

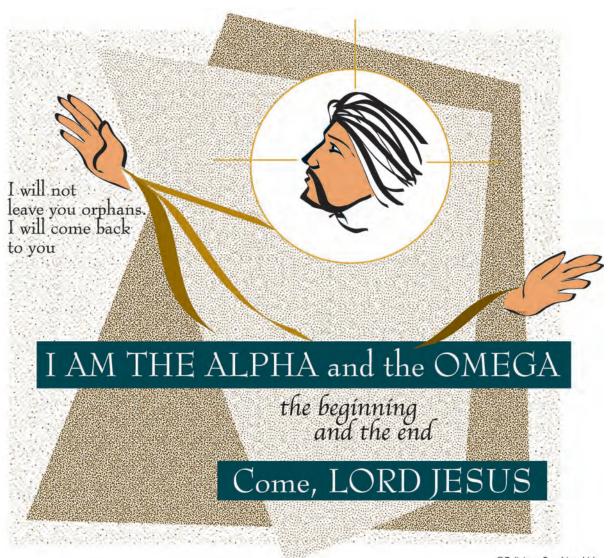
A COMMUNITY OF FAITH





AND LOVE





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Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

Lord, hear my voice, for I have called you!



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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 <u>through</u> 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.

<u>Marriages</u>: 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.

<u>Ministry to the Sick and Aging</u>: 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



Our Happy Place

E-mail Father Ralph: shepherd@StBernardChurch.org

Celebrate Deacon Al



Al Matousek was ordained a deacon by Bishop Barres on Saturday and today celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving with our parish at noon. We rejoice in God's call that has led Deacon Al to a new chapter in his life where he will live out this vocation of service. And it's going to be a "new chapter" for him in a different way too, as his family is relocating to South Carolina because of an employment promotion and transfer. Our parish mission statement speaks of sharing the gospel in "Levittown and beyond" and our sending our newest deacon to South Carolina is indeed a gift that will go beyond Levittown. We wish Deacon Al and his family many blessings!

Did you ever see someone post a photo and note that it was their "happy place"? It might be a beach scene, it might be a mountaintop view, it might be a family vacation spot. After posting the photo, folks sometimes write, "Wish you were here."

Jesus too had a "happy place." In today's gospel (John 17:20-26) he prays to his Father about his disciples, "I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me." And who are these disciples that Jesus wants to be with him? "I pray not only for them [the apostles] but also for those who will believe in me through their word." In other words, US!

You and I have never met Jesus face to face as the apostles did, but we have met him in scripture and prayer and the Eucharist because of the witness of the Apostles and those that followed them through the ages.

Think for a moment about who led you to believe in Jesus. It might have been your parents or grandparents. Or was it someone else? How did they do this? Perhaps by reading the Bible to you. Bringing you to church with them. Telling you of their own belief of how Jesus guides them. Whether their lives had blessings or struggles, they were in their "happy place" when they relied on Jesus and found in him strength, comfort and peace. And they brought you along.

This raises the self-reflection question of "How am I witnessing to others that I have found happiness in my relationship with Jesus?" Certainly parents and other family members have opportunities to do this all the time with their own children, but let's not forget the effect we can have (knowingly or unknowingly) on others in our lives.

One of the things I love about being a priest is that I can share my happiness in Jesus each weekend. And our parish church is certainly one of my "happy places." But have you noticed that as the warmer weather comes along and school is winding down, that fewer families come to church? So then church is a little unhappier for me as I miss being able to share faith with the folks who are flocking elsewhere. Perhaps you could invite, encourage and inspire people you know to come along on Sundays so that, as Jesus said, "that where I am they also may be with me."



PARISH NEWS

The Rosarians will meet on Monday, June 3rd at 12:30 PM in the prayer room of the church. We will pray the rosary together in thanksgiving for all our blessings. We find it so comforting praying together for our individual intentions and those

things that would make the world a

better place. We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, all Bishops and priests, especially Fr. Ralph, Fr. Joe, and Fr. Innocent, all religious, and those who protect us; members of the armed forces, police officers, and firemen. PEACE in our hearts, our families, our church, and our world is ALWAYS one of our intentions. We remember all those who are sick and those who have died. We will especially pray for our fathers whom we honor in a few weeks. All women of the parish are welcome.



