

St. Bernard's Parish

January 2018



Abbreviations:

Adult Faith Formation
 Peace and Social Justice
 Religious Education Program
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 AFF
 PS&J
 REP
 CLW
 Seniors
 Happy Hours

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PEACE DAY Parish Offices Closed	2 7:00pm Men's Club	3 4:30pm REP 7:00pm REP	4 10:00am AFF 7:00pm Choir Practice	5	6 3:30pm Confessions
7 10:00am CLW 12:30PM Baptisms	8 7:00pm Parish Council 7:00pm Respect Life	9 4:30pm P&SJ 7:00pm Vocal Workshop	10 4:30pm REP 7:00pm REP	11 7:00pm Vocal Workshop	12 7:30pm Confirmation Student/Sponsor Retreat	13 3:00pm Rosary on the Hill
14 5:00pm Venturing Crew	15 Parish Offices Closed	16 7:00pm Confirmation Class	17 11:30am Seniors 4:30pm REP 7:00pm REP	18 7:00pm Choir Practice	19	20 3:30pm Confessions Hospitality Weekend 4:30pm 4 th Grade Level Mass
21 Hospitality Weekend 12:30PM Baptisms	22 7:30pm Baptism Prep	23 7:00pm REP Teacher Planning	24	25 7:00pm Choir Practice	26	27 Food Asst Weekend 5:30pm Men's Club Chili Cook-Off
28 Food Asst Weekend	29	30	31	<i>December 31, 2017 Holy Family</i>		"We are St. Bernard's – Together, We Are Church"

"Please come to Mass early enough not to disrupt. Leave late enough not to insult (the Mass does not end until the final blessing). Worship reverently enough not to distract. And dress proudly enough not to offend."

Mass Intentions For the Weekends of

December 30/ December 31

and

January 6/ January 7

SATURDAY, December 30 St. John of Kanty
4:30 PM - Jose Mariquina

SUNDAY, December 31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:30 AM - Virginia Dennison
10:00 AM - Joseph Altieri
11:30 AM - The People of St. Bernard's

SATURDAY, January 6 St. Andre Bessetts
4:30 PM - John Banjavcic
Rich Tyrrell

SUNDAY, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 AM - Lillian Hofferica
10:00 AM - Tony Musso
11:30 AM - Alfons & Monika Rogalski

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 1 - January 5

MONDAY, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
9:30 AM - Robert Aderman

TUESDAY, January 2 St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory
9:30 AM - Priest's Intention

WEDNESDAY, January 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus
9:30 AM - Donald Bengtson

THURSDAY, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
9:30 AM - Communion Service

FRIDAY, January 5 St. John Neumann
9:30 AM - Jason Drish

Pray For Our Sick and Deceased Relatives and Friends

"Life is precious, handle with prayer."

For the sick, especially Renee DiVicino, Marshelle Santoro, Donald Kremer, Louise Karkula, Dolores Inboden, Eleanor Findlay, Mary Ellen Ryan, Nancy Ludwig, Leona Altman, Lorraine White, Lisa Foody, Ray Nino, John Logsdon, Ericka Heilmann, Rich Waliczek, Jr., Shawn Felgenhauer, and Virginia Flaherty.

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"For those who have died, life has changed, not ended."

For the deceased, especially Nancy Hayward (sister of William Carlisle & Kelly Forkin), Simone Radde (daughter of Carey & Kevin), Dr. James McNicholas, (father of Dr. Eileen McCaffrey), and all of the faithful departed, that they may rest in the peace of Christ.

A Kiss from Baby Jesus

During the Christmas season, be sure to visit the church Nativity scene near the main entrance of the church. Say a prayer there. Then, especially for the children, after saying a prayer, get a kiss from Baby Jesus, i.e., a Hershey candy kiss.

