

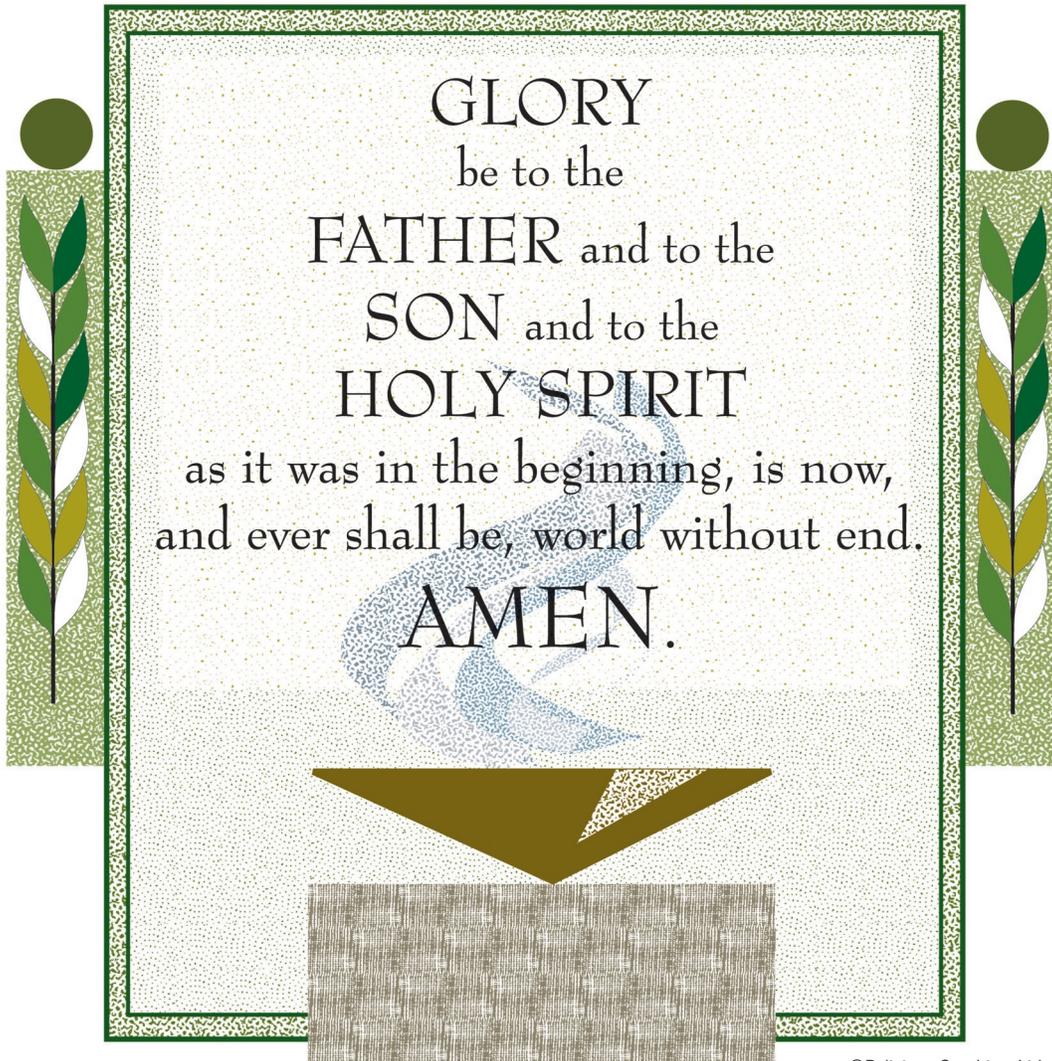


ST. BERNARD'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A COMMUNITY OF FAITH  HOPE  AND LOVE 



GLORY

be to the

FATHER and to the

SON and to the

HOLY SPIRIT

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.

AMEN.

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
June 11, 2017

Bless the Father, Son and Spirit



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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!



God Homogenized

E-mail Father Ralph: shepherd@StBernardChurch.org

Attention Graduates

Do you know someone who is graduating this year? Whether it's from college or graduate school, high school or middle school, or even kindergarten, etc., we want to celebrate your accomplishment and give you a blessing for the future. So be sure to attend any Mass on the weekend of June 24/25. Dress nicely, and be prepared to come forward for a graduation blessing

Father Innocent

Did you know that Father Innocent Mbeagbu is celebrating his 25th Anniversary as a priest this month? He also received word that at the end of the month he will be assigned to St. James Parish in Seaford. So to celebrate his Silver Anniversary and to send him forth, we invite everyone to join us at the 12noon Mass on June 25th, followed by a reception.

Corpus Christi

Next week we'll end the Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & noon Masses with a procession out of church following the Blessed Sacrament.

