**St. Bernard Parish/ St. Philip The Apostle Parish**

**Parroquia de San Bernardo/ Parroquia de San Felipe el Apóstol**

March 23 & 24, 2013

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**Pastor**

Fr. Mark Vander Steeg

**Parochial Vicar**

Fr. José Antonio Castañeda

**St. Bernard Parish**

2040 Hillside Lane, Green Bay, WI 54302

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:45, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Monday & Tuesday: 8:45 am Word/Communion Service

Wednesday-Friday: 8:45 am Mass

**St. Bernard Parish Office**-(920) 468-4811

**Religious Education Office**-(920) 468-4390

**Fax**-468-1396

Hours: 8:00 am-4:30 pm-Monday-Thursday

Fridays: 8:00 am– Noon

**School Office**-(920) 468-5026

**Web Site**-www.stbernardgb.org

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**St. Philip the Apostle Parish**

312 Victoria St., Green Bay, WI 54302

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 am & 12:00 pm (Spanish)

Monday & Tuesday: 7:30 am Word/Communion Service

Wednesday-Friday: 7:30 am Mass

**St. Philip Parish Office**-(920)468-7848

**Fax**-468-1025

**Web Site**-www.stphilipgb.org

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

St. Philip: Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 pm

St. Bernard: watch the bulletin

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to date.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

St. Philip: contact Mary Peters or Sr. Patricia Vanden Bergh at 468-7848

St. Bernard: contact Deacon Larry Mastalish at 468-4922
Mass Intentions

The saving graces of the Mass are for:

**Monday, March 25**
- **SP** 7:30 am Word/Communion Service
- **SB** 8:45 am Word/Communion Service

**Tuesday, March 26**
- **SP** 7:30 am Word/Communion Service
- **SB** 8:45 am Word/Communion Service

**Wednesday, March 27**
- **SP** 7:30 am the soul of Joseph Bohman †
- **SB** 8:45 am the soul of Cletus Pierquet †

**Thursday, March 28 (Holy Thursday)**
- **SP** 5:00 pm (English)
  - 7:00 pm (Spanish)
- **SB** 7:00 pm for the Parish

**Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)**
- **SP** 1:00 pm Good Friday Service (English)
  - 7:00 pm Good Friday Service (Spanish)
- **SB** 12:00 pm Good Friday Service
  - 2:00 pm Good Friday Service
  - 2:00 pm Bornemann Nursing Home-Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 30 (Holy Saturday)**
- **SP** 7:45 pm Spanish (NO English Mass at St. Philip)
- **SB** 7:45 pm for the Parish

**Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)**
- **SP** 8:00 am for the Parish
  - 9:30 am for the Parish
  - 12:00 pm Spanish Mass for the Parish
- **SB** 8:45 am for the Parish
  - 10:30 am for the Parish
  - 6:30 pm NO Mass

**Wedding Announcement**

**SB** I Arturo Santos & Hilda Martinez

**Baptisms**

We welcome those who were baptized recently:
- **SB** Kallen Wilson Horkman and Isaac Jay Payant.

**Attention:**

St. Bernard Parish Office will be closed Good Friday, March 29. We will be open as usual on Monday April 1. Have a Blessed Holy Week.

I remember as a boy having Palm Sunday branches in my room from one year to the next. They hung behind an image of Jesus. It was disappointing to watch them dry out over time as the weeks passed. I had wished that they could stay their vibrant green. Now that I am older though I recognize perhaps a spiritual truth in this. The vigor with which the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday quickly faded as they turned on him by Good Friday. It didn’t take long for their vibrant green to fade either. We can so quickly turn on God by our thoughts, words or deeds. It is very appropriate then on the following years Ash Wednesday that we mark ourselves with ashes of Palm Sunday recognizing that we weren’t always what we had hoped to be for God.

The color of red is also quite striking on Palm Sunday. The priest’s vestments are meant to be the color of blood. The Passion of Christ is read and in this most of us are asked to take the part of the crowd. It is a necessary spiritual experience that we all take some ownership in the death of the Messiah and so it is understandable that this can be a rather sobering part to play in the Passion. The priest is in a difficult place also having to read the part of Christ, which is the priest’s rightful place, sinner though he be. In the Mass especially he stands in the place of the Christ the head and here in the Passion he stands in the place of Christ crucified. I feel as awkward perhaps as you do in the reading of our parts.

I would encourage you to place your palms in a symbolic place back home. Many persons place them behind a crucifix, cross, or image of a saint or of Christ. It is up to you. They are blessed. If you do not want your palm branches, save them till spring and then maybe place them in a garden. Let them serve as a reminder in your home of how we once welcomed Christ and can do it again each day anew. They are a reminder not only of perhaps our weaknesses but also of new beginnings. Holy Week is a wonderful week of participation and reflection. See what services you may be able to attend and come join us.

Franz M. Vander Steeg

**Bishop’s Appeal 2013—“Alive in Faith”**

The Bishop’s Appeal is a primary source of the funds needed to run Education, Evangelization & Worship, Catholic Charities, and other programs that serve over 300,000 Catholics throughout the Diocese of Green Bay. Your generosity to this appeal is greatly appreciated, and helps us to meet our parish assessments.

