



The word of God is living and active; it judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:
St. Bernard's (Moncton) Saint Vincent (Sackville),
Saint Clement (Port Elgin) & Saint Bartholomew (Melrose)**

REGULAR MASS TIMES

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM Saturday @ 4 PM Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent's	Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's & St. Bartholomew's	Saturday @ 7 PM (alternating)

CONFESSION

St. Bernard's - Thursday mornings - before 9:30 AM Mass (upon request/availability of the Priest)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Saturday afternoons from 1 - 1:30 PM
St. Bernard's prior to 9:30 AM Mass @ 1 st Saturday of the month
Notre-Dame-de-Grace (854 Mountain Rd.) - 3 rd Saturday of the month 1-2 PM
St. Bernard's prior to 4 PM Mass (upon request/availability of the Priest)

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator: Rev. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice: Claudia McCloskey
Assistant: (part-time) Rev. Charles Broderick	Catechetics: Lorella Dunnett
Liturgy: Rick Shaw, Deb Gillespie	Adult Faith: Dr. Andrew Wilson

STAFF

Secretary: Darlene McGraw	Custodian: Michel Saulnier
Bookkeeper: Louise Tardif	Facilities Manager: Mike Murphy
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Wed.	Mar. 01	9:30 AM	Late Dorothy Shea	St. Bernard's CWL
Thurs.	Mar. 02	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Mary & Roy MacKinnon	Irene & family
Sat.	Mar. 04	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Francis Perry	Family
Sun.	Mar. 05	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Alphée Arsenault	Dina & family

OFFERINGS FROM SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2017

Regular envelopes	\$ 6124.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 30.00
Loose	\$ 559.00	Donation	\$ 80.00
Upkeep of Holy Land	\$ 10.00	Candles	\$ 104.00
Syrian Relief	\$ 20.00	Needy Fund	\$ 40.00
Building Fund	\$ 180.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

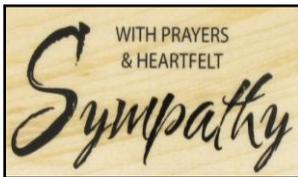
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carmelites	1 st Sat. of month	Church Hall
Circle of Friends	After 9:30 AM Mass	Church Hall
Medjugorje Prayer Group	7 PM - 2 nd Sat. & last Sat. (after the 25 th of each month)	Church Hall
Next Baptism Prep.	Tues. March 7 & 14 @ 7 PM	Stage Area
RCIA	Wed., March 1 & 15 @ 7 PM	Stage Area
Next Baptisms	Sunday, Feb. 26 @ 2 PM	Church
Ash Wednesday	March 1 @ 9:30 AM	Church
Mass During Lent	Every Tuesday during Lent @ 12 Noon	Church
Evening Prayer	Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & April 6	Church
CWL Shamrock Card Party	Wednesday, March 15 @ 12 Noon	Hall
St. Patrick's Day Mass	Friday, March 17 @ 12 Noon	Church
Priest, Prophet and King	Thursdays- 7:30 PM -March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6	Stage Area (see note in bulletin)



**Ecclesiastes 3...Under every season there is a time...
A TIME TO HEAL...We remember in our prayers those who
are sick...**

***Philip Barton, John Doyle, Diane Allain, Larry Hachey
and Zella O'Dell.***



A TIME TO MOURN...

Our sincere sympathies to the families of...

Paul Comfort , Nephew of Ruth and Jim Heath
Mary Jeannetta Clarke, Cousin to Gerry Power
Eileen Weir

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...



**IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:**

**ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca
OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425**

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program: Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), community organizations host free tax preparation clinics and arrange for volunteers to prepare income tax and benefit returns for eligible individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The location, dates and times of these clinics are posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the church.



INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:

Thank you for all who have picked up their tax receipts. All remaining receipts have now been mailed out.

Heartfelt thanks to each and every one for their generous support to the Parish.



Countdown to Lent

Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins on March 1st. Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer. Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

Did you know...Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting & of abstinence from meat?

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving & to save money to give to the poor. The law of **abstinence** from meat binds those who are 14 & older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.