PARISH CALENDAR (Subject to change)

Monday, June 3

After 8am Mass Miraculous Medal Novena, Church

12:30 pm Rosary Society, *Prayer Room*2:00 pm Zumba Gold, *Parish Center*7:00 pm Bereavement Group, *Parish Center*

7:30 pm Liturgy Committee



GIFTS OF TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

May 26, 2019May 29, 2018\$ 10,038.50\$ 12,278.40414 envelopes481 envelopes

Faith Direct

\$ 2,509.60

\$ 2,482.65

Total Collection

\$ 12,548.10

June 4

Tuesday,

\$ 14,761.05



Faith Direct Have you enrolled yet?

www.faithdirect.net Code = NY272

PARISH CALENDAR (Subject to change)

· acouay,	
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
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, School Room 207
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
7:30 pm	Vivitrol Support Group, School Room 206
Wednesday,	June 5
7:00 pm	Scouts-Bear Pack, Parish Center
7:30 pm	Catholic Basics 101, Parish Center
7:30 pm	Folk Group Rehearsal, offsite
8:00 pm	Charismatic-Bread of Life Prayer Group,
	Parish Center
Thursday,	June 6
9:30 am	Padre Pio, Parish Center
9:30 am	Shawl Ministry, Parish Center
1:45 pm	St. Vincent de Paul, Clairvaux House
6:30 pm	Scouts, Parish Center
Friday,	June 7
Saturday,	June 8
11:00 am	Greeter Meeting, Parish Center
11:00 am	Women's AA Meeting, Cafeteria
12:30 pm	Padre Pio Prayer Group Reception, Parish Center
5:00 pm	Bread of Life Prayer Group Mass, Church
6:00 pm	Sacred Heart Community, Parish Center
7:30 pm	Spanish Mass, Church
8:00 pm	Spanish Mass Reception, Cafeteria
Sunday,	June 9,
	Hospitality Sunday, Parish Center
10:00 am	Alateen Training, 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, June 1

8:00 am Sister Rose Alonzo McKinney-Birthday

Remembrance,

Madeline Soto-Crystal, Palma Verdirame,

Daniel & Concetta Russo

5:00 pm Emilio S. Carrillo

Sunday, June 2

7:30 am FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

9:00 am Muriel Gallagher 10:30 am Christine Sapienza,

Sara Aprigliano, Jane Howard, Brendan Cronin

12 Noon Mora Quinn Bannon5:30 pm Thomas Gilmartin

Monday, June 3 8:00 am Juan Peniera

Tuesday, June 4

8:00 am Edward Glynn-Living

Wednesday, June 5

8:00 am Alessio Camilleri

Thursday, June 6

8:00 am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

Friday, June 7

8:00 am Carmine Petito

Saturday, June 8

8:00 am Carole Gefken,

Mr. Thomas Moriarty Sr., Anthony J. Scumaci, Jr, Rosemarie Gallopini

5:00 pm Roland French and Peter French

7:30 pm Spanish Mass **Sunday, June 9,** Pentecost

7:30 am The Hynes and Legere Families Living and

Deceased

9:00 am FOR ALL PARISHIONERS10:30 am Msgr. George P. Graham,

William Murphy, Christine Sapienza, Joseph Wilkinson

12 Noon Charles and Frances Schnebel

5:30 pm Fred Stein



PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED AND THOSE WHO MOURN FOR THEM

Robert Calamari

Christopher Barry Lynch

Fred Frank Mannarino James Morrow, Sr. Nelson Ortiz



SACRAMENTS

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Time

Jennifer Pulgrano, St Bernard, Levittown Zachary Taft, St Bernard, Levittown



Third Time

Michael O'Brien, Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead, NY Carmelin Mitchell, St. Bernard, Levittown, NY

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Patricia Ayres Linda Costello Evangeline Duckworth Wiliam Lellis Dick McKinney David Velez

