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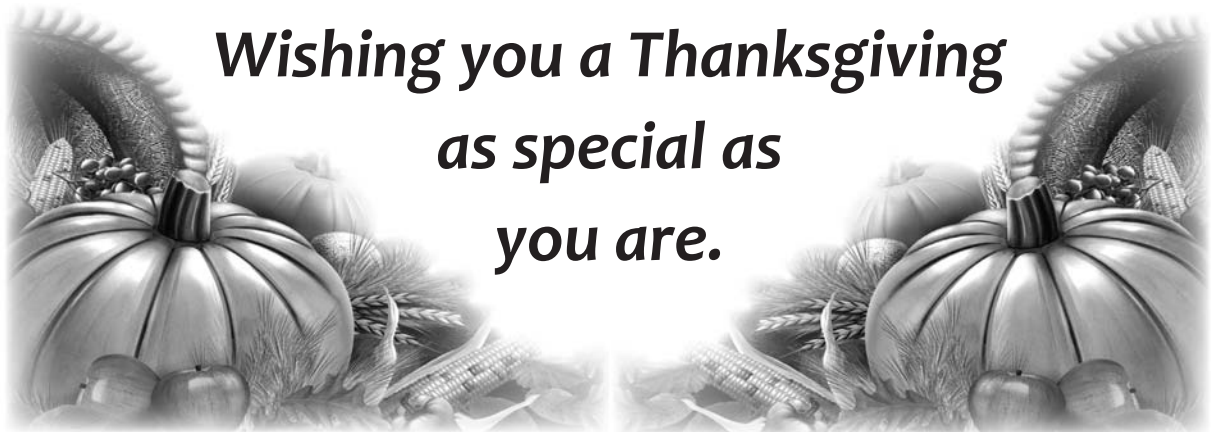
*As the leaves turn gold and yellow...*

*The air turns crisp...*

*Thanksgiving comes, a time to remember...*

*Our blessings and make good cheer  
with all those who are so dear.*

*Wishing you a Thanksgiving  
as special as  
you are.*



**MASS MINUTES - WEEK 21**  
**THE COMMUNION RITE – “THE FRACTION”**

The Fraction is the breaking of the host (the Body of Christ) during the Lamb of God and “signifies that the many faithfuls are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life which is Christ, who died and rose for the salvation of the world” (GIRM, 83). A piece of the broken Body of Christ is placed into the chalice with the Blood of Christ. Originally in the Papal Masses at Rome the Pope would break off small pieces of the main host and a deacon would carry Him to all the priests who would celebrate Mass that day and they would put the host in the chalice as a way of showing that their Mass would be done in union with the Pope. This practice eventually signified the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation” (Ibid.). While the body and blood are for us separate in the passion, they are one, Christ’s body was given for us, His blood washed away are sins.

The Fractioning takes place while the faithful sing or recite the Lamb of God highlighting the fact that forgiveness of sins came about through Christ’s offering of Himself on the Cross. In the Old Testament, the lamb was a sacrificial animal that the High Priest would offer in remission of the sins of the people. Christ is the Lamb of God because He is offered for the remission of sins and for all times. Christ is also the High Priest because He is the one who offers the sacrifice. “No one takes my life from Me), he tells Pilot in the Gospel of John “I have power to lay down my life and power to take it up again.”

The Fraction and Lamb of God remind the faithful of who they are about to receive and the following prayer reminds the faithful of the humility with which they should approach the altar. The priest faces the people and holds up the Body of Christ and says: “This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper.” The faithful reply “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.” The words of the priest recall the aspect of the Masses participation in the heavenly banquet, that is eternal life in union with God who is the source and cause of all goodness and happiness. The faithful are truly very blessed to be invited to this banquet and should approach it with great thankfulness and praise to Him whose banquet it is. The response of the faithful, “Lord I am not worthy,” recalls the words of the centurion to Christ in the Gospel (Matt 8:8). Though the faithful know that they are infinitely unworthy to receive the gift that God offers, they also have faith that Christ has the power to heal them and make them worthy. So, the members of the Church approach the Christ and receive Him with humility knowing their unworthiness and with the Church approach the Christ and receive Him with humility knowing their unworthiness and with confidence acknowledging God’s power to make worthy those whom he has called to receive Him.

