



*A great Prophet has risen among us;
God has looked favorably on his people.*

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

MASS TIMES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2018

St. Bernard's	Wednesday @ 9:30 AM (Ash Wednesday) Thursday @ 9:30 AM, Saturday @ 4 PM & Sunday @ 11AM
St. Vincent's	Sunday @ 9AM
St. Clement's & St. Bartholomew's	Saturday @ 7PM (alternating - call 538-2262 to confirm)

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator: Rev. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice: Claudia McCloskey
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS FEBRUARY 12 - 16, 2018

Monday - Friday	9 AM -12 Noon & 1 - 4 PM (closed 12 noon to 1 PM)
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MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2018

Weds.	Feb. 14	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Donna Stiles	Her sisters
Thurs.	Feb. 15	9:30 AM	Dec. family members	Leah O'Keefe
Sat.	Feb. 17	4:00 PM	Anniv. late John Doyle	Elsie & family
Sun.	Feb. 18	11:00 AM	Late Cecile Fowler	Heather Fergusson

OFFERINGS FROM FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2018

Loose	\$ 650.30	New Year's Day	\$ 15.00 (2)
Envelopes	\$ 6,481.00 (290)	Reconnect	\$ 75.00 (1)
Christmas offering	\$ 10.00 (1)	Karing Kitchen	\$ 122.65
Upkeep of the Holy Land	\$ 90.00 (6)	Syrian Relief	\$ 20.00 (2)
Initial offering	\$ 25.00 (2)	Capital Expenditure	\$ 1,872.00 (62)
Donations	\$ 510.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carmelites	Second Saturday of the month - 10 AM - 12 Noon	Stage Area
Living Word Community Prayer Group - Wednesdays, 7 PM at St. Augustine's		
Prayer Group	7 PM - 2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month (after the 25 th)	Church Hall
RCIA	1 st & 3 rd Weds. of month - 7 PM	Stage Area
Circle of Friends	After 9:30 AM Mass	Church Hall
Next Baptism Preparation	Tuesday, February 13	Stage Area
St. Bernard's CWL - Shamrock Card Party - Wednesday, March 7 @ 12 noon (Storm date: March 12 @ 12 noon)		Hall
Next Baptisms	April 29, 2018 @ 2 PM	Church
Confirmation candidates	Rite of Enrollment - Sunday, Feb. 11 @ 11 AM Mass	Church
Ash Wednesday	Mass - Wednesday, February 14 @ 9:30 AM	Church
Holy First Communion	Sunday - April 29, 2018 @ 11 AM Mass	Church
Confirmation	Wednesday - May 2, 2018 @ 7 PM	Church
First Reconciliation	Wednesday, May 16, 2018 @ 5:45 PM	Church

CONFESSION

St. Bernard's - Thursdays - before 9:30 AM Mass (9:00-9:20 AM upon request/availability of the Priest)
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Saturday afternoons from 1-1:30 PM
St. Bernard's @ 1 st Saturday of the month Mass (9:00-9:20 AM upon request/availability of the Priest)
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)

Ecclesiastes 3...

**Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...**



<i>Willow Drover</i>	<i>John Crawford</i>	<i>Gordon Willden</i>
<i>Stella Gallant</i>	<i>Charles Burns</i>	<i>Boyne Murphy</i>
<i>Ann Vautour</i>	<i>Joan Arsenault</i>	<i>Joseph Power</i>

A time to mourn...Our sincere sympathies to the families of:



<i>Leona Demers</i>	Sister in law of Lou Demers
<i>Stella Blanchard</i>	Sister of Edgar Doiron
<i>Margaret Keenan</i>	Mother of Mona (Daryl) Crossman
<i>Yvonne Hebert</i>	Wife of (late) Clovis
<i>Leonard Vienneau</i>	Husband of (late) Sadie
<i>Brian Fawcett</i>	Husband of Pennie

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 at: **857-0425.**



ST. BERNARD'S SHAMROCK CARD PARTY

St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League will host its annual Shamrock Card Party

Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at Noon in the Church Hall,

located at 43 Botsford St.

Storm Date will be Monday, March 12th.

Lunch will be served. Tickets \$10.00

To reserve tickets or a table, please call:

Louise Ongo @ 859-7306, Donna Ermen @ 856-5918 or Norma Gibson @ 855-8236.



A tour of Ireland – Sep. 17 to 29, 2018

Depart from & return to Moncton. Information Session at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview. March 18, 6:30 PM.