EVENING PRAYER: Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. Our priest-moderator, Fr. Carroll, encourages us at the beginning of Lent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Lenten season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer? It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship. **All parishioners of our parish unit are invited & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 7 PM - March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & April 6.**

Prayer for Lent:



Free us, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs our way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment & bitterness. Cleanse us of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity. Create space in our lives for more kindness & less spitefulness, greater generosity & few self centered needs, stronger compassion and weakened judgment of others. Enlarge our hearts with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that we recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around us. In your Sacred name we pray. Amen

Ash Wednesday – March 1, 2017



Why do we wear ashes? Ashes symbolize sorrow and penitence. The early church ritualized this for those who had committed a serious or “capital” sin. These “penitents” would wear a penitential garment and have ashes sprinkled on them. Then they would be excluded from celebrating the Eucharist until the Easter Vigil. (Note that a person could be a penitent only once in a lifetime.) Although the order of penitents had declined, by

1091 all the faithful were encouraged to take on the practice of wearing ashes at the beginning of lent. Today we continue this practice as an expression of “our human condition as affected by sin” (Ceremonial of Bishops, 253). We mourn for “our sin and ignorance” (Responsorial for Ash Wednesday) that has kept us from keeping to our baptismal promises. We are marked with ashes as a sign of our commitment to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel” (Mk 1:15).

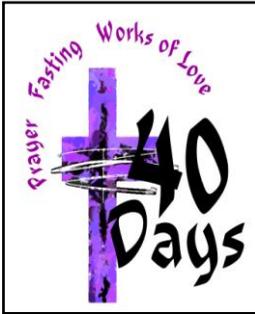
Where do the ashes come from? The rubrics for Ash Wednesday say that “the ashes used today come from the branches blessed the preceding year for Passion Sunday.” Though there is no special rite for burning palm branches, many communities have made a tradition of preparing their own ashes during the weeks before Lent.

How long do I have to wear these ashes? There is no rubric that states that ashes need to be worn outside of the Ash Wednesday liturgy, though you’ll see many smudged foreheads at work and on the streets on that day. The wearing of ashes is meant to be a sign of our inward conversion, and, as the Gospel of the day warns, not a way to gain applause. However, this could be a way to quietly evangelize our places of work and to find support from unknown fellow Catholics.

Is it a sin to not get ashes on Ash Wednesday? Some people believe that it is a sin to miss receiving ashes on this day. Some even believe that one would not go to heaven if he or she were not marked with blessed ashes. Neither is true. (Ash Wednesday is not even a holy day of obligation!) This of course does not mean that we shouldn’t participate in this liturgy, nor does it mean that the symbol isn’t important. Wearing ashes must reflect our desire to act from our baptismal promises. Saying “we believe” requires us to live dead to sin. Wearing ashes demands that we live alive for Christ.

*He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.
By his wounds you are healed.*





Lent – A sense of Season:

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. The highest point in the Church's year of prayer is the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil) celebrating the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. We prepare for this three-day period by the season of Lent and prolong it for the great 50 days of the Easter season. Together, Lent, the Triduum and the Easter season make up the "paschal season", the springtime of the Church.

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017, we once again begin the season of Lent

How do we mark Lent in our churches? During Lent we emphasize some things by their absence. In the rituals of the Triduum we welcome back that which was absent; during the Easter season we give what was absent, renewed importance. Lent demands an apparent plainness that says, "This is a time to get back to basics". We concentrate on the basics of the Word and the Eucharist in order to prepare ourselves to renew our baptismal vows at Easter. Our efforts are meant to make more evident what is important about these 40 days: the assembly of the faithful, the penitents seeking reconciliation, and some years, candidates preparing to enter into communion with the Church and catechumens preparing for baptism during the Easter Vigil.

During the Lenten season, we do not sing "Alleluia". The paschal candle is removed from the body of the church. Baptisms are not usually performed during Lent, except in an emergency. Some other Lenten traditions include the absence of flowers, greenery, plants and decorations. The sanctuary is as bare as possible.

Lent has a double purpose. It helps the catechumens to prepare for celebrating their baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil and invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at the Vigil.

During Lent, it is especially important to realize the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. Lenten penance should be external and social as well as internal and individual.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not just Lenten disciplines – they are, rather, the year-round regimen of Christian living; the disciplines that, many would say, form us as disciples. During Lent, we try the best we can to get back to these basic disciplines.

Lent is like a retreat. Throughout the year the church is directed out into the world, but during these 40 days we pull back into ourselves for reflection and self-examination. We make ourselves "right with God".



St. Bernard's Faith Formation

Sacrament Preparation Meetings:

Parents meeting for children who will be preparing for First Communion:

- Monday, February 27 @ 6:30 PM in the church hall.

Parents meeting for children who will be preparing for Reconciliation

- Tuesday, February 28 @ 6:30 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation retreat for Candidates and sponsors or parent:

- Sunday, March 19, 2 - 4 PM in the church hall.