Through March 12, 2013:
- 331 St. Bernard parishioners/families have contributed or pledged $71,615 (68% of the $104,585 goal)
- St. Philip, 150 parishioners/families have contributed or pledged $17,879 (54% of the $33,196 goal).

Thank you — we’ve rounded second base and are heading for third!
**St. Philip Parish News**

**HOLY SATURDAY:**
Please note there will be NO 4:00 or evening Holy Saturday Mass at St. Philip on March 30. There will be a 7:45 pm Mass at St. Bernard on Holy Saturday, and a 7:45 pm Spanish Mass at St. Philip.

**EASTER FLOWERS:**
Thank you to all who have donated for Easter flowers this year. If you are contemplating a donation, we ask that you send it to the Parish Office soon, as we will be publishing the names as an insert to the bulletin after Easter Sunday. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

**PANCAKE/PORKIE RAFFLE WINNERS:**
Raffle winners at the recent Falcon Athletic Club Breakfast are: Patti Jonet, Nicole Sinkler, Lou Van Eycke, Austin Nowak, Matt Pigeon, Donna Bartell, Marilyn Truttman, and Pete Angeli. Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets and attended the meal!

**75TH ANNIVERSARY:**
Fr. Mark addressed the St. Philip 75th Anniversary in our recent newsletter, “The Messenger.” There will be a committee formed soon to work on reflection, spiritual renewal, community involvement, and celebration of the 75 years of St. Philip Parish. Please call the Parish Office (468-7848) or email Lynn at lcorroy@stphilipcong.org if you are interested in being a part of this special committee and celebration!

**JUST A REMINDER…**
If you fill out your own envelope for your Sacrificial Giving or Bishop’s Appeal donations to place in the weekend collection basket, PLEASE remember to write your full name, address, and indicate the parish you wish your donation be posted to. It helps our bookkeeper to properly record your donation to the parish of your choice. Our parishes are linked, but our parish books/budgets are separate. Thank you!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**
Please check the sign-up sheets in the Sacristy for Holy Week. There may be a few spots that need attention and a volunteer or two. Thank you to those who are willing to help with these special, sacred services. **If you are a regular for the 4th weekend of the month, you will need to sign up on these sheets if you wish to participate in Holy Week/Easter services.**

**A HAITI THANK YOU…MERCi!**
A very special “thank you” goes to Dr. Jack Hale for his presentation last Saturday regarding the people of Haiti. Dr. Hale and Fr. Larry Canavera have been traveling to Haiti on medical missions for many years now and feel so blessed by the support of the people from St. Philip Parish. “Merci” to all who contributed to our 2nd collection for Haiti. “Friends of Haiti” is ever-present at St. Philip. Simple reminders are the Haiti greeting cards in the back of church and in the parish office. Proceeds from these cards go directly to “Friends of Haiti” and have been made with love by Sr. Helen Keyzer and her faithful scrapbookers. The purchase of a $1.00 greeting card benefits the people of Haiti – more than you may think. If you are unable to purchase a card, prayers are always accepted.

**St. Bernard Parish News**

**Easter Baskets**
We are in need of Easter Baskets for families that are unable to provide one for their child. Please return to St. Bernard Parish by **Monday March 25.**

Thank You!

**St. Bernard/St. Philip 55+ Gambling Trip**
April 9, 2013-Chip In, Harris, MI
Cost $14.00
Bus will leave St. Bernard, South Parking Lot at 7:45 am, and return at 4:00 pm.
For reservations call: Bernice Rentmeester at 468-1291.

**Congratulations To The Raffle Winners!**
March 10 Bonnie Waslowski
March 11 Laura Wery
March 12 Rebecca Bowers
March 13 Andrew Klika
March 14 Benita Kulick
March 15 Cindy Marshall
March 16 Lori Linzemeier

**Winners will be notified by mail!**
Preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

St. Bernard School
Mrs. Reis-Art Teacher

St. Bernard Student Wins Big…

Howie Gerstner, a fifth grade student at St. Bernard School has spent his mornings listening to Relevant Radio and calling into the radio station to enter the “CateQuiz”. His great effort has earned St. Bernard School over $1,000.00.

Great job Howie!
The contest is called CateQuiz™. It is for students 18 years old and younger. Airing each weekday morning from January 7, 2013 to April 12, 2013 at approximately 7:35 AM CT, this contest will reward students who master ten questions and answers. The CateQuiz questions are especially appropriate for middle school students of ages 11 to 14. Contestants are eligible to win $100 each day for their Catholic school or parish. At the end of the week, one of the four winners will be selected for the weekly grand prize of $1000 for their school or parish! Please listen to 1050 on the AM band or find it at, www.relevantradio.com.

Let's win money for St. Bernard School and learn more about our Catholic faith at the same time!
I am so proud of you Howie! Mrs. Ries

Coping with Nursing Home Placement

No matter how much we love someone or how much care we provide, there may be a time when it’s no longer safe for a loved one to remain at home. This point is different for everyone, is based on many factors, and is one of the most difficult decisions to make. With this decision comes a variety of emotions and a new type of caregiving role. Here are some tips to help you through:

♦ Let go of guilt. If you haven’t done something to intentionally hurt your loved one, remind yourself you’ve done the best you could with the resources you had.