This tour will include many highlights of the Emerald Isle, including but not limited to: Trinity College (the Book of Kells) and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin; the Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough and the rock of Cashel; the Ring of Kerry and Kerry Bog Village; Blarney Castle and Woolen Mills; the Cliffs of Moher and Burren National park; Kylemore Abbey/Garden, Knock Shrine and the Tobernalt Holy Well; Doagh Famine Village; Giant's Causeway, Bushmill's Distillery and Titanic Belfast; Downpatrick High Cross and St. Patrick's Grave; finish off with evening at Merry Ploughboy Restaurant in Dublin. (It is our intent to celebrate Mass daily though these details have not been arranged.) This tour is being arranged by Travel Consultant Liliana Trail (386-8954) with assistance from Fr. Charles Broderick (386-6852). Please call for more information.



No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & Church Hall.

Thank you.



Knights of Columbus - Council 11985 - 91 Murphy Ave., Moncton,

will host a brunch - Sunday, February 18, 8 AM - 12 noon. Adults

\$8.00 ,children under 12 years \$2 and under 5 years - free.

Wednesday Mass at Immaculate Heart - February 14, 2018

Please note: there will be no mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary next Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 9 AM as it is Ash Wednesday and the liturgy will be at 6:30 that evening.

St. Bernard's Faith Formation



Session	Sundays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
	<u>Years 1,2,3:</u> 9:15 - 10:45 AM <u>Years 4, 5, 6:</u> 12:15 - 1:45 PM <u>Year 7:</u> 12:15-1:45 PM	<u>Years 1,2,3:</u> 6 - 7:30 PM	<u>Years 4, 5, 6:</u> 6 -7:30 PM
10	=====	=====	February 14
11	February 18	February 20	February 21
12	March 11	March 13	March 14
13	March 18	March 20	March 21
Year 7 Confirmation Group - Confirmation retreat - March 18 (2:30 - 5:00 PM) For: Sponsors and candidates (in lieu of regular gathering at 12:15)			
14	April 8	April 10	April 11
15	April 22	April 24	April 25
16	May 6	May 8	May 9

First Communion Preparation Sessions	
→Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 PM	February 15 & 22, 2018
→At St. Bernard's Church Hall	March 22, 2018
→Parent & child	April 12, 2018



Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation

The confirmation candidates will make their official commitment to enter into preparations for the sacrament of Confirmation **at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, February 11, 2018**

May we as a parish keep them, their sponsors and catechists in our prayers during their journey.

Preparation for Reconciliation Meeting Monday, February 26 @ 6 PM - Church Hall

This meeting is for both the parent and the child receiving Reconciliation. This gathering will discuss what Reconciliation is, provide information regarding the work books as well as a few activities for the children around reconciliation and lent. Cost of the workbook is \$10.00



Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is bringing people Together for Peace

Peace means respecting differences, making friends, helping those in need, really listening to

others when they speak to us, forgiving, and telling those we love that they are important to us. Peace is all this and so much more! It is our responsibility to see what we can change in our lives in order to build a better, fairer world – a world of peace. Young people have a particularly important role in building peace and a culture of dialogue: “They are not the future of our peoples; they are the present [...]. We cannot look to the future without offering them the real possibility to be catalysts of change and transformation. We cannot envision [the world] without letting them be participants and protagonists in this dream.” — Pope Francis, Address at the conferral of the Charlemagne Prize, May 6, 2016.

This Lenten season let us be peace builders... together! Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent. Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family. (Can be downloaded from Share Lent Website in the resources section at devp.org/sharelent/resources). **You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18.**

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:



To save on the cost of mailing out income tax receipts: receipts are available for pick up at the weekend liturgies both before & after mass and at the main entrance of the church until February 25, 2018. They may also be picked up at the office during regular office hours.

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



**RCIA - Sacraments of Initiation
Congratulations & best wishes to:**

Woo Jin Kim (Brian), Kyung Mi Cho (Kate) & Emily Minseo Kim

All of whom were fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, here at St. Bernard's, January 4, 2018

God's many blessings to each of you in your life long journey with the church. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



The following children were welcomed into St. Bernard's Parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, January 28, 2018

Angel Leigh Balmaceda, child of Anthony & Jerling

Logan Christopher Langille, child of Chris & Nadia

May Jesus bless your precious little one with His love and grace.



**From the Offices of Faith Development,
Liturgy & Youth Faith Development**

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Books for Breakfast: Young Adults: Our Books for Breakfast reading group for young adults will meet at **Jean's Restaurant (1999 Mountain Rd.) on Saturday, February 24th at 10 AM**. Our reading selection is **Born a Crime, by Trevor Noah**. For more information, contact Trevor at the Youth Office.

Theology on Tap: Young Adults 19-39: **Our next Theology on Tap will be held on Thursday, February 22nd, 6:30 pm, at Tide & Boar Gastropub**. Our guest speaker will be Sr. Denise Lirette and the title of her talk will be Consumerism vs Nature, Have We Reached the Tipping Point? Please register by contacting Trevor on Facebook or directly at the Youth Office.