Gathering Sessions for March & April 2017

- Sunday, March 12 @ 9:15 AM and 12:15 PM, Confirmation @ 6 PM
- Tuesday, March 14 @ 6 PM
- Wednesday, March 15 @ 6 PM
- Sunday, March 26 @ 9:15 AM and 12:15 PM, Confirmation @ 6 PM
- Tuesday, March 28 @ 6 PM
- Wednesday, March 29 @ 6 PM
- Sunday, April 2 @ 9:15 AM and 12:15 PM, Confirmation @ 6 PM
- Tuesday, April 4 @ 6 PM
- Wednesday, April 5 @ 6 PM
- Sunday, April 23 @ 9:15 AM and 12:15 PM, Confirmation @ 6 PM
- Tuesday, April 25 - @ 6 PM
- Wednesday, April 26 - @ 6 PM

Sacrament Celebrations:

- **First Communion** - Sunday, April 30 @ 11 AM Mass
- **Sacrament of Confirmation** - Wednesday, May 3 @ 7 PM
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Wednesday, May 17 @ 6 PM



Please pray for St. Bernard's youth as they continue to prepare for the gifts of these sacraments.

Given the success of our milk bag mat confirmation project, we will continue to collect milk bags for next year's project. Boxes will be located in the church for drop off. Thank you for your support!

*K of C Council 1310 84 Broadway
Breakfast: Sunday March 5th, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
Adults \$8, Children \$3,5 Yrs and Under Free*



St. Bernard's CWL ladies will be hosting their annual Shamrock

Card Party: Wednesday, March 15th @ 12:00 noon in St.

Bernard's Church Hall. Luncheon will be served and we will have

lots of prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$ 10.00

each and are available from Louise Ongo @ 859-7306 or Norma

Gibson at 855-8236.



Volunteers Needed

St. Bernard's church is open to all Monday to Friday, 11 AM to 1 PM. We have had a very positive response to having our church open both from our regular parishioners and visitors. We rely on

volunteers to be able to offer this. **If you would like to commit a day a month or more to this cause please contact the parish office at 857-0425.**



SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE COMMITTEE

Household Items: The Social Justice Committee now has access to a storage space for donated household items for the Syrian Family. If you have items to donate, call the parish social justice line at 204-4882. Leave a message with your phone number and someone from the committee will contact you.



You Are Invited: As we prepare and await the arrival of our Syrian family, we expect that you have questions. We will hold a parish information session as well as describe ways that parishioners can volunteer in a variety of ways both small and large to assist with preparation, welcoming, ongoing support and prayer.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb.26, 12:15 - 2 PM in the church hall.

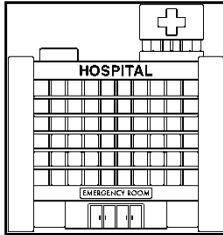


We are happy to have you join us! Are you new to the parish or have you been part of our community for awhile but have just never registered? There are

registration forms available at the entrances to the church, at your parish office, on our web site (www.stbernardschurch.ca) or just give us a call and we'll mail you one. Fill in the information, return the form to the office and you will be formally registered. This will help us to better serve your individual needs!

Karing Kitchen

The Karing Kitchen offers basic, nutritional meals to all who come, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. They depend on private donations of both cash and foodstuffs to keep their doors open. They would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Without your help there can be no Karing Kitchen. They welcome your support.



Parishioners in hospital:

Parishioners in Moncton City Hospital and the Georges Dumont Hospital are reminded that if they wish to receive a visit from the parish priest, it is necessary to specifically identify themselves as being members of St. Bernard's parish when they are admitted to hospital. The clergy visiting lists for priests and pastoral care visitors are printed out according to parish identification. This means that if you haven't identified yourself as belonging to our parish, the priest or pastoral care visitors will not be aware that you have been admitted to hospital and thus will not be able to visit. Due to changes in the "Privacy Act", PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL are reminded that if they wish a visit from a Priest, or to receive Holy Communion while in hospital, it is necessary to specifically identify themselves as being members of St. Bernard's parish and to state that "they wish to request a visit from a priest or from a member of the Parish Pastoral Care team." If they wish to receive a visit from the parish pastoral team, parishioners at the Georges Dumont Hospital are asked to contact the St. Bernard's parish office.



CWL Monthly Meeting - Monday, March 6 , 2017

6:30 PM – Rosary in Church Hall

7:00 PM Regular meeting

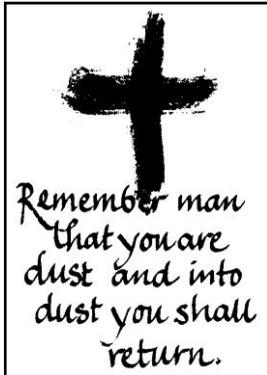
Reports due from all Chairpersons New Members Welcomed !!