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

Chris Angyal	Susan Arena	Brian Austin
Lorraine Bardolf	Arlene Barsch	Ike Bootsma
Thomas Brennan	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
Lorraine Foulon	Rich Fuleki	Bobby Gallagher
Teresita Gallego	Michael Giampetruzzi	Colleen Grasing
Maureen Guarino	John Guiffre	Mike Hach
Patricia Hafner	Carolyn Hakim	Cynthia Hansen
Donna Hare	John Hartofil	Elizabeth Jackowski
Vicki Jacona	Joseph Jacovina	Steve Jugan
Jerome W. Kalkhof	Katherine Anne Kwes	stel Violet Kwestel
Rosemarie LaFrance	Wiliam Lellis Euge	ene Francis Luginsland
Martin Logan	Bernadette Lynch	Tia Mabanta
Jaime Macias	Andrew Mahoney	Eddie Mahoney
Lucy Marconi	Karen Martin	William McDonagh
Teresa McDonald	Dick McKinney	Mary McLean
Mary Messina	Irmgard Montanino	Maryann Mulholland
Carole O'Donnell	Kerri Orlando	Laureen Quinn-Sturge
Johnny Perdue	Rosina Perri	Gerry Pokorny
Joan Rampolla	Fred Rappa	Deanne Reilly
Jacki Robins	Vinny Rosa	John Rotondo, Jr.
John Rotondo, Sr.	Flore Rowe	Eve Saint
Thomas Saint	Terry Sherwood	Guadalupe Silva
Katie-Ellen Spinell	Danielle Stallone	Frances Stallone
Norma Steiger	Liberty Tabag	David Testa
Rosalie Travers	Frances Trzcinski	Joan Virostko
Marguerite Vlaun	Theresa Votta	Thomas Williams, Jr.
Cynthia Wilson		

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Do you ever wonder what the Sunday Bible readings really mean for your life?



Exploring the Sunday readings with others can help with that!

Each week we will READ, LEARN, REFLECT and DISCUSS the coming Sunday's readings.

See what a difference it makes!

7 Thurs. June 6, 7:30-8:45 p.m. OR
7 Fri. starts June 7, 10:00-11:15 a.m.
Parish Center

<u>Contact Diane Vella at 516-731-4220 ext. 143 or</u> 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:
	Thoric.
Best time to call	Best time to call:

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

SERVING OUR PARISH, LEVITTOWN, AND BEYOND

Serving our Baptism Families

If you've attended the 9:00 Mass, you may have noticed that once a month we host families who are preparing to present a child for the Sacrament of Baptism. After Mass, they go over to the Parish Center for a bagel breakfast and a chance to talk with other parents about the joys and challenges of Christian parenting. It's a great morning for all!



St. Bernard's parishioners help out in this effort in many ways, two of which are:

Shopping for, setting up, and hosting the bagel breakfast once every other month

Entertaining any children who are present so their parents can enter into the conversation (once a month commitment)

Commitment is for one year, renewable. (Child Protection Training and diocesan Volunteer Registration is required.)

If you have the interest and the talent to serve our parish in one of these ways, contact Diane Vella at 516-731-4220, ext. 143 or dvella@stbernardchurch.org to explore the possibilities



"The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth." Psalm 145:18

The Second Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Prayer

What do you think of when you think of prayer? Perhaps one good way to think of it is to imagine an athlete preparing for the big game. The game is on Sunday, and he has all week to prepare. To win the game, he has to practice, lift weights, eat well and get some sleep. He cannot perform at his best if he does not have the strength that comes with physical fitness. The same goes with prayer and the Christian. The Christian cannot be a faithful steward if he does not prepare with prayer.



Without prayer, it is very difficult to hear the voice of God in our lives. Even Jesus prayed before making big decisions in His life! We see Jesus pray in the Scripture before He chooses His disciples. The image of Jesus praying in the garden before His crucifixion is a powerful one that shows us how prayer can help us do God's will no matter how tough it is.

Every day in our lives, we need God by our side. We, in fact, are *One Family in Mission* but, like every family, we need God as the

head of our family. This week, open your heart to God, and ask Him to guide you and to make His will known to you. Reflect this week on what gifts God has given to you. There is no better way to find out what God wants of you then to ask and listen to Him. Thanks be to God for the gifts we've been given! Let us use them with joy!

Living Stewardship

Pray. Listen to what God is telling you. God may be moving you to do something for His church or He may be putting someone in your life and asking you to do something for them.

Intercession

We want to be the faithful stewards of the gifts You have given us; help us to prepare with prayer so we have the tools to do Your will ...

Attention Parents of Kindergarteners it's time to register for Religion!



Level I Communion Program (read all about it on our website!)

If you are **NOT** yet a registered parishioner:

Parents and Guardians of children currently attending Kindergarten will have the opportunity to register their children for St. Bernard's Church two-year First Holy Communion Preparation program, which will begin in the Fall of 2019. In order for a child to be eligible for the First Holy Communion program, a parent or legal guardian needs to be a registered member of St. Bernard's parish. Parents who are not yet formally registered in the parish may join the parish at one of our upcoming New Member Welcome Orientation on:

Tuesday, May 21, 2018 7:30pm

or

Wednesday, June 19, 2018 7:30 pm

First Holy Communion program registration information packets will be available at the orientation. Please call the rectory at 516-731-4220 or visit www.stbernardchurch.org and click on the "Join St. Bernard's Parish "link for Welcome Orientation information and to sign up. If you are not sure if you are actually a current registered parishioner, please call the rectory to verify.