When a cow is milked, and as the milk settles, a layer of cream forms at the top of the milk. Since milk is an oil and water combination, it doesn't stay mixed unless it is "homogenized." Homogenized milk is run through tiny tubes, sometimes during the pasteurization process to keep fat and liquid molecules together. Fat molecules are reduced in size and tend to disperse more evenly throughout the milk so that creaming on the top of milk doesn't occur.

Now you might be wondering what this little lesson on homogenization has to do with the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity which we celebrate this weekend. Well it's yet another human attempt to describe the Divine -- who is one God, but three persons. In fact in the earliest century of the church (in the year 325 AD to be exact), the church described how one God could be three persons using the Greek word "homousion" -- which is the root of the word "homogenize."

So I don't know if this image of a "homogenized God" will help you grow spiritually or not, but it's worth a try. In some ways I'm a homogenized version of my mother and father. I'm my own person (as are they) but I'm made up their DNA combined, and yet I'm still separate. So I'm kind of a homogenized trinity. I couldn't have existed without both my mother and father's existence. And there are traits -- physical and personality -- that flow from their existence and influence.

So too it is with the "Father, Son and Holy Spirit." One can't exist without the other, yet they are homogenized -- that is mixed together in a unity, yet their individuality isn't taken away.

If your preference is to pray to the Father -- you get Jesus and the Holy Spirit's attention too. If you usually pray to Jesus, you still get the Father and the Holy Spirit to be part of your life. If the Holy Spirit is the one you're most drawn toward, it doesn't leave out the other two. They are always in one another.

And because Jesus comes to us in Communion, they are in us too. Happy feast day!

Father Ralph



PARISH NEWS

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. Every Tuesday, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

held 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 Mike Bartholomew at 516-735-1685.



STEVEN JOHN ESPOSITO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2017

Steven John Esposito (1985-2012) lived all his life in Levittown, New York. As a child Steven enjoyed playing sports, especially baseball, football and basketball. Along with his older brother Michael, Steven participated in the St. Bernard's CYO Basketball Program.



This year the *Steven John Esposito Memorial Scholarship* will award **two athletes**, each with a \$150 scholarship towards a St. Bernard's CYO basketball camp, clinic, or team fee.

The applicant should display team spirit, sportsmanship and want to improve his or her basketball skills. The applicant should be caring and display kindness and respect towards family, coaches and teammates.

The applicant should submit a short, type-written essay, **no more than 500 words**: Who is your biggest fan and why? (You can also include a picture of your biggest fan)

Requirements:

1. This scholarship is open to any child who participates in St. Bernard's CYO Basketball Program
2. Applications and essays must be received by June 15, 2017
3. Send applications, **attached as a word document to:** SJEMemorialScholarship@gmail.com subject: CYO Scholarship 2017
4. Only one application per individual will be accepted
Based on the submitted essays, two will be selected for the scholarship and notified by July 15, 2017.



GIFTS OF TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

<u>June 4, 2017</u>	<u>June 5, 2016</u>
\$ 13,466.25	\$ 13,740.80
563 envelopes	535 envelopes
<u>Faith Direct</u>	
\$ 2,587.90	\$ 2,108.00
<u>Total Collection</u>	
\$ 16,054.15	\$ 15,848.80

Capital Campaign

Goal:	\$1,000,000.00
Pledged:	\$1,199,925.00
Collected to date:	\$1,138,206.00

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

Faith Direct

Have you enrolled yet?

www.faithdirect.net Code = NY272



Father Nohs Best

What's the so-called "Plan" for Planned Parenthood?

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PARISH CALENDAR *(Subject to change)*

Monday, June 12	
2:00 pm	Zumba Gold, <i>Parish Center</i>
After 8am Mass Miraculous Medal Novena, <i>Church</i>	
7:30 pm	Parish Leader Meeting, <i>Parish Center</i>
Tuesday, June 13	
10:00 am	Our Lady of Consolation, <i>Parish Center</i>
11:00 am	Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group, <i>Parish Center</i>
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 316, <i>Cafeteria</i>
7:00 pm	Spanish Rosary, <i>Prayer Room</i>
7:00 pm	Vivitol Support Group, <i>School Room 206</i>
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, <i>School Room 207</i>
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice, <i>Church</i>
7:30 pm	Welcome Ambassador Meeting, <i>Parish Center</i>



MASS INTENTIONS

This listing may not reflect recent changes or additions.

