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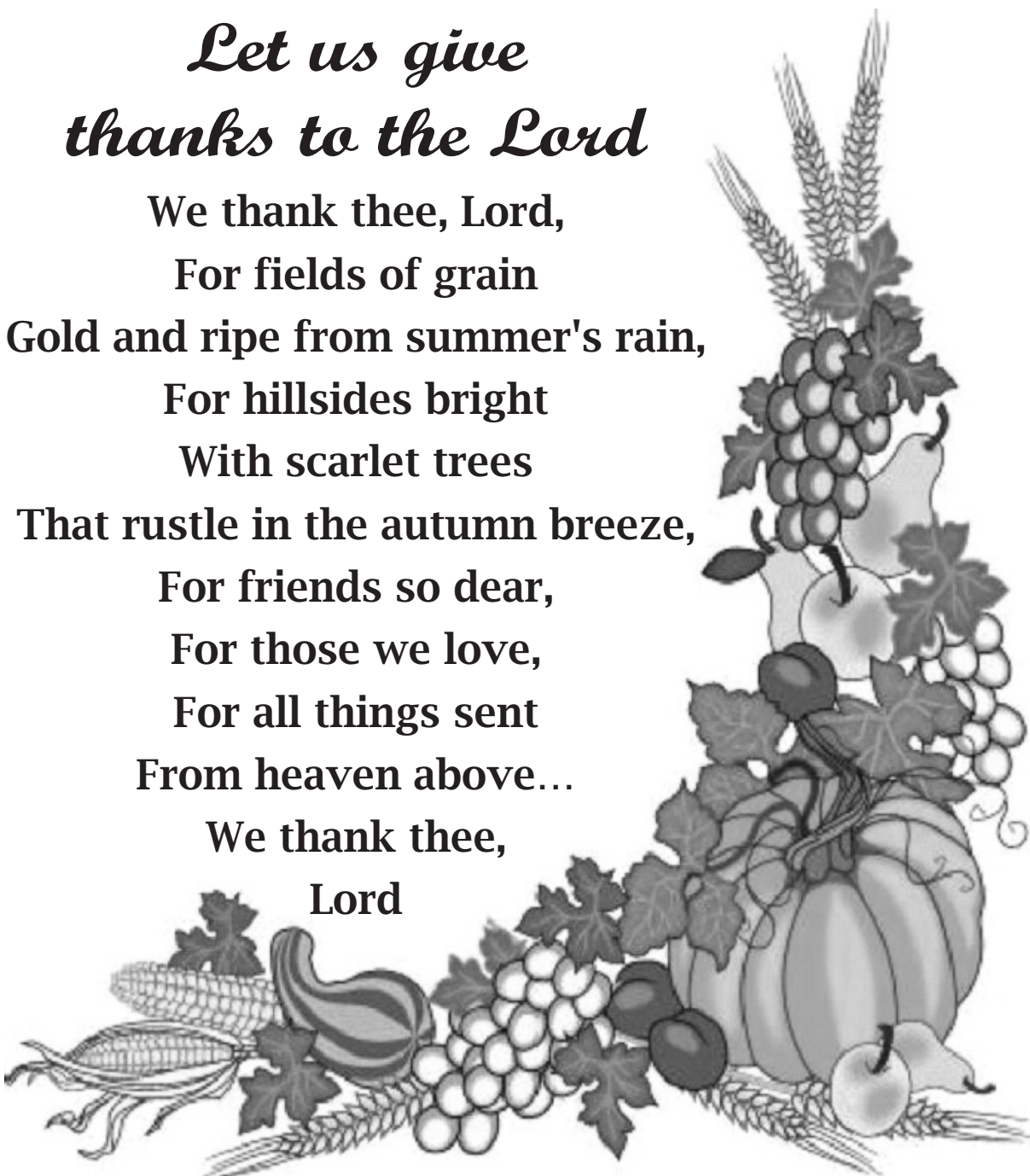
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*Let us give
thanks to the Lord*

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





Of course, this Monday we will celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to gather with family and friends around a wonderful meal, and, most importantly, a time to give thanks to the Lord for all that He has given us.

Yet giving thanks, while particularly important on Thanksgiving, ought also to be a regular part of our prayer life. As we make this prayer a regular part of our lives, two things begin to happen.

At first, we may struggle to think of one or two things for which to be thankful. But as we learn to look upon our lives with the eyes of faith, we begin to see more and more: the great blessings, certainly, but also the countless little gifts that we might otherwise overlook. As we come to understand that all of these things are given to us out of love. We merit none of them. They are gifts of pure grace.