If you are already a current registered parishioner:

But **DO NOT** have other children in our program

(If you currently have children registered in our program you will receive instructions on how to register your new 1st year student with your older child's Re-registration.)

Registration will take place at the Religious Education Center starting on May 15, 2019

In order to register you will need:

- Parish Envelope Number or tell us you are signed up for an upcoming Welcome Meeting
- Your payment (cash or check only) for \$195 or ask us about our PayPal credit card option!
- A copy of your child's <u>Baptismal Certificate</u> (Even if they were baptized at St. Bernard's)

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT ALL OF THESE REQUIREMENTS

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Sr. Christine Sammons, O.P., 731-6074

St. Vincent de Paul:

Thanks to everyone who remembers our low-income neighbors with food and monetary donations. We are also grateful to our drivers who pick up food from Island Harvest during the month.

This week, our pantry needs include:

• Cake frosting (that's it!)

As always, thank you!

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

"Have Fun~~Be Fit"

For a variety of reasons, including a very low enrollment last year, we will not have our "Have Fun~Be

Fit" program this June. We are grateful for Tami Cruz, Sally Cook and the other helpers over the years. We trust that our children will be able to find an alternate program to keep them active and healthy this summer.

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Garage Sale!

July 20th and 21st July 27th and 28th Save the dates...and your treasures!

If you are clearing out **now** and have items to donate, we will be collecting at the Old School <u>train side parking</u> <u>lot</u> on the following date and time:

June 15th from 10 am—1 pm.

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 Mike Bartholomew at is 516-754-8146.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas



- •Sunday, June 2, CDA Priest Appreciation Day
- •Thursday, June 13, Monthly Meeting at 7:30 pm
- •Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 pm Healing Mass for all parishioners. All are welcome.

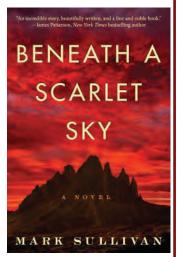
CDA always welcomes new members. For information, please contact Kathy Scarallo at 516-796-6208 and/or Susan Maher at 516-633-8960.

Friday, June 7, is the
First Friday of the month and is
always dedicated to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Mid-Week Mid-Morning Book Discussion

Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls—but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home is destroyed by Allied bombs, the course of his life takes a hair-raising turn. Based on the true story of a



forgotten hero, this is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours. Join your fellow parishioners for an informal discussion of **Beneath A Scarlet Sky** by Mark Sullivan on **Wednesday**, **June 19 at 10 AM** in the St. Bernard Parish Center.

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



LITURGY CORNER

Seventh Sunday of Easter June 2, 2019

As Christians we are called upon to imitate Jesus. In seeing Jesus live his life and freely lay it down for us, we gain insight into God's immeasurable love for humankind. Jesus further mentions he has revealed the Father's name to us (17:26). Name in Hebrew was synonymous with nature or essence.

Have You Heard the Good News? Edward J. Dowling, SJ

First Reading: The faithful Stephen is now surrounded by the angry mob and stoned. Even in this torture, he continues to look to God, and echoes the words of Jesus as he asks the Lord to receive his Spirit. The as yet unconverted Saul is an onlooker to the horror. Again echoing Jesus on the Cross, Stephen asks for forgiveness for his executioners.

Responsorial Psalm 97: The majesty of God as king is praised in Psalm 97. All the earth rejoices, even the islands that are scattered at the far end of the sea. In this era, where every tribe and nation had its pantheon of gods and/or goddesses, the God of Israel is declared exalted over all others.

Second Reading: This reading from the Book of Revelation features a variety of verses from the Epilogue. God, who is alpha and omega, beginning and end, speaks as does Jesus, who affirms that the angel who has accompanied John in his visions is in fact his. The words of summon at the end of the passage reflect the early liturgical life of the Church and echo the summons to the Eucharist of that time.

Gospel: The long discourse by Jesus in this Gospel comes to an end with the prayer Jesus offers. As in the Lord's Prayer, he addresses his Father directly. In this section of the prayer, Jesus prays fervently that they maintain their unity. He is one with the other, and they must be one also. When they are in unity, he will be there. The prayer also reiterates the theme that commences the Gospel, which is that Jesus has existed "before the foundation of the world," what the Church will eventually term "begotten not made, one in being with the Father."