- Monday, June 12**
8:00 am Sandra McDevitt
- Tuesday, June 13**
8:00 am Sonnie Tae
- Wednesday, June 14**
8:00 am Noreen Ginianne
- Thursday, June 15**
8:00 am Matthew Tanck
- Friday, June 16**
8:00 am Patrick Winberry
- Saturday, June 17**
8:00 am Anthony Cecco, Sr.,
Von Rico Ong,
William B. Smith,
Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin
Mother
5:00 pm Kay Flaherty
- Sunday, June 18**
7:30 am Judie Lynch
9:00 am Eugene Lynch
10:30 am Fathers' Day Novena,
Charles Pisano, Jr.,
Declan Anthony Witte,
James Cyran—20th Anniversary
12 Noon For all parishioners
5:30 pm Ofelia Perez— *Living*

PARISH CALENDAR *(Subject to change)*

- Wednesday, June 14**
2:00 pm Zumba Gold, *Parish Center*
7:00 pm CFFR, *Parish Center*
7:30 pm Folk Group Rehearsal, *Off-site*
8:00 pm Bread of Life Prayer Group, *Parish Center*
- Thursday, June 15**
10:00 am Shawl Ministry, *Parish Center*
2:15 pm St. Vincent Meeting, *Clairvaux House*
7:30 pm RCIA Team Meeting, *Parish Center*
- Friday, June 16**
6:00 pm Girl Scout Cadette Troup, *Parish Center*
7:30 pm Book Pilgrimage, *Parish Center*
- Saturday, June 17**
11:00 am Women's AA Meeting, *Cafeteria*
6:00 pm Sacred Heart Community, *Parish Center*
- Sunday, June 18**
4:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal, *Church*
6:30 pm Youth Ministry Meeting, *YM Room (School)*
7:00 pm Men's Catholic Fellowship, *Prayer Room*
8:00 pm AA Meeting, *Cafeteria*



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Margaret Anderson | Robert Biscardi | Dr. James Collins |
| Eddie Flecker | Michael Kubat | James McCarthy |
| Sally & George Perry | Milagro Rivera | Tony Scumaci |
| Barbara Steffens | Patricia Ward | Michael Witkowski |

*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

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|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Baby Mason Francis Combs | | |
| Susan Arena | Brian Austin | Arlene Barsch |
| Kathleen Biscardi | Irene Boyce | Jean Caprera |
| Rosemary Clark | Ed Costello | 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 | Vicki Jacona |
| Ann Johnson | 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 | Lauren Quinn-Sturge |
| Deanne Reilly | John Rotondo, Jr. | John Rotondo, Sr. |
| Flore Rowe | Federico Rueda | Terri Saccente |
| Eve Saint | Thomas Saint | Angela Scilla |
| Terry Sherwood | Norma Steiger | David Testa |
| Rosalie Travers | Donna Vollaro | Theresa Votta |
| Brendan Wagner | Richard Yankowski | |

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

William Cannon

John E. Giordano Judy Hupfer



OUR PARISH MISSION—BE A PART OF IT!

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.



Religious Education for Children

Do you love children and are you passionate about sharing faith with them?

Do children respond well to you?

Do you have teaching experience, or are you willing to learn?

St. Bernard's offers the opportunity for the right people to serve in our catechetical ministry for children as teachers, teaching assistants or hall monitors during classes.

Contact Susan Martin at 516-731-8511 or smartin@stbernardchurch.org for information.

Have you ever noticed that we don't recycle here at St. Bernard's?



If you are someone who cares about our environment, we would like to begin the "greening" of our parish with a recycling program.



Interested in getting involved? Contact Diane Vella at 516-731-4220 ext 143 or dvella@stbernardchurch.org



Are you good at meeting and greeting??

St. Bernard's Worship Greeters greet people at the doors of the church and make them feel welcome.

We are looking for welcoming individuals, couples, or families to join our team of Greeters.

WE PARTICULARLY HAVE SPOTS FOR THE 7:30 and 12:00 MASSES!

Commitment is to arrive 30 minutes before Mass, and greet at a particular Mass every third week for one year.

Interview and completion of diocesan volunteer registration process required.

If interested, contact Diane Vella at 516-731-4220 ext 143 or dvella@stbernardchurch.org

Do you enjoy our Hospitality Sundays? Can you help??



Lots of folks enjoy our monthly Hospitality Sundays when we serve bagels, coffee and other goodies, and provide fun arts and craft activities for kids after the Sunday morning Masses. More folks are needed to assist with hosting to ensure we can continue this

opportunity for fellowship!

Contact parish@stbernardchurch.org or atparh@stbernardchurch.org for information





**SUMMER AWAKENING FAITH
IN THE SUN!**



AWAKENING FAITH is an informal study and discussion program for people in their 20s-40s wondering whether faith fits into their lives. Topics include: Am I Spiritual? Why Does Jesus Matter? Why Does the Church Matter?

We will meet on the "Great Lawn" next to the Church! Bring a seat and a cool beverage!