Not Getting an Answer, But We'd Be More Informed About the Question: Recent legislation around the question of medically assisted suicide invites us as Roman Catholic Christians to give serious consideration to what we believe about death and dying. The Church holds the underlying principle of Choose Life among all others; we recognize the question of medically assisted suicide is a multifaceted one with no easy answers. The English Diocesan Pastoral Council understands the importance of having dialogue about this. Therefore, over the next year or so, the Office of Faith Development will be offering a series of initiatives to enable these conversations. During Lent you are invited to read Sr. Nuala Kenny's book: Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care. Sr. Nuala is a member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, medical doctor, ethicist and professor emeritus with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine. In her book, she talks about the challenge of being pastorally present to those who are "sick, dependent and dying, to those who may be considering medically assisted death, and to the bereaved whose loved ones have chosen it." Having read the book, you are invited to join Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Leveque, two retired nurses, as they facilitate a discussion on it, on April 14th and 21st, 9:30 AM - 12 noon at St. Bernard's Church Hall. Claudia and Maurise readily admit they don't have all the answers, but they understand the importance of living in hope. Later in the spring, we will explore the Church's beliefs and attitudes around death in a session facilitated by Dr. Andrew Wilson; in the fall, we will look at how our Canadian bishops have responded to this legislation in a session facilitated by Archbishop Valéry Vienneau; and in March 2019 Sr. Nuala will present a Mission on the topic. These are complex issues, and as the title of the series suggests, may not offer any ready answers; but we need to do some personal reflection, and engage in dialogue with others about this so we can more fully delve into the complexity of suffering and death. How, even with the great pain and hardship of chronic, debilitating and terminal illness, can one still live in hope? Copies of Sr. Nuala's book are available at the Vision Book Store at Place de la Cathédral, 224 St. George St., Moncton (the basement of the Cathedral – side entrance off the parking lot) for \$17. Further details on our gatherings will be forthcoming ... for the present, drop by and pick up your copy of the book – it will give you something to reflect on during Lent.

Celebration of the Word during Lent: Once again this year, at the request of the English Diocesan Pastoral Council, an opportunity will be provided to ensure that **all** our faith communities become more familiar with the ritual prayer, **Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours**. This is the **official** ritual of our Canadian Church approved for use 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, which will be celebrated on: **February 27th, 7 PM, at Holy Family, 52 Falkland 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.



Exciting News

For some time now, the Building Committee and the Pastoral Ministry Team have been exploring options on the future status of the vacant Rectory.

With the onset of new building developments close to our downtown location, we have also been looking at opportunities to maintain our existing parking arrangements for Masses and other Church functions.

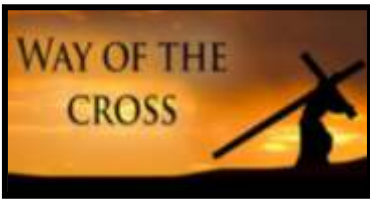
We are pleased to announce that we have concluded preliminary negotiations on both of these issues, and want to meet with Parishioners to solicit support on a proposal that has been submitted to your Building Committee and Pastoral Ministry Team.

We will also outline the commitment and the intended course of action needed to bring this proposal forward to a successful realization of our goals.

We are inviting all parishioners to attend our information sessions immediately following both masses on the weekend of

February 10th & 11th, 2018

**Be a part of making this a significant milestone for
Saint Bernard's Church!
Come and be informed.**



The Way of the Cross 2018

We (everyone who wishes to participate) will pray the Way of the Cross during the holy season of Lent on **Friday evenings at 7 PM**. To make this prayer available to as many as possible, we will celebrate it in different churches according to the following schedule:

February 16	Immaculate Heart of Mary
February 23	Saint Augustine's
March 2	Saint Bernard's
March 9	Holy Family
March 16	Saint Augustine's
March 23	Saint Bernard's



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

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 February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, and 22. Church at 7 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – FEBRUARY 14, 2018

	St. Bernard's	9:30 AM
	Holy Family	12:00 Noon
	St. Lawrence O'Toole	12:00 Noon
	People's Park Tower	2:00 PM
	Immaculate Heart of Mary	6:30 PM
	St. Augustine's	7:00 PM
	St. Vincent	7:00 PM
	St. Jude's	7:00 PM
The collection taken on Ash Wednesday is for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.		

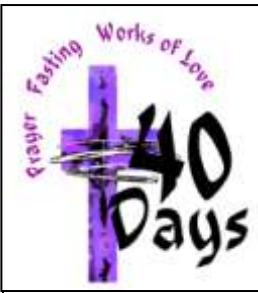
Ash Wednesday

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.



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, February 14, 2018 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".



World Day of the Sick - February 11th: The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.