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Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land,

For faith in God's sustaining hand,

For every blessing great and small

We thank the giver of it all.





It is nice to get together with friends and family during Thanksgiving, the food and love is always heartwarming. I don't know about you, but I always think to myself, "I wish that this day could last forever", or that we should visit each other more often just to recreate this joy.

You know, one year as a family was praying, the mother, to get her children's attention, simply said, "Let us give thanks" only to hear from her son "Who are we thanking?" Of course, we know it is the Lord the source of all graces.

As Catholic Christians our spirituality incorporates thanksgiving as a daily part of our lives. Every day, we should thank the Lord for His gifts to us. When we do this, we see the Lord more clearly, we see He was not absent in our life, but that even in hard times He is there beside us. When we realize this, our eyes open and we see His presence everywhere, in coincidences that are not coincidences, in providence and in prayers heard, even if the answer to those prayers were not as we first thought the answer would be and in God's presence that keeps all of the created order in existence and working in harmony. This leads us to a closeness to the Lord, but it all starts by giving thanks.

In fact the very Mass, source and summit of our faith is at times called the "Eucharist", which means thanksgiving, for we rejoice at all that the Lord Jesus Christ, has done for us, most of all that He has saved us from our sins and is close to us in the Host, His very body and blood soul and divinity.

There is a danger in forgetting to give thanks wherein we take Jesus for granted or talk to him only to ask for things and He begins to seem so distant and aloof. It leads to cynicism even a loss of faith. He's not aloof or unconcerned of course, it's just that some have stopped looking,

So, as it is natural to give Jesus thanks on Thanksgiving, let us return to give Him thanks the day after that and the day after that, now and for evermore.

I hope you all have opportunity to have a Blessed, celebratory and Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Boniface

In Loving Memory
Cara Memoria di
Celestino Durante
Maria Martino
Sante Lena

SUPPORT OUR RENOVATION FUND

As we have been talking about for several weeks, our sound system has reached the end of its life and is beginning to fail. A good sound system that will allow everyone to hear clearly and to worship regardless of where they choose to sit during Mass, needs to be installed. As you know, sound systems, especially for a large building like ours, are notoriously expensive and sadly we do not have an exception from this rule, the new sound system will cost \$100,000.00 which means we are asking for \$200.00 from every adult parishioner.

I understand that it is a large amount to ask for, but we will never be able to save up enough money to afford this and we need your help.

I want to thank all those who have already given, for their generosity. For those who have yet to give, you may donate half now and half in the new year or on a monthly basis if that would be more financially feasible for you.

To address an often asked question, these donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for helping to make St. Bernard Parish a place wherein we can worship the Lord.



ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS

For your information, this year the parish census will take place on **October 18 & 19 and 25 & 26, 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.

HELP WANTED!

The Social Committee needs you!

I want to thank all those who have helped in the Social Committee. They organize the Coffee Sunday. It is becoming very popular and can become a cornerstone of our Parish life.

In order to keep this important ministry going, we desperately need an additional 4 – 5 people to help to organize it.

Volunteering is only an hour or two a month.

Can you help? Please let me know, Fr. Boniface.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul St. Bernard Conference Looking for New Members

Would you like to serve Christ through our neighbors Who are in need?

Do you want to help and make a difference in people's lives?

If this is something you would like to do, Come join us and volunteer. Let's put our faith into action. Our neighbors in need deserve all the help we can provide.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul needs you.
Please contact our Parish office at 416-241-6738.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day
Monday, October 13th, will be celebrated at 9:00 am
The Parish Office will be closed.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

First Holy Communion Registration will be held on
Tuesday, October 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Please bring the following:

- 1) The completed registration form with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- 2) \$20.00 to cover cost of the book to be used at the Catechesis classes. The book will be given to you at the registration meeting.

For those who do not attend St. Bernard's School or if your child is 7 years old or over and not baptized, but would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion, please come to the office and pick up a registration form. You must come to this meeting as well, with the completed registration form.



Celebrate Thanksgiving
by helping in the fight
against hunger

Please bring a non-perishable food item to Church. These donations will then go to the **Good Shepherd Ministries.**
We will be collecting until Wednesday, October 15th.
Thank you for your support!

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA
and shopping in Buffalo -- Saturday, November 29th
\$55.00 per person

For details, call Giovanna 416-244-0321
or the parish office 416-241-6738.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 11th to Sunday, October 19th

Sat 11 th	5:00 pm	Happy 50 th Wedding Anniversary Chiara & Camillo Cornelio Catherine Mac Intyre Teresa Le Thi Diep
Sun 12 th	9:00 am	In Onore di San Pio Angelo Moscone Maria & Raimondo Castellucci Aldo Celebre and Giuseppina Bertucci Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Ilia Sukhashvili
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	
	2:00 pm	Spanish Mass
Mon 13 th	9:00 am	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Tues 14 th	8:00 am	Antonio Rui Pereira
Wed 15 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Thurs 16 th	8:00 am	
	7:00 pm	Gabriella Casciotti Memorial Mass
Fri 17 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Rosary
Sat 18 th	5:00 pm	God's Blessings and Happy 2 nd Birthday Luis Enrique Catherine Mac Intyre Theresa Le Thi Diep
Sun 19 th	9:00 am	Bambina & Enrico Falasca Natalina & Rino Botter Renzo & Ida Carniel Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi
	10:30 am	Franco Agostino
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was \$3,090.50
It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.
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