**4 Thurs. mornings starts July 6
10-11:30 a.m.**

For information contact Diane Vella at 516-731-4220 ext 143
or dvella@stbernardchurch.org

**The Catholic Faith and
the Common Good:
THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

This is the latest in our series of articles to keep parishioners informed about what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is saying about the current issues affecting the common good. More information is available at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>

The following was published by the USCCB on June 1:

Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, has issued the following statement to emphasize the importance of honoring the Paris Agreement in order to "mitigate the worst impacts of climate change" on our planet.

Bishop Cantú's full statement follows:

"The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is on record supporting prudent action to mitigate the worst impacts of climate change. Our Conference of Bishops has vigorously promoted the teaching of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, on care for our common home. The Holy Father's encyclical letter, *Laudato si'*, was timed in order to urge the nations of the world to work together in Paris for an agreement that protects our people and our planet. We hope the United States will honor the commitment it made there."

The full letters to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Secretary of the Treasury, Steven Mnuchin, and National Security Advisor, H.R. McMaster can be found at:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/usccb-crs-letter-to-secretary-tillerson-on-care-for-creation-2017-02-17.cfm>

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/usccb-crs-letter-to-treasury-secretary-mnuchin-on-environment-2017-05-05.cfm>

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/usccb-crs-letter-to-nsa-mcmaster-on-environment-2017-05-05.cfm>

As Catholic Christians we are called to carefully consider the guidance of our bishops on this matter, and to use our power as citizens to ensure that the bishops' goals of proclaiming the Gospel of life, protecting the least among us, and pursuing the common good are honored.

*Are you a man
or woman
over 50?*



Spirituality for the Golden Years

**Monday, June 19, 1:30 p.m.
Parish Center**

**This month's topic:
Holiness is Wholeness**

*This will be the last session for the summer;
the group will resume in September.*

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

Father Nohs Best

What's the so-called "Plan" for Planned Parenthood?

According to their own reports the "Planned Parenthood" organization receives approximately \$554.6 million every year. Also according to their own reports this money is used for population control with a whopping 2,945,059 "contraceptive services" and approximately 889 abortions every single day. Let me say that last number again... over 889 abortions every single day.

We hear a great deal from politicians about "defunding" Planned Parenthood. However, Planned Parenthood has already actually received a **\$1 MILLION increase in funding**. According to a report by Laretta Brown in the May 30th, 2017 online article: "Surprise: Latest Planned Parenthood Annual Report Shows Increase in Abortions, Government Funding;" Planned Parenthood seems to be thriving.

This past week I was shocked to learn that the World Premiere release of the comic book movie "Wonder Woman" was to open to an all-female audience. No men were to be allowed to see the premiere. THAT, unfortunately, was NOT the shock. The shock for me was that ALL of the proceeds from the premiere weekend are to go to... **where???**... you guessed it.... To Planned Parenthood. How can I now go to this movie knowing that the money I give at the box office may actually go to help fund abortions?

According to the report, despite what you may be hearing, abortions are actually up. In their 2014 -2015 annual report, Planned Parenthood reports 323,999. In their 2015 – 2016 annual report, the number of abortions just for Planned Parenthood involvement was 328,348. Last year the number increased by 4,349. This does NOT include the other clinics or hospitals or doctors' offices.

When is the madness going to stop?

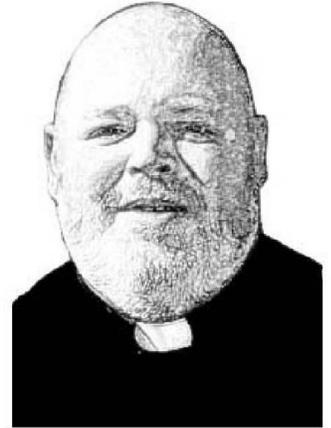
Why does this crazy organization call itself "Planned" parenthood when the actual numbers show that it is set up to destroy "Parenthood?"

Most times we were yelled at, spit at, cursed at, harassed, and even threatened by police.

Many years ago I used to protest and pray in front of an abortion clinic in Deer Park. Every Saturday morning for 2 years a friend of mine and I would walk back and forth praying the rosary. Instead of abortion signs I convinced the group to carry signs with the face of Jesus on it. He would be sitting at a table saying.. "Let's Talk." Most times we were yelled at, spit at, cursed at, harassed, and even threatened by police because we were not allowed to stand still or in any way block the madness of this abortion mill. They actually had a security guard at the door with a gun ready to .. what .. kill us??? It was and is madness that this still goes on.