Sourcebook 2016

THE RIDE HOME

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter June 2, 2019

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Adults: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

Children: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

The Nassau Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will hold a Members' Recital



on Sunday, June 9th beginning at 3:00 pm

at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 West Nicholai St, Hicksville



The recital is free and a reception will follow. It will feature the new, large Walker organ which has recently been installed at Trinity Church. Liz Bailey, will be participating in this recital. Other participants include: Michael Bower, the Director of Music at St Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, Meredith Baker, Choirmaster and Organist at Christ Episcopal Church, Manhasset, Henry DeVries, Music Director at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville and Judith Feuss, Director of Music and Organist at Church of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Manhasset.

Readings for June 2, 2019—June 9, 2019

Sunday, June 2. Seventh Sunday of Easter. Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.

Monday, June 3. Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs. Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-7; John 16:29-33.

Tuesday, June 4. Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11.

Wednesday, June 5. Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr. Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30,33-36; John 17:11-19.

Thursday, June 6. Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; John 17:20-26.

Friday, June 7. Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; John 21:15-19.

Saturday, June 8. Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4-5, 7; John 21:20-25.

Sunday, June 9. Pentecost Sunday-Mass during the Day. Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; John 20:19-23.

Daily readings can be found online at:

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Military Sees Conflicts Over First Amendment Freedoms

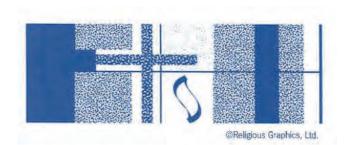
An increasing number of military members are discovering their own rights to free speech and religious expression are being curtailed within the very institution whose primary purpose is to protect those same rights for the rest of us.



- * A Bible was recently returned to a Missing Man table at a Veterans Hospital in New Hampshire. It had been removed following a complaint from the anti-religion Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) founded by atheist attorney Mikey Weinstein.
- * Airmen at the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota were under attack by MRFF at Christmas for volunteering to help the Salvation Army hand out baskets of food and gifts to families in need.
- * MRFF is calling for an investigation of the commander of Edwards Air Force Base in CA for his private website, *Prayer at Lunchtime for the United States*, that is designed to "encourage Biblebelieving Americans to take time to specifically pray for our nation at lunchtime every day."

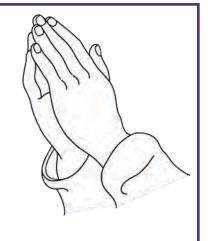
(airforcetimes.com, 8/14/18; christiannews.net, 3/26/19; toddstarnes.com; 12/18/18; thefederalist.com, 7/15/18)

"Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free." Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower









Are you or someone you know dealing with sickness or in need of extra prayers for healing?

