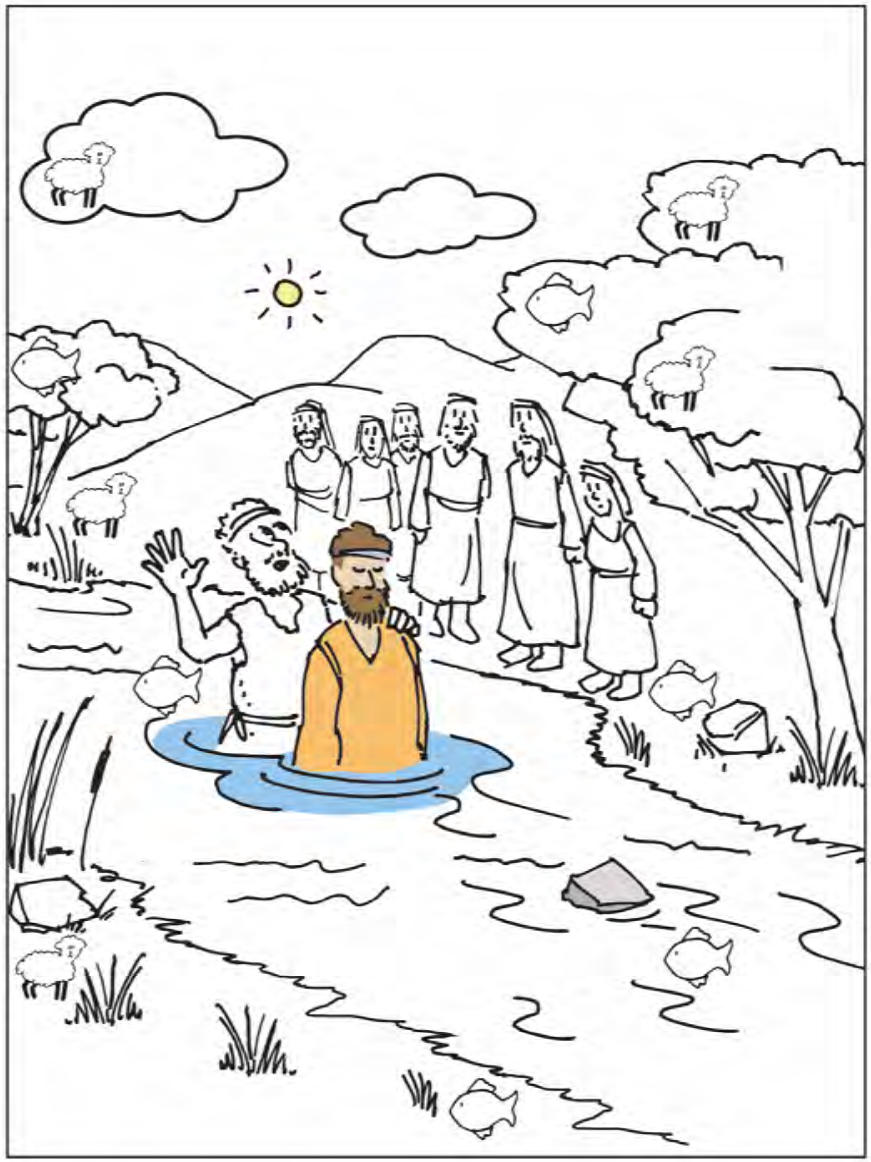
John said, "I baptize with water."

Find and count how many.

4 or 5 ?

5 or 6 ?



What will Jesus baptize with?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.

□ = A ⬡ = E ♡ = I

𓅓 = O ☆ = Y

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Percentage raised toward our goal	89%
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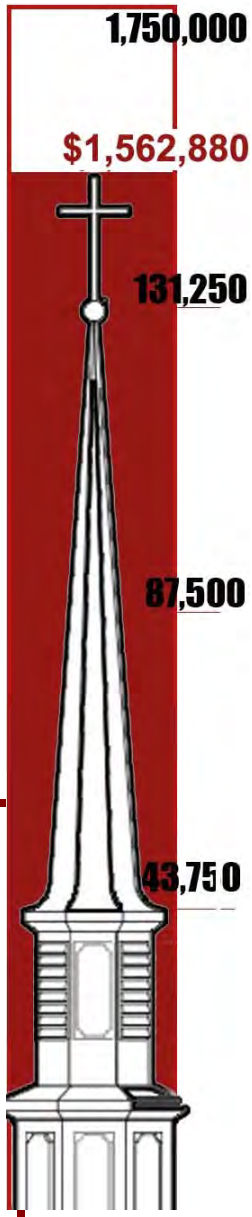

Adding a new phase to campaign.

Now that 2019 has begun, we are starting an additional phase to our Let's Build! campaign where we ask businesses and corporate donors to make a contribution to our fund drive. Please take this page to work with you and see if your employer might be able to join in this effort.

An invitation to join Saint Bernard in renovating for the future…

Saint Bernard in Levittown has been serving people on Long Island for 70 years and is in the midst of a renovation campaign. Our campus is aging and we are looking forward to making improvements that will increase the safety, beauty, and function of the parish buildings.

Our parishioners have already raised over $1.5 million in pledges and gifts and we are now inviting businesses and corporate donors to make a contribution to this vital project.

A full report about our plans is available at our website: www.stbernardchurch.org and we encourage you to visit the site to see what our plans are.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to e-mail our Pastor, Father Ralph Sommer at shepherd@stbernardchurch.org or call (516)731-4220 ext 130.

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