But I do believe that prayer works. One day a woman, who was a nurse for the clinic, decided she had enough and she joined us. She always thought she was doing right by "helping these young girls terminate their young pregnancies." After all "how could these young girls become mothers?" Then one day she saw a young girl receiving advice to have an abortion and that even her own parents would not be alerted. She thought.. what if it was her own daughter. If this is the right thing, then why all the secrecy?

So I come away from this with a few thoughts. First, don't let word's confuse you. "A woman's right to choose" is just another way of saying "ABORTION." There is no other choice here. "Planned Parenthood" does not plan parenthood. It destroys it.



Fr. Joseph Nohs

What about the other supposed services being offered at these clinics. In my research I have yet to find a Planned Parenthood clinic that offers mammograms. They may be out there somewhere, but I can't find them. As a matter of fact according to an October 18th report from The Wire by Lori Robertson, "mammograms are not performed at the clinics; Planned Parenthood doctors and nurses conduct breast exams and refer patients to other facilities for mammograms." So don't let the propaganda fool you. The propaganda states that Planned Parenthood offers lifesaving mammograms. The reality, however, is that they do NOT perform mammograms at Planned Parenthood clinics. Here is a direct quote from their web site: "Planned Parenthood provides Mammogram referrals." But doesn't ANY doctor do the same?

As I investigated their website further regarding the services they do claim to offer it became clear to me that all of the services that this organization provides is provided by your own doctor as well. Most woman have a gynecologist for "Woman's issues." Don't they provide the same services? After all, going to a Planned Parenthood clinic is NOT free. Again, I checked the website. This is a quote from their own website: "Payment is expected at time of service." As far as I know my own doctor does not receive money from the government. Then why is Planned Parenthood? It's madness. And it's time to pray for an end to ALL of this madness.

- According to their 2015-2016 annual report, Planned Parenthood has received a **\$1 MILLION increase in government funding**.
- The number of abortions performed by Planned Parenthood has increased from 323,999 in 2014¹ to 328,348 in 2015².
- Planned Parenthood performs approximately 889 abortions a day.
- Planned Parenthood clinics **DO NOT** provide mammograms; they provide referrals.
- Services provided by Planned Parenthood are **NOT** free. Payment is expected at the time of service.

As far as I know my own doctor does not receive money from the government. Then why is Planned Parenthood? It's madness.

Let's pray for a change of heart in all men and woman. Pray that they see their new-born as gift and not a burden. Pray that the doctors and nurses wake up to what they are really doing. Despite what many anti-abortion advocates believe, these men and woman are not monsters, they actually believe, for the most part, that they are helping life when indeed they are destroying life. There are many woman who live with the regret of having an abortion. These are good woman who were guided in the wrong direction or just made the wrong choice. Planned Parenthood does not tell you about the guilt you will have later on. Once the abortion is over that's when their "Planning" ends. God's plan goes much further. He is mercy and love. He has not and will never abandon any of us no matter what. So we are a hope-filled people who trust in prayer.

Pray for the respect for ALL life. Recently a group tried to pass a Euthanasia Bill and hardly anyone was barely aware it was happening. Pray that we move from a culture of death to a culture of life. Pray that the madness stops.

God be with you always and in all ways
Fr. Joe

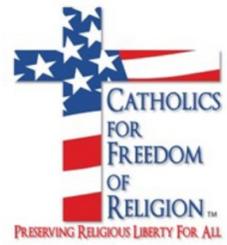
*If you have any questions you would like me to try to answer,
or some comments on what I wrote
please send it to: frnohsbest@stbernardchurch.org*

¹ Planned Parenthood 2014/2015 Annual Report

² Planned Parenthood 2015/2016 Annual Report

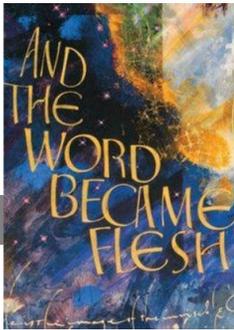


**Fortnight
for Freedom**
2017
Freedom for Mission
June 21 – July 4



OPENING OF 2017 FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

The Joy of the Gospel
Visio Divina – Seeing the Word
Meditation, illuminations, scripture and Benediction in thanksgiving for God’s Word



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

6:00pm - Preview of St. John’s Bible

7:00pm - Visio Divina - Seeing the Word

St. Bernard’s Church 3100 Hempstead Tpke Levittown 11756

Organized by the St. Bernard’s Chapter of Catholics for Freedom of Religion

MASS CELEBRATING THE 2017 FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM: FREEDOM FOR MISSION

Bishop Robert J. Brennan - Celebrant

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 12:30PM

St. Agnes Cathedral 29 Quealy Place Rockville Centre 11570

ROSARY & RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Bishop John O. Barres - Keynote Speaker

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

**6:00pm - Public Witness Rosary in front of auditorium
facing Newbridge Rd.**

**7:00pm - Fortnight Rally for Religious Freedom
in auditorium** *Light refreshments served following program*



Holy Trinity High School 98 Cherry Lane Hicksville 11801



St. Vincent de Paul:

Many thanks to all who remember our low-income Levittown neighbors. Your food and monetary donations are sincerely appreciated and are shared with great care!