Nor are God's gifts limited simply to the good things that happen to us each day. He has given us the gift of salvation. Through Sacraments, He brings us into His family and nourishes the life of grace within us. In the Holy Eucharist, He gives us not merely some created gift or blessing, but Himself. He comes to dwell within us and draws us ever more deeply into communion with Him.

When we begin to recognize how greatly we have been loved, that love can move us to love others. We can be compassionate because He is compassionate with us. Compassion does not necessarily mean that I feel exactly what another person feels. Perhaps I can; perhaps I cannot. At its heart, compassion means something simpler: "You matter to me. I am not indifferent to what you are going through." Compassion is often the beginning of a more active charity, and charity, in turn, strengthens the bonds between us. Whether the other person is a member of our family, a friend, or someone in our parish, their life begins to become part of ours. We become more deeply part of the community of the Church and of one another. Friendship deepens. Love for our neighbor grows.

But notice where it began: with the recognition that God loved us first. We saw His love through a simple and constant prayer of thanksgiving, and gratitude opened our hearts to love Him and to love others more fully, and so we come full circle.

As you sit down for your Thanksgiving meal this weekend and give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, remember that thanksgiving is not meant for only one day of the year. Let us carry that spirit of gratitude with you throughout your life.

On behalf of all of us here at St. Bernard, I hope that you and your families have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day
Monday, October 12th, will be celebrated at 9:00 am
The Parish Office will be closed.



Celebrating 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**.

The Good Shepherd Ministries is most in need of:

Tuna & Canned Meat, Coffee & Tea Bags, Soups & Stews, Condiments, Jams, Canned Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Sugar, Salt, Pepper and Spices, Salad Dressing, Cooking Oil, Pancake Mix, Bagged Rice, Juice Boxes, Granola Bars and Packaged Snacks.

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ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS

For your information, this year the parish census will take place on **October 17 & 18 and 24 & 25, 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.



Cara Memoria di

Fr. Ronald Mahon C.P.P.S.

Michele Coletta



CONFIRMATION 2027

**Confirmation Registration will be held on
Tuesday, October 13th, 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) 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 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.

Passing of Fr. Ron Mahon C.P.P.S

Following a lengthy illness, Fr. Ron was called by the Lord on Monday, October 5. He was a treasured friend and honorary family member to many in our community where he served as Associate Pastor of St. Bernard De Clairvaux and Head of Theology/Chaplain at Chaminade College from the 1980s through the early 2000's. His tremendous devotion and love for Jesus, great sense of humor, inspirational homilies, strong collegiality and charm will leave a lasting impression to all who were blessed to know him. Together we mourn his passing, but more importantly we celebrate his life in service to God. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.



To the attention of all Ushers

There will be an USHERS MEETING

on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:45 pm in the Church.

This meeting will give us an opportunity to discuss any ideas that you may have to make our Ministry more fruitful.

I hope all of you can make it.



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA and shopping in Buffalo

Saturday, November 28th -- \$55.00 per person

For details, call Giovanna at 416-244-0321

or the parish office at 416-241-6738.

Pellegrinaggio al Santuario della Madonna di Fatima

Shopping a Buffalo - Sabato, 28 Novembre

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10th to Sunday, October 18th

Sat 10 th	5:00 pm	For All Souls Fr. Ronald Mahon Catherine Mac Intyre Teresa Le Thi Diep
Sun 11 th	9:00 am	Fr. Ronald Mahon Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Angelo Moscone Raimondo & Maria Castellucci Serafino & Maria Gentile Renzo Carniel
	10:30 am	Fr. Ronald Mahon Francesco Del Rizzo Adelia Barazza Francesco Agostino
	12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
	2:00 pm	SPANISH MASS
Mon 12 th	9:00 am	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Tues 13 th	12:00 pm	Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Registration
Wed 14 th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	Antonio Rui Pereira
Thurs 15 th	12:00 pm	
	7:00 pm	Andrea Minnella 1 month Memorial Mass
Fri 16 th	6:30 pm	Holy Rosary
	7:00 pm	
Sat 17 th	12:30 pm	Domenico Mammone 1 year Mem. Mass
	5:00 pm	For God's Blessings & protection for Luis Enrique on his 3 rd Birthday Catherine Mac Intyre Teresa Le Thi Diep Joseph & Francisco Mai
Sun 18 th	9:00 am	Iolanda Florio Mauro Ardizzi and Pia Ardizzi Angelo Moscone Bambina & Enrico Falasca Onofrio Luigi Papasodaro
	10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
	12:00 pm	Joe Powers

Weekly Collection

Last week, our collection was \$3,915.10

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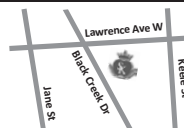
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