

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - January 6th, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday 9:15 am	January 9th For the Parish Community
Thursday 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	January 10th Adoration For the Parish Community
Friday 9:15 am	January 11th For the Parish Community
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 12th † Betty Croner & Marvel Conn by the Croner Family
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	January 13th For the Parish Community For the Parish Community Mass for Confirmants (At St. Bernard School)



Pastor's Message

“ Happy New Year!”

Beloved sisters, brothers and dear children, HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of you. May God's blessings, and good happenings come your way throughout this new year 2019. Look for Opportunity.

“Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains.”
Colossians 4:3, NLT

Paul was writing these words while he was in chains in prison. He was arrested for preaching the gospel. Everything in his surroundings shouted “limitations,” but instead of looking at his surroundings, Paul kept his eyes on the limitless God. No matter what “chains” you may feel like you are in today, remember, we serve a God who's in the business of setting people free. Remember, He has equipped you with His power. He's promised to walk with you all the days of your life. When doors look closed all around you, when your surroundings look limited, when you feel like you're in chains, remember, God is still at work in your life. Like Paul, keep your hopes up. Keep expecting. Keep believing. Pray for those opportunities to be opened to you. If you fall, get right back up and press forward with even greater determination to accomplish the dream that God has planted in your heart.

Fr. Eslin Pereira, CMF

THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION will be held on **Thursday January 24th** at 7:30 pm and **baptism** will be held on **Sunday, January 27th** at 11:00 am.



Parents, we encourage you to attend Mass on Sunday and meet Fr. Pereira prior to registering your child for baptism. Please call our parish office, at 613-738-1943, for more information or to register for the next Baptismal Preparation.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

Regular Collection for Dec 31/Jan 1 **\$4,818.00**
Thank you for your generosity and support

Cash counters for January 13th
Gabriella Gonzales & Maureen Monaghan



Remember in your prayers all who are in need of our prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them, especially: *Mary Dawn Johnston, Patricia Quilty, Andy Quan, Chris McEvoy, Joyce Lefebvre, Bob Lefebvre, Janet Perry, Margaret Kilmartin, Lisa Paquette and Jane Cameron.*

Please contact the parish office to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Pat Gagne (613-523-0769)

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS:

A special enrolment mass for all students registered to make their First Holy Communion is scheduled for **1:30 pm on Sunday January 20th** at St. Bernard's Church.

If your child is baptized and you did not attend the registration meeting held last November, this is their last chance to do so if they want to receive their 1st Holy Communion in the spring of this year. The sacramental team will be on hand to assist you.

At this special mass the children will receive a blessing and a cross to mark the occasion. A small celebration will follow in the church hall after the mass.

Registered children and their families are expected to attend.

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REMINDER TO ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!

Attendance is mandatory at the 1pm preparation session and mass on **Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019**, at the **St. Bernard School gym**. Parking is available in both the school and church parking lots. Outdoor shoes/boots must be removed before entering the gym. **Please arrive by 12:40 pm** so that attendance can be taken. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Also if you haven't done so yet, please reply (before Jan. 11th) to the email regarding your child's attendance at the Confirmation retreat to be held on March 2nd, 2019.

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are still available for pick up on the table at the back of the church.

For parishioners who would like offertory envelopes, please complete the Parish Registration form or call the office at 613-738-1943. A box of envelopes would be assigned to you for pick up the following week.

For the month of January when you begin using your **Initial 2019 Offertory Envelopes** please put your name and address on the back of the envelope to help us keep information up to date for tax receipts.

We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2018.



JANUARY 6th is COFFEE SUNDAY.

Plan to come down to the Parish Hall for a coffee and snack after both the 9 and 11 am Mass. Please join us for hospitality and fellowship!

Thanks to all of you for financially supporting the various needs of the Universal Church besides your weekly contributions for the year 20178. It shows your faith in action. God Bless

Claretian Missions	\$ 382.00
Development & Peace	\$ 285.50
Diocesan & Missionary works	\$ 467.15
Evangelization of the Nation	\$ 458.00
Holy Land	\$1,597.00
Needs of Canadian Church	\$ 324.00
Pastoral works	\$ 361.00
Vocation works	\$ 411.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$1,450.00
Parish Works	\$1,718.00

A Message of thanks from Cornerstone

Dear Lisa and Friends at St Bernard Church, Thank you. Your generosity transforms lives for the better this holiday season. Please accept our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your recent gift to Cornerstone Housing for Women's Shelter. We will put the toiletries, socks, activity and craft supplies, gift cards and MORE to good use helping women right away. **Almost 1,000 women become homeless every year in Ottawa. Because of your caring, we can be there for almost 500 women a year.**

You give hope. Having a place to call home allows other great changes to happen in a women's life. She can transition from crisis, recover from abuse and trauma, come back from job loss, get help with mental health and addiction challenges. Plus, she gains access to other help in a safe, supportive place. Your gift provides basic needs, including well over 140,000 meals each year at our 4 residences and emergency shelter.

Please feel proud knowing that your gift to Cornerstone is an investment in the building of a warm, caring community for vulnerable women in our city.

Thank you for your compassionate and much needed support. I wish you and yours the very best of the season.

DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD OR INTERAC to make weekly, monthly, or one time donations: Visit, saintbernardparish.com, click on Canada Helps to give. Canada Helps will instantly issue you a tax receipt and will forward your donation into our parish account.

CRA CHARITY NUMBER - Our parish is registered with CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This number is needed to setup payroll charity giving



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

A warm welcome to new parishioners. You are invited to fill out a parish registration form found on the table in the foyer or on our parish website: www.saintbernardparish.com.

Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass.