This week our pantry needs include:

- Canned fruit
- Jell-o type dessert mixes
- Pudding mixes
- Tomato products of all kinds (sauce, crushed, diced...)
- Small water bottles

Please remember the poor boxes and to "buy one, get one free!"

Just a reminder that our blue wagon is away for the summer, but food donations may be placed in the bin at the front door of the church or (\$\$) in the poor boxes! Thanks!

Job and Career Fair:

A Job Fair and Veterans' Resource Center will take place on Tuesday, June 20th at Nassau Community College—CCB Bldg. in Garden City. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring your resume! Free resume-skill workshops; many companies on site; part and full-time positions; college students welcome; special youth summer jobs fair. For information, call 516-571-2455 or visit: www.nassaucountyny.gov/LD1.

Putting the Pieces Together:

In 2016, 190 lives were lost due to opiate overdose in Nassau County. To continue the local collaborative efforts at addressing this serious issue, there will be a dynamic presentation by various groups and individuals (including funeral directors) speaking about their perspectives on this concern. It will take place on Friday, June 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the YES Community Counseling Center, 152 Center Lane, Levittown. To register, contact Jennine Hill at 516-465-9298 or jhill@tscli.org.

We hope that many of our parishioners will be able to attend! There is a problem~~let's be part of the solution!

Have Fun~Be Fit:

Registration for our **Have Fun~Be Fit** program will open on Monday, June 12th from 10-2 in our office. The program is open to children ages 8-12 and will take place on Monday-Friday, June 26th to June 29th from 9:00 to noon in the parish center. There will be no charge for the program. The program will be limited to the first 25 children who register.

The program will involve activities, crafts, movement and exercise, as well as some new learning opportunities!



NUMC Health Fair
Tuesday, June 13, 11am—2pm
Cardiac and Stroke Awareness



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- Neurology—Carotid Screening and Stroke Education
- Cardiology—Blood Pressure Screening
- Pharmacy—Medication Review
- Nutrition—Nutritional Education and Calculate BMI
- Endocrinology—Diabetes Education





Mature babysitters are needed for our level 1 GIFT parent meetings beginning in the Fall. Our four meetings are held on Saturday mornings and/or Wednesdays. Must have taken **VIRTUS*** (diocesan one-time class and background check). If you would like to volunteer in this capacity, we would love to have your assistance. Please call the Religious Education Office for details and dates. Thank you.

***VIRTUS-** Those persons needing the diocesan Virtus certification in order to work with young people may go online at www.virtus.org to register at a date most convenient for you. Here at St. Bernard's, we will offer Virtus on September 12th both in the morning and evening. Registration takes place online. Any NEW volunteers in the religious education program OR CYO must have the Virtus certificate.



"And He took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."

Mark 10:16

CATECHETICAL CONGRESS: Catechists, parents, college students, and anyone interested in growing in their knowledge of our faith are invited to attend the September 16th CATECHETICAL CONGRESS at St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip. Keynote speaker will be Bishop Barres and mini-workshops are presented in various topics. Go to the diocesan website of www.drvc.org and click on "Faith Formation" in which you can register for the courses of your choice. **EARLY REGISTRATION BEFORE July 1st is \$40.00 for the day which includes lunch. Later registrants would pay \$50.00.** All catechists teaching this Fall are encouraged to register as the more we are formed in our own knowledge of our Faith, the better catechists we become. A great way to kick off our new year in religious education as disciples! You are promised an informative and fun day! For further information, call Susan Martin in the Religious Education Office 731- 8511.

St. Bernard's Center For Religious Education
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- Leland Pen
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- Brian Sudberg

Perfect Attendance! 

Jesus said, "I am with you always."

Connect the dots.