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Today's Readings

First Reading - Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins.
(Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*

Psalm - Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*

Second Reading - Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.
(Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel - The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40])

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Readings For The Week

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

St. Bernard's Ministry News

This Week at St. Bernard's:

(*See Article)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:30am Peace Day*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00pm Men's Club*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

4:30pm REP grades 1-3*

7:00pm REP grades 4-6*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

3:30pm Confessions*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word*

12:30am Baptisms

Baptism



Maevry Evelyn Harmatys, daughter of Dan & Caitlin Harmatys

Maevry was Baptized on Friday, December 22 at St. Bernard's.

Congratulations to the Harmatys Family!

Adult Faith Formation

The last session in the series by Dr. Michael Higgins, Ph.D, *Great Spiritual Autobiographies* will be shown on Thursday, January 4 at 10:00am in the foyer at church. The topic will be:

The Life & Selected Prison Letters of the Jesuit Alfred Delp

Baptism Preparation Classes

Classes last no more than two hours and are held at the Church. The next class dates are **Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:30pm and Saturday, February 17, 2018 1:00pm**. No dates for baptism will be accepted until after you have attended one of the classes. Please call the rectory at 301-3020 for further information or to register.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:15

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Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word is scheduled for **Sunday, January 7th at the 10:00am Mass**.

Confessions

Confessions will be heard Saturday, January 6, at 3:30pm.

Men's Club

The Men's Club Ministry of St. Bernard's meets Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Church at 7:00pm. All the men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of January 6th and 7th (names subject to change)

Date	Saturday, January 6 4:30pm	Sunday, January 7 8:30am	Sunday, January 7 10:00am	Sunday, January 7 11:30am
Presider	Fr. Joe McCormick*	Fr. John Merkellis*	Fr. John Merkellis*	Fr. John Sotak, OSA*
Deacon			Kevin Ryan	Kevin Ryan
Proclaimers	Jim Gow Mary Gow	Teri Gruca Linda Conrath	Mary Jo O'Connor Becky Straub	Deborah Hoekstra
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Beth Hipke Frank Kowalik Sharon Moses Nora Waliczek Jeanie Pecor	Lois Durling Lourdes Vatch Randy Albert Julie Gill Joyce Cwik Karren Athos	Susan Sebranek Jim Weglewski Rose George Cathy Brock Katie Brock Rich Brock	Carol Pearce Mary Ponschke Therese McMahon Jimmy Rozhon
Altar Servers	Jes Talaski Steven Talaski		Kamryn, Kaicee & Kortnee Nissen	Anthony Anderson Sophia Hutera
*Homilist				



Christmas Flowers Memorial

With deep appreciation to all the contributors to this year's Christmas Flowers Memorial who have requested the prayerful remembrance of the following loved one this season...



George Adair
 Evelyn Adinolfi
 Jim Banich
 M. Bartnik
 Rose Bass
 Eleanor Beneventi
 Joe Beneventi
 Alton & Elna Birch
 Warren Birch
 Hazel, George & Ron Blasing
 Ed & Lill Bochenek
 Richard Bowman
 Jeremiah & Clara Breen Family
 Theresa Burns
 Anthony Cecich
 Frances Cecich
 Margaret Coleman
 Lois Comer
 Grace Copek
 Wally Copeland, Jr.
 Teresa Cygen
 Carmen DeAlba
 Joyce Dolecek
 Rosemary Donovanich
 Frank & Helen Drzal
 Frank & Rose Ebner
 Patrick & Claire Enright Family
 Joan Erb
 Kasimer & Jo Ferricher Family
 Leonardo & Isabella Filameno
 Mike & Peg Finnegan
 George Fleschler
 Oma & Opa Fleschler
 Robert Fraser
 Helen Gall
 Juan & Amparo Garcia
 Frank & Helen Gawel
 Gret & Sue Glowaty
 Stanley & Florence Glowaty
 Innocencia Gonzalez
 Carole Gow
 Ted & Marie Gradkowski
 Kelly Harris
 Howard & Rita Hipke
 Aidan Andrew Hood
 Joe & Ann Horazy

