



*Whoever obeys the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.*

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

**MASS TIMES THE WEEK OF: FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 1, 2020**

<b>St. Bernard's</b>	Ash Wednesday @ 9:30 AM, Thursdays @ 9:30, Saturday @ 4 PM, & Sunday @ 11:00 AM
<b>St. Vincent</b>	Sundays @ 9:00 AM
<b>St. Clement's</b>	Every 2nd Saturday @ 7 PM (you may call 538-2262 to confirm date of Mass)

**PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

<b>Priest Moderator:</b> Fr. Allison S. Carroll	<b>Social Justice:</b> Claudia McCloskey
<b>Assistant: (part-time)</b> Fr. Charles Broderick	<b>Catechetics:</b> Lorella Dunnett
<b>Liturgy:</b> Darlene McGraw	<b>Adult Faith:</b> Dr. Andrew Wilson

**STAFF**

<b>Secretary:</b> Darlene McGraw	<b>Email:</b> darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
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<b>Custodian:</b> Michel Saulnier	<b>Facilities manager:</b> Mike Murphy

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: FEBRUARY 24-28, 2020**

Monday to Friday	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (closed at lunch 12-1)
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**MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF: FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 1, 2020**

Wednesday	Feb. 26	9:30 AM	Late Jackie Melanson	St. Bernard's CWL
Thursday	Feb. 27	9:30 AM	Late Jim Clements	Catherine Clements
Saturday	Feb. 29	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Min & Gordon Hooper	Irene & family
Sunday	Mar. 1	11:00 PM	Anniv. late Larry Hachey	Geraldine & family

**OFFERINGS FROM: FEBRUARY 15-16, 2020**

Loose	\$ 621.85	Building Fund	\$ 340.00 (13)
Envelopes	\$ 6,528.00 (270)	Capital Campaign	\$ 1,523.33 (26)
Karing Kitchen	\$ 55.75	Upkeep of the Holy Land	\$ 35.00 (3)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT !!!**



**IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER  
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:  
ST. BERNARD'S PHONE LINE @ 857-0425  
ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>Secular Carmelites:</b> 2nd Saturday of month, 9:30 AM to 12 noon, Stage Area
<b>Living Word Community Prayer Group:</b> Wednesdays, 7 PM @ St. Augustine's
<b>Prayer Group:</b> 7 PM, 2nd & last Saturday of each month (after 25th), St. Bernard's Church Hall
<b>RCIA:</b> 1 & 3 Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b> To be determined
<b>Next Baptisms:</b> To be determined
<b>Ash Wednesday:</b> Wednesday, February 26 @ 9:30 AM
<b>Lenten Evening Prayer:</b> Thursdays, February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, & April 2 @ 6 PM
<b>World Day of Prayer:</b> Friday, March 6 @ 2 PM - St. Bernard's Church
<b>St. Patrick's Day Mass:</b> St. Bernard's, Tuesday, March 17 @ 11 AM
<b>CWL Shamrock Card Party:</b> Wednesday, March 18 @ 12 noon



**St. Bernards Church is open daily - Monday to Friday  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**  
For a time of quiet reflection, private prayer or simply to be.  
Please feel very welcome to come to the church during this time.



<i>A time to mourn...</i>	
<i>Our sincere sympathies to the families of:</i>	
<b>Elroy Lund</b>	Brother of Gerald (late Maureen), Ralph (Lavetta), sisters-in-laws, Madge & Sheila Lund
<b>Doris Richard</b>	Wife of Edgar

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



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

<b>Chris Fortin</b>	<b>Bernie Cormier</b>	<b>Eric Kopetsky</b>	<b>Marilyn MacLeod</b>
<b>Rob Robichaud</b>	<b>Marjorie Moore</b>	<b>Donna Robichaud</b>	<b>Paul LeBlanc</b>
<b>Ronald Briffett</b>	<b>Ann Marie Bourgeois</b>	<b>Eugene Leger</b>	
<b>Roger Berube</b>	<b>Beth Purcell</b>	<b>Neil Coyle</b>	

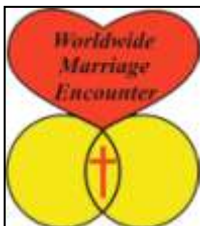


### World Day of Prayer 2020

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. This year's service has been prepared by the women of the Zimbabwe and the theme is ***Rise! Take your mat and walk.*** The service will be at St. Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford St. Moncton, Friday, March 6 at 2 PM. The offering collected will be forwarded to the WICC (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada) to support justice projects which will receive funding through a WICC grant.