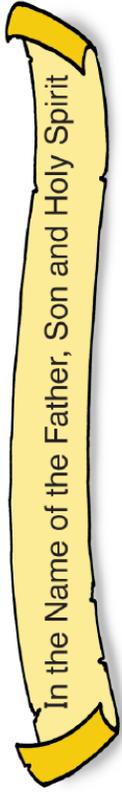
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Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 3-6

June 11, 2017 • Matthew 28:16-20

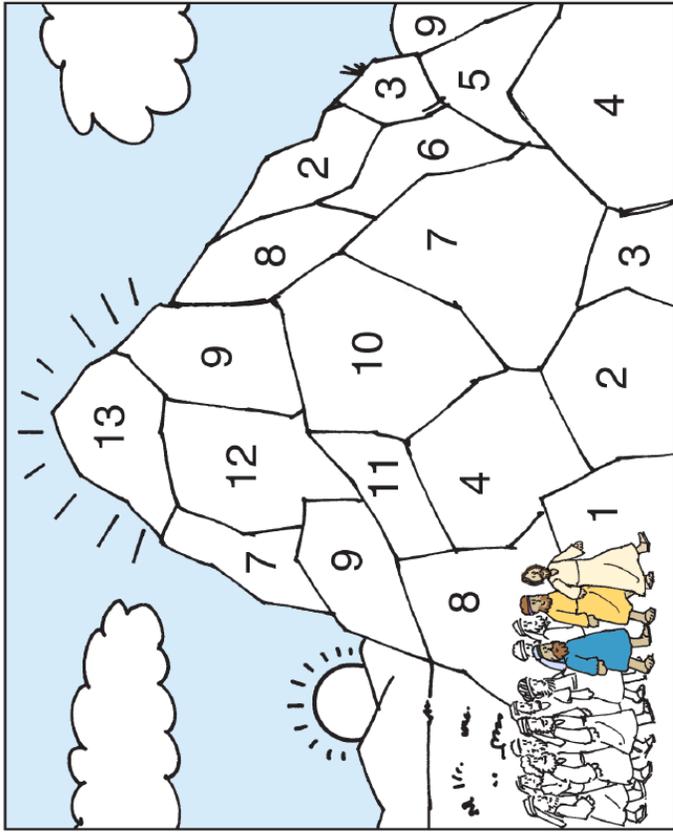


In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

The disciples went to a mountain.
Jesus had told them to go there.

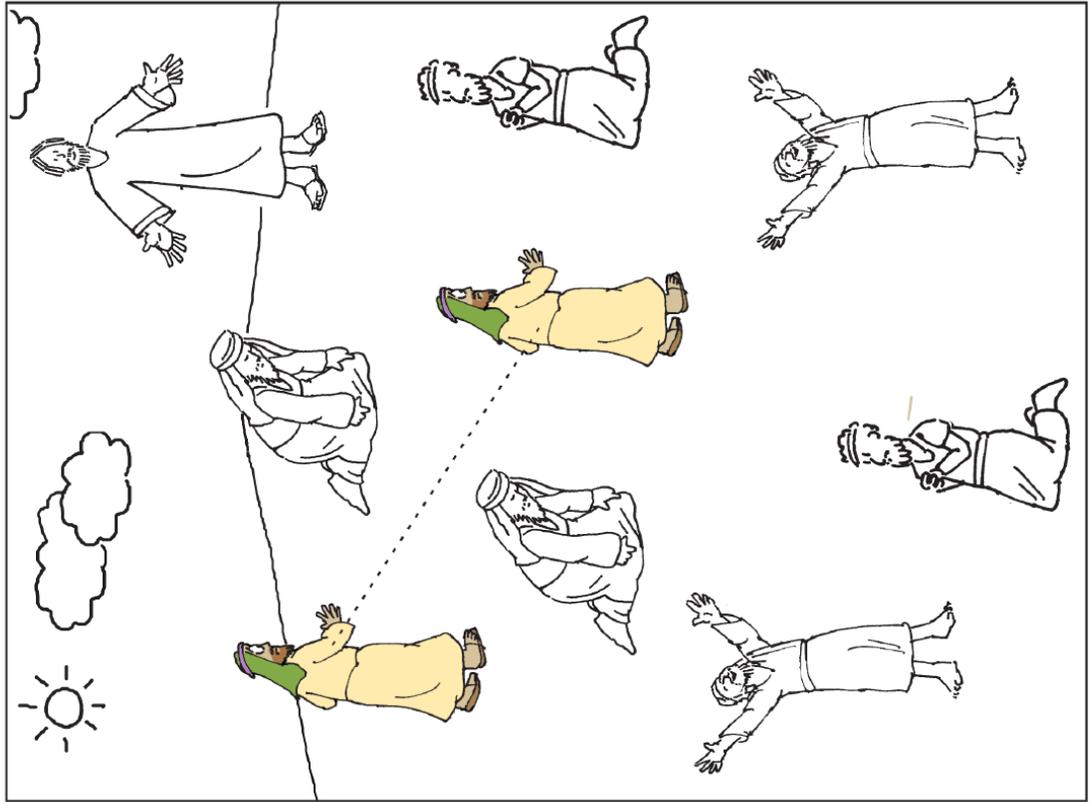
Help the disciples get to the top of the mountain.