William Hunter
 John & Petronella Ivanauski
 Gerald Jurgovan
 John W. Kalata
 Marie Kalata
 Mary & Clarence Kaul
 Max Klassek
 Harry & Eleanor Kmak
 Ronald Kmak
 Theresa Kmak
 Roman Kolpacki
 Joseph Kopacz
 Katherine Kopacz
 Irene A. Kozak
 Edward J. Kozak
 Stanley & Lucille Koziol
 Christian & Ann Kraiss
 Kenneth B. Krivickas
 Thomas Krusenoski
 Walter Latka
 Jimmy Liston
 Thomas & Frances LoPresti
 Howard Ludwig
 Gladys & Michael Malpier
 Joan Maluchnik
 Dominick Maluchnik
 Terry Maluchnik
 Joseph & Theresa Mandl
 Janet & Marion Martino
 Jean Kolpacki-Mattes
 John & Vivian McCormick
 Lynn McCormick
 Douglas McGugan
 Karen Meeker
 Dieter Moreno
 Mary Murphy
 John Murphy
 Jerry Murtaugh, Jr.
 Mary & Marvin Murtaugh
 Ernie Nau
 O'Hare Families
 Henry Olewin
 Rocco & Annie Paladino Family
 Agnes & Lawrence Pecor

William Pecor
 Harry & Alice Pellegrin
 Kathleen Peters
 William & Evelyn Peterson
 Tom & Lill Plant
 Julia Primavera
 Ted & Helen Pupa
 Jane Radostits
 Raymond Rafferty
 Magdalena & Frank Reinhardt
 Florence Reiser
 Charles Reiser
 Marjory Risum
 Lisa Rodriquez
 Lee Sanfilippo
 James & Annabelle Santucci
 Lorenzo & Jenny Santucci
 Eleanor & Jerome Schmolke
 Bernard Schultz
 William & Anna Schultz
 Marvelene Sebranek
 Pat Shaloo
 Bruno Skopeck
 Sophia Skopeck
 Rosalie Stock
 Jeanne Tracy
 Ray Tracy
 Mary & George Troller
 Anita Vasquez
 Vidmar Families
 Anne & John Vokoun
 Ed & Ann Walsh
 Jim Walsh
 Members of Wepfer Family
 Eugene Wilczak
 Nancy Wilczak
 Stanley Wilczak
 Members of Wilson Family
 William Woodrow
 Joslyn Woods
 Marie Zabarouskas
 Richard & Diva Zeis
 Parents
 Deceased relatives & Friends



Peace & Social Justice

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION!

by Sue Flanagan

What is required for peace in this world and is it ever morally permitted to use military force?

This is an important question considering international and religious tensions in our world. We can only have peace when we have justice. This requires the equal distribution of the resources of our world. It also means safeguarding peoples' goods, free communication among all people and respect for the dignity of every person. CCC 2304

The fifth commandment prohibits the intentional destruction of human life. "You shall not kill." Ex 20:13 All governments are obliged to avoid war and promote peace. However, people and governments have the right to *self-defense when all peace efforts have failed*.

The Catholic Church teaches that military force is morally justified when these conditions are simultaneously present.

The suffering inflicted by the aggressor must be lasting, grave and certain.

All other peaceful measures have been ineffective.

There is good prospect for success.

The use of arms must not produce evils graver than the evil to be eliminated. This is an important consideration because of the many modern weapons of mass destruction. CCC 2309

Our government officials have the responsibility to assess the situation according to these criteria. Moral decisions are often difficult, and this is particularly difficult because human life lies in the balance. Pray that our government leaders will have the wisdom of Solomon.

You may still be wondering how legitimate defense of oneself or of another is not opposed to the fifth commandment. This is because legitimate defense is respecting the right to life, either one's own life or that of another. It is not choosing to kill. It is preferable that an aggressor be stopped without lethal force. Unfortunately, that is not always possible.