If you have questions, or have individuals from your church willing to take part in reading at the service, please leave a message for Claudia McCloskey at St. Bernard's 857-0425.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



**April 3 - 5, 2020** @ Our Lady of Hope Renewal Centre, Cavendish, PEI or  
**June 5 - 7, 2020** @ Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Monastery, Nova Scotia

For more information, email [renewmarriage@gmail.com](mailto:renewmarriage@gmail.com)

or text or call 902-314-8541



### COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

**Ash Wednesday is approaching!**  
**Lent begins Wednesday, February 26, 2020.**

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.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – FEBRUARY 26, 2020



St. Bernard's	9:30 AM
Holy Family	12:00 Noon
Our Lady of Mercy	1:00 PM
People's Park Tower	2:00 PM
St. Lawrence O'Toole	4:00 PM
Immaculate Heart of Mary	6:30 PM
St. Augustine's	7:00 PM
St. Jude's	7:00 PM



From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy  
& Youth Faith Development - To contact us:  
Ellen - 857- 9952 or [ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com)  
Trevor - 857-4879 or [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com)

**Sacrament Resource Selection Committee:** meet on Monday, **February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM** .

**Parish Catechetical Coordinators:** **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00** . Dr. Andrew Wilson will be providing the formation at the start of the meeting.

**Above meetings take place at the Diocesan Office on York St..  
Please use the Dominion St. entrance.**

**The Face of God is Mercy (Pope Francis, 2016)**

- Is the mercy of God for me transforming my way of relating to others?
- How can my presence embody the mercy of God to others experiencing existential distress?
- How can mercy, tenderness and love inform my posture in society and my way of being present to the sick, especially the chronically ill?

Join Fr. Denis Belliveau, Regional Coordinator of Spiritual Care with Vitalité Health Network on **Monday, March 9 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the Dan Bohan Family Center, Immaculate Heart of Marcy Church, Riverview** as he explores the challenges we face accompanying fully those who live with life-limiting illnesses, and what we can do to overcome them. Pre-registration is necessary and may be done by contact Ellen.



**Our Lady of Mercy Pastoral council is organizing a good old fashioned Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at Our Lady of Mercy church basement, Tues., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.** First seating is at 4:30 PM and second seating is at 6 PM. Tickets are on sale for \$ 8 per person, \$ 15 per couple and children under 12 - \$5 each. Tickets available at the back of the church after week-end masses or by contacting Mike at 351-4263 or by contacting Odette at 531-0252.



**St. Patrick's Day Mass  
Tuesday, March 17th @ 11:00 AM**

St. Bernard's Choir will be singing **½ hour of Irish music prior to mass**. The offerings will be used for the Fr. Peter McKee and Gerry McCarthy bursaries given by the Irish Canadian Culture Association - Westmoreland-Albert- Kent Chapter.



## Children's Faith Formation Dates - 2020



Session	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Years 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Years 1-2-3 6:00 - 7:30 PM	Years 4-5-6 6:00 - 7:30 PM
11	Feb 23	Feb 25	Feb. 26
12	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 11
13	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
14	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 1
15	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 22
16	May 3	May 5	May 6
<b>Year 7 - Confirmation:</b>			
11	Feb. 23	Gathering 6-7:30 PM	
12	Mar. 8	Gathering 6-7:30 PM	
13	Mar. 22	Gathering 6-7:30 PM	
14	Mar. 29	Gathering 6-7:30 PM	
15	April 19	<b>Confirmation Retreat Sponsors &amp; Candidates 2 PM</b>	
16	<b>April 28- Tuesday</b>	<b>Confirmation Rehearsal 6 PM</b>	
17	<b>April 29-Wednesay</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation 7 PM</b>	
<b>First Communion Preparation Sessions</b>			
1	Feb 27	Session 1 6-7PM	
2	Mar 26	Session 2 6-7PM	
3	April 2	Session 3 6-7PM	
4	April 26	Session 4 6-7PM	
5	May 7	Session 5 + Rehearsal 6-7:30PM	
	<b>May 10- Sunday</b>	<b>Sacrament of First Communion @ 11 AM</b>	
	<b>May 16- Saturday</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 1:30 PM</b>	



### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To save on the cost of mailing out income tax receipts, **receipts will be available for pick up at the weekend liturgies until Sunday, Feb. 23, both before & after mass at the main entrance of the church. 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.**



## CWL Regular Meeting - Sunday March 1, 2020

1:30 PM	Rosary in church hall
2:00 PM	Regular meeting

- The annual reports from the Executive Committee are due.
- A sign up list for desserts for the Card party will be available.
- If you are interested in any of the open positions with the CWL, please contact Carolyn O'Brien or Hazel Robichaud
- Lunch will be provided by Carolyn O'Brien and Marilyn Landry.