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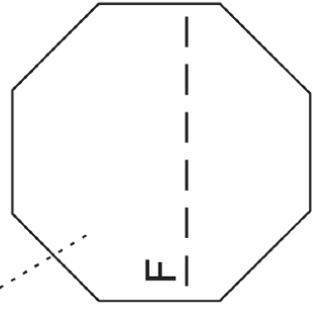
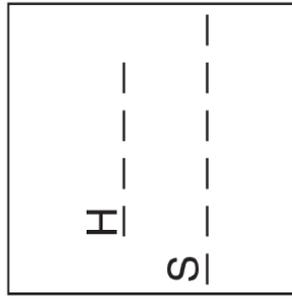
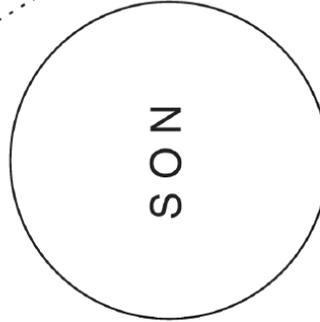
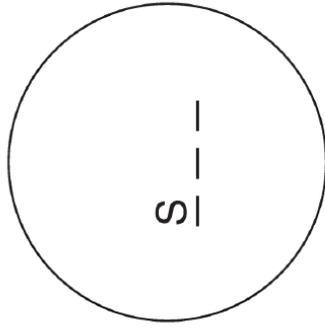
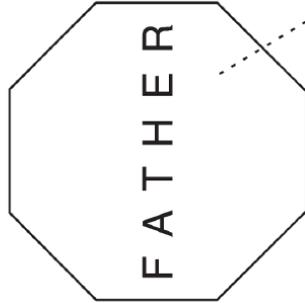
When they saw Jesus,
they worshiped Him.

Match the disciples that are the same.



Jesus said, "Go ... and baptize
in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit."

Match the shapes. Fill in the words.





LITURGY CORNER

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY June 11, 2017

Today's solemnity commemorates the central dogma of Christianity: the Trinity. One of the greatest gifts of the Christian faith is the dogma of the triune God: God is three (tri) in one (une). The Christian God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is relational. How amazing and wonderfully mysterious at the same time!

First Reading: Moses has begged to see the glory of God, and God grants his request. On Mount Sinai, God proclaims his name, and lets Moses glimpse his glory as he passes by. But most revealing of all is what God cries out about who God is: “merciful and gracious...slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” This solemnity does not explain God, but gives us a glimpse of God as a community of love and a fountain of mercy.

Canticle: Today's text comes from the Book of Daniel and the song of the three young men cast by Nebuchadnezzar into the fiery furnace. Miraculously preserved from death, they sing in praise of God.

Second Reading: The simple words of St. Paul to the Corinthians come in sharp contrast to the splendid imagery of the first two readings. God does not confine himself to a throne, high above the cherubim: wherever his people live in peace, reforming their lives, encouraging and supporting each other, God dwells there also. The last sentence in this passage is a clear expression of the Triune God, and one that is echoed almost verbatim in the greeting at the beginning of Mass.

Gospel: In these famous words from John, we meet the same God of overflowing love that Moses encountered on Mount Sinai in today's First Reading. This reading is full of contrasts/save, disbelieve/believe, God's will is always for our life and salvation, and Jesus comes to be savior, not judge. Through faith, we enter into this relationship of love. The third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is not explicitly mentioned, yet we know that it is through the Holy Spirit that we come to faith in God.

Saints of the Week

Tuesday, June 13. St. Anthony of Padua, priest and Doctor of the Church, lived between 1195 and 1231. He was a member of a noble Portuguese family, wrote extensively, especially in the area of sermons; therefore, he was named a Doctor of the Church. People invoke his name when trying to find lost items. This is due to an event when a novice took his Psalter, eventually returning it because of a distressing apparition.

Sourcebook 2017

Readings for

June 11, 2017—June 18, 2017

IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO START!



Sunday, June 11. The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.

Monday, June 12. 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Psalm 34:2-9; Matthew 5:1-12.

Tuesday, June 13. Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church. 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Psalm 119:129-133, 135; Matthew 5:13-16.

Wednesday, June 14. 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Psalm 99:5-9; Matthew 5:17-19.

Thursday, June 15. 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Psalm 85:9-14; Matthew 5:20-26.

Friday, June 16. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 116:10-11, 15-18; Matthew 5:27-32.

Saturday, June 17. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalm 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Matthew 5:33-37.

Sunday, June 18. Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; John 6:51:58.

THE RIDE HOME

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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 11, 2017

Gospel: John 3:16-18



Adults: How could God's mercy and love for the world be revealed through you this week?

Children: Do you know anyone who is sick or feeling badly and with whom you could visit?

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