

**SAINT BERNARD CHURCH, ROCKVILLE, CT**



**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY VIGIL, January 23**

5:00 PM Mary Ellen Leab rb Mom & Dad

**SUNDAY, January 24**

8:00 AM Rose Marie Pillard rb M/M Delany

10:00 AM Mary Ellen Chicoine Leab 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
rb Robert Marquis

11:30 AM Mass for the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, January 25**

8:00 AM Anna Mae Pfunder rb Ellen & Maurice

**TUESDAY, January 26**

8:00 AM Louis LaPlante rb family

**WEDNESDAY, January 27**

8:00 AM Frank Dobosz rb family

**THURSDAY, January 28**

8:00 AM

**FRIDAY, January 29**

8:00 AM John Moran rb Eileen & Dick Phelps

**SATURDAY VIGIL, January 30**

5:00 PM William Luddecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
rb wife, Mary

**SUNDAY, January 31**

8:00 AM Garry Lawrence rb LeBlanc family

10:00 AM Ignazio Rizzo rb Carmen & Lee Maloon

11:30 AM Mass for the People of the Parish



**Adoration Schedule**

Wednesday evenings 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Friday mornings 7:00 am – 8:00 am Mass



**Hymns for Mass this Week**

**5:00 pm - 8:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:30 am**

Entrance: #839 (WC) Be Not Afraid

Offertory: #152 (GP) One Bread, One Body

Recessional: #763 (WC) They'll Know We Are Christians



**Sanctuary Lamp**

January 24<sup>th</sup> ~ January 30<sup>th</sup>  
In Loving Memory of

John E. Grant  
requested by his daughter



**Open House**

20 School Street, Rockville, CT  
860-875-0475

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm  
and**

**Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am to 11:30 am**

- 3 and 4 Year-Olds
- Full and Part-time Programs available
- Safe, secure environment
- Experienced and knowledgeable
- Faith-based education welcoming students from Vernon, Ellington, Tolland, and surrounding communities.

New for the 2010-2011 School Year

**EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM**



**Welcome to the Parish Family**

**Baptized Jan. 17, 2010**

**Emily Manseau**

daughter of

Dominic & Carol (Andresen) Manseau

**Kassidy Dutton**

daughter of

John & Kerry (Scharmer) Dutton

**Chloe Berard**

daughter of

Timothy & Hillary (Clarke) Berard

**Lylah Aileen Wentworth**

daughter of

Keith & Lynne Ann (Carris) Wentworth

**Parish Support**



This past weekend's offering was \$14,873.00. The National Combined Collection was \$6,541.00. Our weekend tithe was \$744.00 and will be given to St. Bernard Preschool.



**Baptism Preparation**

Parish Center Chapel  
22 School Street, Rockville, CT

**Next Baptism Preparation Meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm**

**Baptism Preparation meets only when parents have signed up.**

Please call the Parish Office at 860-875-0753 between  
9:00 am and 3:00 pm if you would like to register.

## “We Are Catholic” Speaker Series

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm – 5:00pm

“Everybody’s doing IT...does that make IT right?”:

**Catholic Morality and Moral Decision-Making.**

Want to do the *right* thing or the *easy* thing? How do YOU decide?

Decision-making in today’s world is complicated and influenced by societal pressures. We are all pressured to make fast, accurate decisions, according to what the world wants of us, sometimes with no time to think about what God wants of us.

On Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, the Adult Faith Formation Committee invites you to come and participate as Deacon Dennis Dolan discusses Catholic moral decision-making in today’s complicated world. Deacon Dolan is an energetic, engaging speaker who will use his talents to help us understand Catholic moral identity and decision-making. He will help us learn who we are in God’s sight, and how we can take steps to include God in all our decisions.

Deacon Dolan is a graduate of St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore (AB Philosophy/Theology) and Boston College (M. ED. in Religious Education) and a graduate of the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Institute at St. Paul’s College in Washington, DC. He is the Former Asst. Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Norwich, Parish Director of Religious Education and past Chairman of Religion Departments at South Catholic and Aquinas High School. He is presently senior Catholic Chaplain for the Connecticut Department of Corrections, a member of the Diocesan Prison Ministry Board and the Diocesan Diaconal Mission Service Team. Dennis is a national columnist of the Paulist Father’s Newsletter for Catholic Inmates “Let’s Talk”. Deacon Dennis is Catholic Chaplain at the York Woman’s Correctional Institution. Married 32 years, he is the father of three and the grandfather of two.