## St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:45 PM** @ Moncton Press Club.

**Tickets \$15.00 each ONLY 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE**

For tickets, contact Reg Lebans 382-0465.

Entertainment provided.

Proceeds after expenses go to the St. Bernard's Syrian Refugee Family Sponsorship.



## Shamrock Card Party

**The Ladies of St. Bernard's CWL will be hosting their annual Shamrock Card Party on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** in St. Bernard's Church Hall (Snow date March 25<sup>th</sup>.) Luncheon will be served. Tickets are \$ 10.00 each and are available from Louise Ongo at 859-7306.

## The Way of the Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in different churches according to the following schedule:

**February 28<sup>th</sup> – Holy Family**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Augustine's**

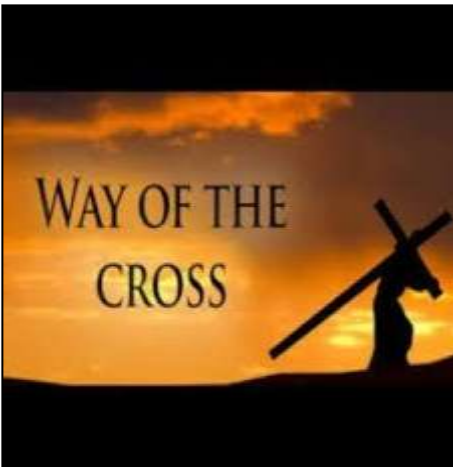
**March 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Bernard's**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> - Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Augustine's**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Bernard's**

**Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - Holy Family**





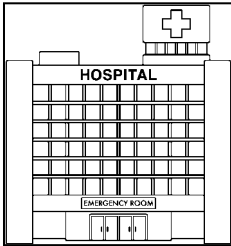
## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

A Marriage Preparation course is a requirement for marriage in the Catholic Church. It is recommended that couples complete this program at least 6 months before their marriage date.

St. Bernard's Marriage Preparation course will occur over a 6 week period:

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 1:00 to 3:30 PM.

If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible  
by calling the Parish Office at 857-0425.



## 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.



## 2020 New Brunswick Home Energy Assistance Program:

The Home Energy Assistance Program provides a \$100 benefit designed to help low-income families cope with high energy prices. The program will provide a payment of \$100 to families with incomes up to and including \$30,000. **WHO CAN APPLY? For more information and eligibility requirements** - application forms are available at each entrance of the church, online at [www.snb.ca](http://www.snb.ca) or by calling the 1-800-669-7070. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** June 30, 2020.



## 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 6 PM - February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, & April 2.**



## Remember that Lent is a joyful march toward Holy Easter

and that all the readings, rituals and penitential practices are not done mournfully, but with the Risen Christ in mind and heart. Yet, it is also a time of ritual lamentation, of acknowledging the brokenness and pain in our lives and in our world. Lent allows us to articulate the grief and anger we feel through prayer texts and song, to seek repentance and healing by turning to Christ, to do something concrete by works of charity, and to fast in order to give food to others. The prayer and action are the work of the entire community, children as well as adults. **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. **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”.**



## 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.





**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**



**On Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
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.

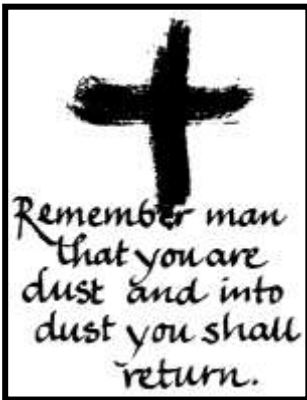
**Prayer, fasting and almsgiving** are not just Lenten disciplines – they are, rather, the year-round regimen of Christian living; the disciplines that, many would say, form us as disciples. During Lent, we try the best we can to get back to these basic disciplines.

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## 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.



## 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.