***La raccolta di cibo***

Se prega di portare soltanto cibo non deteriorabile  
 Se prega di aiutare Good Shepherd Ministries.  
 Cosa impossibile senza la nostra co-operazione.



*Let us give thanks to the Lord  
 We thank thee, Lord, for fields of grain  
 Gold and ripe from summer’s rain,  
 For hillsides bright with scarlet trees  
 That rustle in the autumn breeze,  
 For friends so dear, for those we love,  
 For all things sent from heaven above...  
 We thank thee, Lord*

*Morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day  
 Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, will be celebrated at 9:00 am.  
 The Parish Office will be closed.*



**CONFIRMATION  
 2025**

**Confirmation Registration will be held on Tuesday,  
 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Church.**

Please bring the following with you:

- 1) The completed registration form with a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate.
- 2) A fee of \$50.00 to cover the cost of materials to be used at the Catechesis classes. Information will be given to you at the registration meeting.

For those who do not attend St. Bernard’s School (you will be given a form from the school by mid-September) but belong to our parish we are most happy to celebrate the sacrament with you. Please come and pick up a Registration Form in the office.

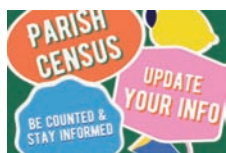
If your child is 12 years old or over and not baptized, but would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation you must attend this meeting as well.



**Celebrate Thanksgiving  
 by helping in the fight  
 against hunger.**

Please bring non-perishable food items to the Church.  
 These donations will then go to the  
**Good Shepherd Ministries  
 on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Good Shepherd is most in need of the following items;  
 canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, soups & stews, canned  
 vegetables, beans, oil, tuna & canned meat, condiments,  
 rice, peanut butter, jam, pancake mix, granola bars,  
 cereals, coffee & tea. Thank you for your support!!!



**ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS**

For your information, this year the parish census will take place on **October 19–20 and 26–27, at all the Masses**. On these weekends, the ushers, during the time of the Homily, will be counting as discretely as possible to determine how many people are attending. This is a useful exercise for the Archdiocese to get a snapshot of the life of parishes. A special thank you to our ushers for helping and thank you for your understanding in this matter.



**October 20<sup>th</sup>, is World Mission Sunday, there will be a second collection**

for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. **Thank you for your support of this important work.**



**Catholic Women's League (CWL)**

is having a "Fall" Bake Sale & Bazaar on November 10 immediately after 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00 noon masses in the parish hall. There will be free coffee, varieties of baked goodies and other assorted bazaar items for sale. For us to have a nice event, we humbly request donations of baked items, bazaar items (non-perishable) and financial donations. Kindly contact the parish office or send an email to [cwlstbernard@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstbernard@gmail.com) Thank you!



**Pasta Bingo Night is back in our parish!**

**Dinner and Bingo, on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm, in our parish hall.**

\$15 for dinner and a bingo card. Fabulous prizes. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus of St. Bernard parish. This will be a fun Saturday night for our community. Please support us by buying tickets from the ushers after mass or from the parish office. See you there!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	All Souls & Peace for Families Catherine Mac Intyre
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Iolanda Florio Angelo & Liberata Apa and Rosina Apa Maria & Raimondo Castellucci Fiore Molinaro Aldo Celebre
	10:30 am	Thanksgiving for Prayers answered Franco Agostino Michele Rizzuto Teresita Burguillos Carmen Balbaboco
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
	2:00 pm	Spanish Mass
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>		<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>
	9:00 am	Antonio Rui Pereira
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Registration
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Ida Lio (1-year Memorial Mass)
	5:00 pm	Catherine Mac Intyre Luigi & Angelina Sottile Rosina & Francesco Sottile Melina & Ferdinando Marchese Francisco & Joseph Mai
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Iolanda Florio Anna Susanna Michele & Anina Risi Francesco Spina
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	Honorina Balbaboco

**Weekly Collection**

**Last week, our collection was \$4,115.90  
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