Circle of Friends

September - December 2016

➤	Income.....	\$1114.90
➤	Expenses.....	\$624.48
➤	Donation to Parish.....	\$500.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary's Knights of Columbus.. Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on **Tuesday, February 28th** from 4:30 - 6:30pm at the Dan Bohan Centre. Come and enjoy turkey soup with crackers, pancakes, sausage and beans. As well as tea, coffee, lemonade and delicious fruit salad. Adults \$6, Children 6-12 \$3, Under 6 - free Family (2 adults and kids) Maximum, \$20.00 per family. All Welcome



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – MARCH 1, 2017	
St. Bernard's	9:30 AM
Holy Family	12:00 Noon
People's Park Tower	2:00 PM
Immaculate Heart of Mary	6:30 PM
St. Augustine's	7:00 PM
St. Lawrence O'Toole	12:00 Noon
St. Vincent	7:00 PM



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Theology on Tap (Young Adults 19-39) – Our next Theology on Tap will be held on **Monday, March 13th, 7 PM at St. James' Gate Fox Creek.** The title for this session will be **Walk a Mile in My Shoes** and will address issues of awareness and inclusivity involving disabled persons. Our guest speaker will be Karen Young, an adult educator at St. Nicholas Adult High School, part of the Ottawa Catholic School system. Please contact Trevor to register.

Are you there yet? - Are you ready to go into that silent place to pray, as Jesus prayed? The prophet Elijah heard thunder and earthquakes but only heard God when he heard the silence. Are you ready to spend time with your God in silence? Lent is a time for almsgiving, fasting and prayer. This Lent join us in "Our Sacred Space" practising the discipline of silence and stillness, in the presence of God, praying as Jesus prayed to His Father.

Join us at 7:30 PM on Friday evenings, in the Day Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, during Lent, beginning Mar. 3rd. Questions? Call Dianne, of Our Sacred Space Christian Meditation Community, at 386 6094.

Books for Breakfast (Young Adults 19-39) - Our next selection will be The Prophet, by Kahlil Gibran. We will be meeting to discuss the book on **Saturday, Feb. 25th** at Jean's Restaurant, Mountain Road. Contact Trevor for more information.



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Experience Lent – through participating in one of these initiatives:

Rediscovering our relationship with God and creation in light of the Pope's Encyclical, *Laudato Si'* and the Universe Story – Beginning March 2nd and continuing through the Thursdays during Lent, Sr. Denise Lirette, fj will guide the conversation about the call from Pope Francis to care for the earth, using the document **Laudato Si' (Praise Be to You)**. Sessions will take place at Holy Family Church Hall from 7-8:30 PM. Copies of **Laudato Si'** are available from the Vision Book Store for \$10, or can be downloaded from the vatican website: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html. Please contact Ellen or Trevor to register.

Liturgical Celebrations during Lent: In order to ensure that **all** our faith communities become more familiar with the ritual prayer, **Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours**, the English Diocesan Pastoral Council has requested that two opportunities to celebrate this official prayer of the Church be organized during the Season of Lent. **Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours** is the **official** ritual to be used when no priest is available to preside at Sunday Mass. Members of all the English parishes (and especially liturgical ministers) are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to gather together to pray this liturgy. These liturgies will be celebrated on: **March 6th**, 7 PM, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fatima Drive, Riverview and **April 4th**, 7 PM, St. Augustine's, 340 Dominion St., Moncton. **Note:** Following each of the liturgies, all those present, including the liturgical ministers, are invited to remain to discuss and ask questions about this ritual.

"Amazing Grace: Discovering God's Gifts in our Lives" This year's Lenten Mission takes place at Holy Family Church over three Sundays – March 12th, 19th and 26th - beginning at 6:30 PM with prayer, and concluding with a time of fellowship. Join us as we look at grace through these three lens: **"A Word about Grace: What the Bible tells us about God's Graciousness". On March 12th** Dr. Andrew Wilson and Dr. Fiona Black will consider: What does the Bible have to say about grace? Is there a difference between the Old and New Testament understandings of grace? What are the ways that grace moves from "text" to "life"? **"God's generous gift offered again and again and again and ..."** **On March 19th** Claudette Derdaele will explore: What is this gift given at moments of sacraments? How does this gift "keep on giving?" How do we "keep on receiving?" **Set the Table, Grace is Coming!** **- On March 26th** Craig Murphy will answer: Who invited Grace anyway? In the busyness of our lives, how on earth do we take the time to sit down for a meal with such a gifted guest? How does your table look, and are we open to the banquet that is set before us if we have eyes to see? Let's explore together what living a grace-filled and graceful life might be for us. Andrew and Fiona are associate professors of religious studies at Mount Allison University; Claudette is Director of the Adult Lay Formation Program with the diocese of Saint John; and Craig is Regional Director of Chaplaincy, Atlantic for Bridges of Canada. Coming out of an extraordinary jubilee of Mercy, it is time for us to consider Grace ...