Please come and participate as we learn some valuable tools for everyday Catholic living. The talk will be presented in the Church with a question and answer period, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

Bring a  friend

**Women’s Guild**

The Women's Guild will be having their first meeting of 2010 on Feb. 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments. During the business meeting, we will be discussing the bazaar and options for the bazaar. All and any input is welcome. All women 18 and over are invited. This will be our last meeting in the Church Hall before the renovations start. If the weather is bad, the meeting will be postponed a week with the time and place to be determined. For questions, please call Mary at 860-872-6166.



Come as a Guest  
Leave as a Friend



CATHOLIC & LOVING IT

### CATHOLIC WEDDINGS

Are you getting married or do you know someone who is? Consider planning a Catholic wedding with the help of

***Celebrating Marriage:***

***Preparing the Roman Catholic Wedding Liturgy***

3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Oregon Catholic Press - [ocp.org](http://ocp.org)

This step-by-step wedding preparation resource embraces the sanctity of the sacrament while guiding couples as they prepare for the marriage ceremony. This resource includes unique items such as unconventional ideas regarding the wedding party, unity candle, the beginning of the ceremony and an explanation of why bridesmaids dress alike. Learn how customs for weddings developed and more about our Catholic faith while planning for your wedding. You may even pick up a few creative ideas for your ceremony. Enjoy ***Celebrating Marriage!***

### **SANTA’S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE 2009 THE RESULTS ARE IN!**



Just after Thanksgiving, a new St. Bernard Parish event occurred. It was Santa’s Christmas Village – right downstairs in our Church Hall! A small team of parishioners, joined by the Pre-School Director and Youth Group Leaders, put their heads together and launched this new event.

Those who attended enjoyed a relaxed morning in a festive setting. Santa was in his leather chair, Mrs. Claus in her library, Youth Group teens worked on crafts with the kids, and cooked-to-order pancakes and sausage breakfasts were served by our parent chefs. Faces were painted and musical ties, elf hats and reindeer food were bought at the village store. The Pre-School and Youth Group will each receive \$250 raised by this event!

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported this event: Amerbelle, Big Y - Ellington & Tolland, Country Pure, Fresh Pickings, Highland Park Market - Coventry, Price Chopper, Between Rounds - Vernon, Dunkin Donuts - Vernon, Garden Barn, Ladd & Hall, and Stop & Shop - Vernon. Please keep them in mind when you are shopping.

Thank you to the following St. Bernard families who donated needed items and/or their time: Bedard, Natasha Garnett, Hills, McCarthy, Pezzetti, Dorothy Spalla, Yarusewicz, Estotto/Santiago, Despres, Gsell, Kathy Lynch, Donald Papanian, Sheridan, Lori Smith, Yorgensen. As usual – amazing things are accomplished when creative, caring people join together and share their gifts!

**Save the date: Saturday December 4, 2010**

*Santa’s Christmas Village with Breakfast and more will return! Our “Santa” Committee is looking for volunteers to make signs for town to post for this event. Kindly contact the school at 860-875-0475 or email [syarusewicz@stbernardschool.com](mailto:syarusewicz@stbernardschool.com), if you or someone you know would like to help or for more information.*



With the challenges our country and world face, many of our families have loved ones, whom they would like remembered in our prayers, as they train, serve and travel abroad with the military.

Amaliyah Bailey	Michael Deveau	Justin Karatkivcz
Anthony Bailey	Steven Duncan	David Lamy
Roman Barabash	Robert Federigan	Greg McCleary
Adam Blankenship	Ian Raymond Faucher	Ted Martinez
Amy Blankenship	Spencer Forbes	Sean Michaels
Robert Bodzhad	Anthony Fusco	John Murphy
Sharon Hany Braun	Mark Grabski	John Palmariello
Todd Braun	Stephen Grabski	Jason Reaudgen
R. Ryan Carlson	Adam Grace	Mark Ritchie
John J. Chesar III	Kellie Gaffey	Aaron Robbins
Donnie Choe	Nancy Harris	David Saunders
Ronnie Choe	Stephen Harrison	Thomas Sinkewicz
Laura Cohen	Anthony Heck	Eugene Soh
Butch Coleman	Edwin Heck	Michael Stauffer
Rev. Brian J Converse	Andy Herzog	Tim St. Onge
Dan Delany	Malachi Johnson	Eric Thomas
Kit Delany		

**~PLEASE CALL US ~**

If your family member has returned, or is no longer in the service, please call the Parish Office at 860-875-0753 so that we can remove their names from this list.

**Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010**

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12 -14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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*"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." - Lk 4:18b-19, 21*



**Stewardship**

*"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."*  
Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. However, He expects us to share our blessings with those who are in need.



