

The Churches of St. Bernard and St. Bridget



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April 3, 2016

2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy April 3, 2016

Parish Registration: Registration forms are in the kiosk at St. Bernard's or you may contact the parish office or visit sbsbparishes.org and find the registration application under the 'About' tab.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30-2:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday mornings 10:00 am unless a holiday is during the week.

Becoming Catholic: Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Contact Fr. Wilmot frwilmot@aol.com 533-8257 or Mary Brouillard mkbrouill@aol.com 533-6596 at St. Bernard's or Sandy Woodruff 282-3854 at St. Bridget's.

St. Bridget's Adoration: Mondays 1:00 - 10:00 pm

St. Bernard's Adoration: Tuesdays 4:00 am - Wednesdays Midnight. Church doors will be locked from 8:00 pm - 5:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesdays. If you wish to stop by for Adoration during this time, use the doorbell located on the glass doors of the main entrance.

Confessions: Saturdays at St. Bernard's 4:00-4:30 pm.
Sundays at St. Bridget's 7:45 – 8:15 am

Baptism: Expectant and /or new parents, if you have not taken a Pre Jordan Baptism Class, contact the office. Once the class is completed, contact the office to schedule the baptism

Marriage: Make an appointment with Father at least six months prior to the anticipated date. You may call earlier for availability of dates.

Pastor's Visit & Sick Calls: If you would like a Communion visit from Fr. Wilmot or if you would like to be added to Fr. Wilmot's First Friday Communion List, call the office at 533-8257.

Estate Plans: Have you remembered St. Bernard's or St. Bridget's in your will?

Prayer Group: Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am at St. Bernard's in the parish library.

Catholic Cancer Support Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library at St. Bernard's.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, April 4 **St Bernard** **8:00 am**
Geraldine Teske+

Tuesday, April 5 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
Pete Flynn+

No Daily Mass Wednesday - Friday

Friday, April 8 **Care Center** **9:00 am**
Communion Word Service

Saturday, April 9 **St. Bernard** **5:00 pm**
For the Dick Koenigs Family

Sunday, April 10 **St. Bridget** **8:30 am**
For St. Bridget's & St. Bernard's

St. Bernard **10:00 am**
Colin Casella+

Saturday, April 9

St. Bernard – 5:00 pm

Rosary: Mary Lynch

Servers: Ellah Dodd

Lector: Dorothy Hurley

EMC: Lisa Dodd, Mary Lynch, Jim Nosbisch

Ushers: Brian Abbott, Joe Rauh, Ken Trisko, Alex VandeLoo

Sunday, April 10

St. Bridget – 8:30 am

Server: Needed

Lector: Bill Kuisle

EMC: Pam Kuisle, Mike Sheehan

St. Bernard – 10:00 am

Greeter: Janet Speltz

Rosary: Mary Hustak

Servers: Lacy Jewson

Lector: Jean Peterson

EMC: Scott Christian, Mary Hustak, Laura Peters, Janet Speltz

Ushers: Jerry Finn, Gene Peters, Mark Severtson, Greg Wellik

Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy designated as a special day of prayer, reconciliation and adoration by St. Pope John Paul II. It draws on some of the private religious experiences by St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938, canonized April 30, 2000). In this Year of Mercy the feast gains extra special significance of course and you can celebrate more fully this Sunday afternoon at Resurrection Church where they have a relic of the dear saint. The resurrection is naturally the ultimate expression of God's mercy for a sinful people and is very much the theme of our Masses on this Second Sunday of Easter.

The Gospel is that of "doubting Thomas". He was for some reason absent when Jesus appeared to the Apostles the first time and only encounters the Lord a week or so after his resurrection. Despite his doubts, Jesus is merciful to Thomas but stresses "Blessed are those who have not seen yet still believe". May we be in that number!

We should allow our faith to be nourished by the risen Lord through our regular participation in the Eucharist and live lives of prayerfulness and action in His service. Be His witnesses therefore to an increasingly atheist and secularized world. God bless you all in your faith. I trust you will continue to grow spiritually in the most Holy and Happy season ahead.

Stewardship Reflection

Today's second reading is from the Book of Revelation, probably not written by John the Apostle but by another of that name on the island of Patmos off Greece. It was a lonely and desolate place where many exile, mostly Christian, worked as slaves in the Marble mines for the Roman Empire. In symbolic code John tries to comfort and instill hope into his fellow Christians.

He describes in today's narrative the revelation which came to him there, but to experience such a revelation he had to be aware and open to the Words of the Lord. We may at times feel just as exiled, just as lonely, but if we remain open and conscious of God's presence, we, too may find solace and comfort and instructions. That is what being a steward is all about — being attentive to what God is saying to us.