Please join us on

Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30 PM

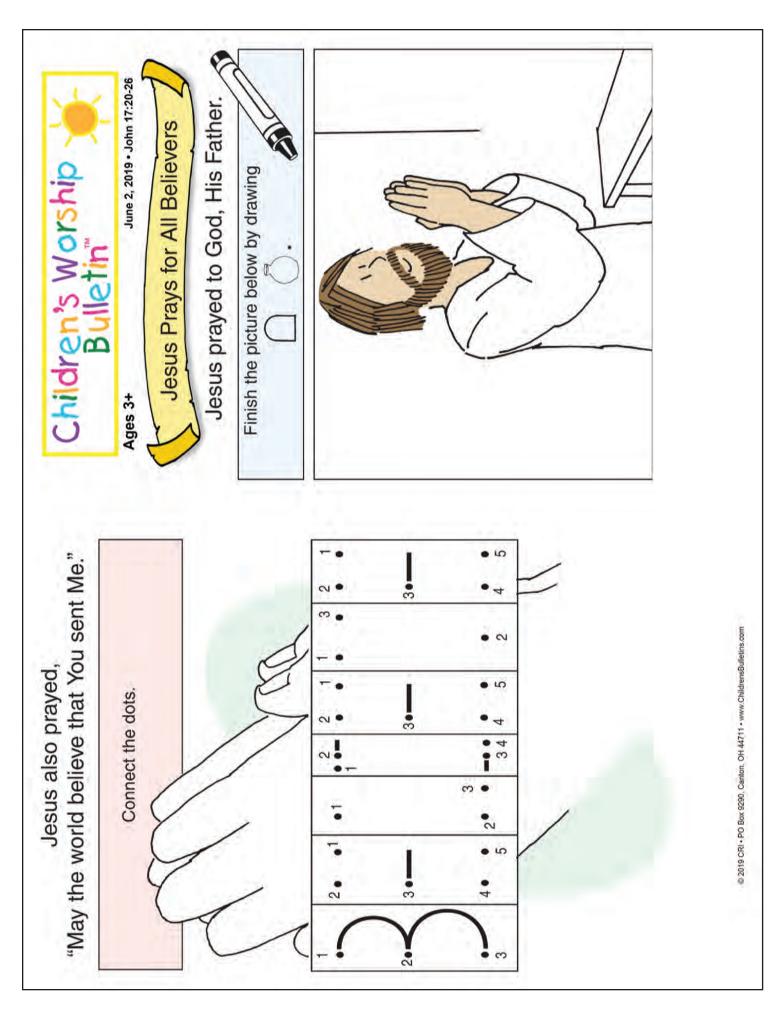
in the church for a special Mass

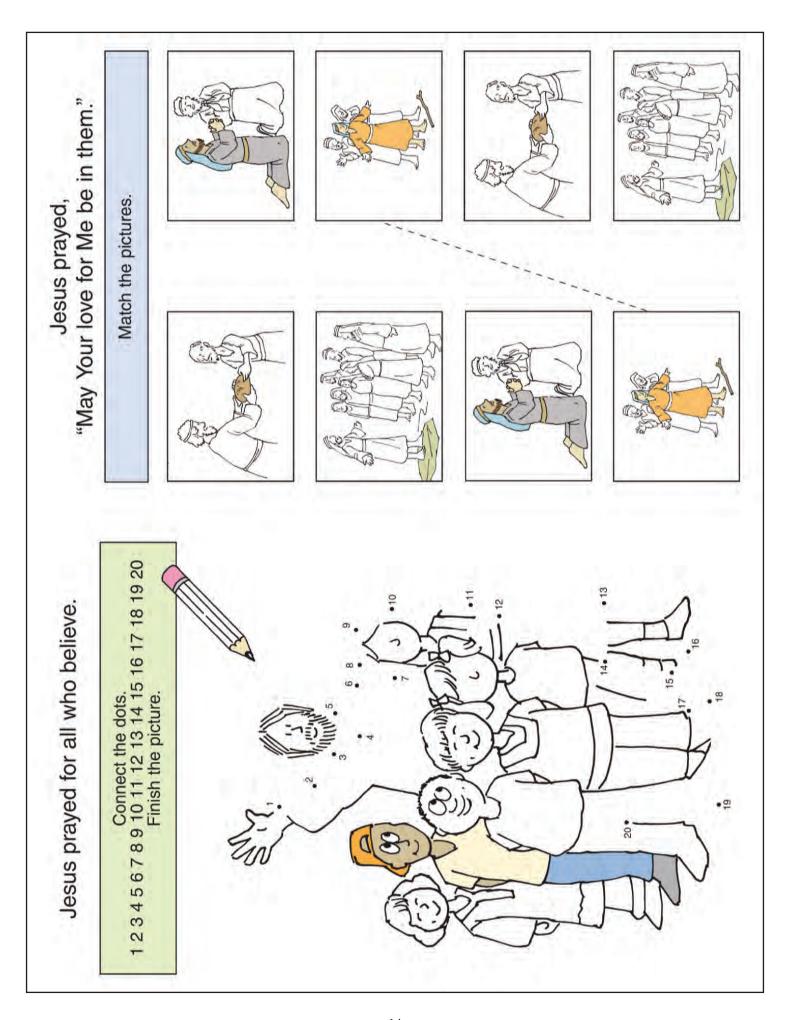
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Total Raised to Date from parishioners	\$1,615,358
Percentage raised toward our goal	92%
Number of Pledges	619
Needed to reach minimum goal	\$34,642

Miller time...

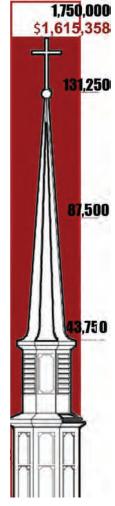
Still more photos from the fundraiser held at Miller's Ale House where our parish received over \$1000 as a donation for parishioners coming to eat lunch and dinner that day. Thanks to Millers and to all who participated.











The steeple graph above includes only pledges made by families and does not reflect additional contributions from businesses.

Total Pledges from local businesses: \$100,000





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