**Progressive Bingo  
Jackpot - \$825  
Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

JOIN TEAM 3 FOR AN EVENING OF FUN

Doors open at 5:30 pm. - Games begin at 7:00 pm.

**Bingo will be closed from February 11<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bingo will start up again on May 18, 2010.**



**REMINDER!**

**There will be NO Religious Education Classes**

In January/February for the following dates:

- Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Preschool Open House
- Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break
- Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break



*Give your spouse a great  
Valentine's Gift....*

*A married couples retreat at Enders Island...*

**February 12 to 14, 2010**

**St. Edmund Retreat, Enders Island, Mystic CT**

The Couples Retreat will look at the love between husband and wife in the context of Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical Deus Caritas Est, which begins... "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 Jn 4:16).

The weekend will provide an opportunity for the participant couples to listen to each other, to pray with each other and to reflect on how as couples we mirror God's love for us. Through quiet time couples may reflect on how they express their love in the ordinary events and challenges of life. There will be several talks, opportunity for individual, couple and group reflection all centered around prayer and a profound listening to each other. God Loves us... how do we love God?

God Loves Everyone... how do we express God's love for our self, spouse, family and everyone?

God Serves... how do we serve our families and others?

God Forgives... how do we forgive ourselves, our families and others?

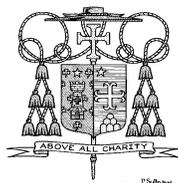
Throughout the reflection on the weekend, the couples will have the opportunity to write a prayer for each other and to renew their marriage vows.



**Deacon Michael C. Berstene & Mrs. Mary Frances Berstene**

Co-Retreat Directors for Married Couples at St. Edmund Retreat and Retreats for Deacon communities in Norwich CT, Fort Worth TX, Bridgeport CT, Portland ME, Burlington VT, and Manchester NH.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

Diocese of Norwich  
Office of the Bishop  
201 Broadway  
Norwich, Connecticut 06360  
(860) 887-9294

January 8, 2010

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The immigration issue is, undoubtedly, one of the most important social issues facing our country today. It affects not only a few states along the border or the big cities, but it impacts virtually every community in our nation, including the parishes of our own Diocese of Norwich. In the last twenty to thirty years both our country and our Church have experienced an unprecedented wave of immigration. How that phenomenon is handled will determine what kind of nation – and church - we will be in this twenty-first century. As Congress readies itself to take up the debate on immigration reform, I urge you to join with Catholics and other people of good faith across this nation to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who continue to live in the shadows, many of whom have been in this country for several years and are productive members of their civic and church communities.

A simple way to offer this support is by participating in the national postcard campaign, an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration. The Justice for Immigrants Campaign of the USCCB is making available postcards to parishes as a tool to build support for immigration reform. The goal of this initiative is to enhance the ability of the church community to advocate for immigration reform and to encourage our Federal officials to enact reform legislation as soon as possible.

In 2007, legislation failed because opponents contacted their legislators ten times more than proponents. In order for us to win passage of this legislation, proponents, including the Catholic community, must do a better job of generating grass roots support. The purpose of the postcards is to provide a flood of support to the offices of our senators and representatives nationwide, to encourage them to work for comprehensive immigration reform. Since debate on this issue could be considered in Congress as early as February 2010, the next few weeks are crucial. To that end, I have designated February 6-7, 2010 as "sign-up week-end" for those wishing to participate in this campaign.

The present immigration system is severely broken and must be repaired. How that is done will make all the difference for the future of this country and the Church. Mass deportations or enforcement-only policies clearly contradict the teachings of our Lord himself, as they violate the integrity of our people and of this great nation. Comprehensive immigration reform, one that looks at all aspects of the issue and strives to respond from a perspective of faith, is the only reform worthy of this great nation. The contributions of immigrants are what have made America what it is today. To abandon this legacy could change the character of our nation and dim our prospects for the future. The challenge before this country is to preserve America's position as a beacon of hope and freedom to those in need. The challenge before each of us as people of faith, as Catholic Christians, is to see the immigrant through the eyes of faith and so make reality in our lives the explicit teaching of Christ himself: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt. 25:35). Jesus identified himself personally with the alien and challenged His followers to see Him in the stranger. Our faith obliges us to meet that challenge. May God bless each of you in this New Year?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

### *Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life*

On Sunday, February 7, 2010, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 2:00 pm., Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Reverend Thomas Rosica, CSB, C.E.O., Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, Ontario, Canada.

**All are invited to participate in the Mass**