Stewardship of Treasure

Church Support Rec'd for the week ending March 27
Includes Easter Envelopes

St. Bernard's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 6,864.91
Amount Budgeted	\$ 5,044.73
YTD Received	\$199,007.34
YTD Budgeted	\$196,744.50
Over Budget	\$ 2,262.84 +

St. Bridget's

Amount Rec'd	\$ 2,707.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 2,052.42
YTD Received	\$102,855.22
YTD Budgeted	\$ 80,044.50
Over Budget	\$ 22,810.72 +

Our Parishes

Thank You! **Many, Many Thanks:** ...to all who participated in doing the Lord homage through their stewardship of time and talent over Holy Week and especially the Triduum. Our teams in both parishes worked very hard but I fear singling anybody out in case I forget someone. The music, the décor – all those lovely flowers – ministries, the servers and ushers were great. All this and the 'behind the scenes' work, witness to a good spirit that we must nurture with the help of God's grace. I was also grateful for the good turnout and participation throughout. I only hope my long Easter sermon didn't spoil things for too many. Still, if you can't preach a little extra at Easter, when can you? Sincere thanks to all concerned! Fr.W.

Newsletter: Special thanks must go to Diane Hart who turns my scattered prose and pictures into a work of art. The Newsletter is becoming quite the cluster fixture and we appreciate her time and talent. Fr.W.

Welcome: Monsignor Donald P. Schmitz will be our celebrant for the weekend Masses, April 9 & 10.

Quilting / Sewing Group: Meet on Thursday, April 14 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Marian Room at St. Bernard's.

20 & 30s Group Kick-Off Event: 20-30s Group Kick Off on Sunday, April 17 at St Bernard's in Marian Hall after 10 am Mass for Donuts & Coffee. If you are in this age group, be on the look-out for an invitation and survey in your mailbox. Any questions contact Ally Drees funkyalygator@yahoo.com or 952-465-9540.

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Financial Freedom & Saving: Financial Peace University is coming to St Bernard's beginning Monday, April 18 at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall. The 9-week program from Dave Ramsey is about budgeting, how to be debt

free and saving for retirement. Visit the website www.daveramsey.com To register for the class, on the website, under the Classes tab, go to Financial Peace University and then Find a Class. A link for St. Bernard's will be visible and then follow the directions. For more information email Ally and Andy Drees at funkyalygator@yahoo.com

We are looking for teens or adults to help with child care during these sessions. If you are willing to assist, contact Ally at the above email or call 952-465-9540.

Respect Life: The recent *40 Days for Life* Spring Campaign ended on March 20. There are many reasons to celebrate its success – mainly that 471 babies were saved (documented). In addition, four abortion centers were closed during the campaign. If you would like to view some educational podcasts and videos related to this campaign of prayer, fasting, and community outreach, see www.40daysforlife.com and click on "What's New." You will be pleasantly surprised at the variety of interesting topics.

Religious Ed - Youth & Adult

Religious Ed Classes: Regular classes will be held on Wednesday, April 6 & 13, 5:15-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm



Youth Group: High Schoolers meet on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:45 pm. Middle Schoolers meet on Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 pm. Gatherings are held at St. Bernard's in Marian Hall. If you have questions, contact Neal 316-

5545 or nealabbott11@gmail.com

St. Bridget



Choir: Meet on Sunday, April 17 at 7:45 am for rehearsal followed by music ministry at 8:30 am. New voices always welcome.

St. Bernard



The Men's Club invite you to join them for Soup & Dessert Night on Saturday, April 9 after the 5:00 pm Mass. A variety of homemade soups and desserts will be served.

Adult Choir: Next practice will be Sunday, April 10 & 17 at 8:50 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am.



The Spring clean-up of St. Bernard's Cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 am. In the event of rain, the alternate date is Saturday, April 30.

Bring rakes and gloves. Anyone is welcome to help us. With the help of several people last year, we completed the clean-up in less than two hours. Any questions contact Nick Konrady 533-4939.

Around The Area

Divine Mercy Sunday: On Sunday, April 3 at Resurrection Church, learn the message of Divine Mercy as revealed to St. Faustina, with award winning one hour video, "Time for Mercy" from 1:00-2:00 pm in Fr. Zenk Hall; a rosary will be recited in the Fr. Winkels Chapel at 2:00 pm. Afternoon celebration will be from 2:30-4:30 pm in the Church which will include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Confessions, Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and first-class relic of St. Faustina, Devotional Prayers, including the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy materials will be available to purchase. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

St. James Coffee Events:

* *Human Trafficking Series - From Recruitment of Youth to The Law Response:* As our own paper tells us weekly, this happens here in Rochester. Join us for the presentation and be educated on this topic for yourself and those around you on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm. Sister Mary Elliot Crowley, O.S.F. presenter.

* *Open Mic Night* on Friday, April 22 from 7-9 pm. People of all ages are invited to enjoy the entertainment or be the entertainer as a musician, poet, short story teller, comedian, etc. You may either sign up for a 10 minute time slot upon arrival or contact Dana at dana.petricka@paxchristichurch.org