Want more? Catechism of the Catholic Church 2258-2330

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31, 2017

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31

Religious Education

Religious Education for grades 1-6 will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at their respective times.

Tithing Your Gift To God

Envelopes Used on Sunday, December 24, 2017

Weekly Need.....\$11,051.00

Numbers were not available at the time of printing.

Come back next week for a full report!

We Give Thanks to the Lord for your Generosity!

Respect Life

Spiritual Adoption Update

Week 18

"I heard a loud noise outside my mother's womb this week and jumped and even covered my ears to muffle the scary sound. Sometimes I just bump and kick just for fun. Whenever I make a raucous, I always hear mommy gathering more people around her to see what I am up to. I can't wait to see everyone. I wonder if I will have any brothers or sisters. Hope everyone is still praying for me."

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Wedding Anniversary Mass

St. Bernard's Parish Council will again host a Couples' Special Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 3rd at the 4:30pm Mass. After Mass, we invite everyone to join us in the foyer for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in honor of the special anniversary couples.

We invite all married couples who are celebrating their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, etc. wedding anniversary during the year 2018.

Couples are asked to be at the Church by 4:15pm to meet as a group in the foyer. A parish Council Member will be there to greet you, and we will invite the couples to process in as a group with Father, the Proclaimer, and Altar Servers. Special seats will be designated for the celebrants and their families.

If you are celebrating a special anniversary this year and would like to be honored at this Mass, please fill out the registration form below and either mail it to the Rectory or drop it in the collection basket at Mass no later than January 28th.

REGISTRATION FOR ANNIVERSARY MASS February 3, 2018 4:30 PM

First Names _____

Last Name _____

Home Phone _____

Anniversary Date: Month _____ Day _____

What special year is this (5,10,35, etc.) _____

(Mail to Rectory or drop in collection basket at Mass)

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE: 14135 Parker Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491-9692 Email: st.bernardsrep@comcast.net

Sunday and Holy Day Masses celebrated at **St. Bernard's Pastoral Center**, 13030 W. 143rd St., (just west of Bell Rd.)

SATURDAY EVENING MASS: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM.

HOLY DAY MASSES: As announced in bulletin.

WEEKDAY MASS: 9:30 AM (communion service on Thursday) at the Pastoral Center

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Contact Office

BAPTISMS: Parents are expected to be registered in the parish, and are required to register for and attend a Baptism Preparation Program before scheduling the Baptism. You are strongly encouraged to attend the program before the baby is born. Call the rectory a few months in advance.

MARRIAGE: Marriages should be arranged at least 6 months in advance. CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE FIRST. Hall and other social arrangements are to be made after the Church date has been set. Weddings are not performed on Sundays. If either party is under 19 years of age, Diocesan policy requires special instruction and a date cannot be given until the instructions have been completed and the Chancery Office has granted permission.

FUNERALS: Arrangements for a funeral must be made with the Rectory by a member of the family before publication of notice in the newspaper and the time or date is set with the Funeral Director.

SICK CALLS: Call the Rectory at any time. If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass or the Sacraments because of illness or advanced age, please let Father know. Family members may request to take communion to other members confined at home.

HOSPITAL CALLS: If you or one of your Catholic neighbors is entering the hospital, please let us know. Time and distance permitting we will do our best to visit you.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays as scheduled in the bulletin (generally first and third Saturdays at 3:30pm) and at any time upon request.

PARISH BOUNDARIES: North: 135th Street; East: Will-Cook Road; South: 151st Street; West: King Road and its extension.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All new families are welcome and should be registered in the parish. This may be done by visiting or calling the Rectory.

ST. BERNARD'S MEMORIAL FUND: Bequests or special donations to our Parish Memorial Fund may be made by contacting the Rectory.

We are a tithing parish. This means that every parishioner with an income is asked to use a Sunday envelope, since we expect to meet our needs from the Parish Collection at the Offertory of the Mass.

St. Bernard #809

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