♦ Look at the positives of the situation. Do you now have more quality time with your loved one? Are you in a better mood when you visit? Are you able to take care of your own health issues?

♦ Reconnect with friends, clubs, hobbies, church, etc. This can be healing for you and can help foster support and reduce stress.

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Adult Education/RCIA
Joanne Griesbach, Director

This week’s feature…
“Three Days That Changed the World”
Fr. Hector R. G. Perez brings us alongside Jesus in the final hours of His public ministry as He brings to fulfillment the purpose of His Incarnation—the salvation of all mankind. Fr. Perez’s detailed insights of those last three days offer a moving look into the loving heart of the Messiah, as well as detailed descriptions of Jesus’ intense emotional and physical sufferings. With this knowledge, our hearts can only love Him more.

CATHOLICISM
A video journey deep into the heart of the faith.

Due to a weather cancellation, Episode 3: “The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought” will be re-shown on Wednesday, April 3 in the St. Bernard Multi-Purpose Room at 5 pm and then again at 6:30 pm. All are invited—whether you were part of the Wednesday evening groups, part of another group and would like to see it again, or if you have heard so much about the series and would like to see what all the excitement is about!

Contact Joanne Griesbach @ 468-4811 or joanne@stbernardcong.org if you would like more information.

Recognize that you are still a caregiver. Your role has changed but you are still very much involved in making sure your loved one gets good care from the facility and advocating on his/her behalf.

Let it out. Join a support group for caregivers or talk with someone to identify your feelings and take action!

For more information call the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 448-4300.

Prayer Shawl Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 11:00 am.
St. Bernard, Multi-Purpose Room
Open to ANYONE who would like to crochet or knit Prayer Shawls or if you would like to learn more about this wonderful ministry.

We meet for about an hour once a month. Prayer Shawls are available to people who are in life’s many transitions. If you know someone who might like to receive one please contact Corinne at 406-8530.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale
The 6th grade Girl Scout troop at St. Bernard School will be selling Girl Scout cookies after masses at St. Philip this weekend, March 23-24th. Each box of cookies costs $3.50 and the troop's profits help fund the girls' activities and community service projects.

Remembering A Loved One at St. Bernard;
As we prepare for Easter, many of us may have someone we would like to remember in a special way. If you would like to donate toward our Easter environment, you may do so by filling out the form below. Please put the envelope in the collection basket at any of the liturgies through the Lenten and Easter season. All gifts will be acknowledged in the bulletin during the Easter season.

Easter Environment Donation
Please Remember __________________________________________
______________________________________________
Requested ______________________________________
Please find enclosed $___________

SAVE THE DATE:
Wednesday, May 8
The Margaret Mary Circle of the Altar Rosary Society
presents:
An Evening in Tuscany
The Spot Supper Club
An Italian style dinner
Michele Kulesa from JaJora Olive Oil Company will discuss and demonstrate interesting and healthy products.
Raffle and Silent Auction
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
“The Life in the Spirit Seminar is an opportunity to grow in awareness and openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.” stated Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL, Bishop of Green Bay.

It is the Holy Spirit who calls, leads, awakens, empowers, and brings about change. If we learn to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit we can be a light in the darkness. Come and join us for a 7 week course that is being offered at St. John the Baptist Parish, in Howard, in the St. John’s Ministry Center (old Church), on Thursday nights from 7-9 pm starting April 11 through May 23. The seminar is designed to bring about a personal and spiritual transformation through fuller release of the power of the Holy Spirit in your daily life. A free-will offering will be taken. Explanation sessions will be on March 21 or April 4 at 7:00 pm at St. John’s Ministry Center. An explanation session is necessary to attend the seminar. (Check for brochures in the back of church or on the bulletin board). For more information call Joan Bleser 920-499-4516, Terry Rennells 920-494-3248, Nancy Tlachac 920-468-3335 or Carol Abts 920-468-8607.

MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY
Divine Mercy has been defined as God’s love coming in contact with our human weakness, suffering and sinfulness. Mercy is the ACTION of love. God’s greatest act of mercy is that while we were still sinners, Jesus Christ died for us! (Rom 5:8) The Sacraments are where we meet God most profoundly in His merciful love. As we call upon Him with trust, we receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. More information about the awesome gift of God’s Divine Mercy can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex or at www.thedivinemercy.org Come, pray the powerful Divine Mercy Chaplet given by our Lord through St. Faustina as a special means of drawing upon His great gift of mercy for ourselves and others. We pray it together after Mass each Wed. in the St. Bernard Chapel.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Anyone who has lost a loved one through death is invited to join the “Healing Your Grieving Heart” Bereavement Group. This is an adult ecumenical grief support group which will be meeting on:
Tuesday Evenings– April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 14, 2013. 6:30-8:00 pm
Resurrection Parish
333 Hilltop Dr.
Green Bay, WI
Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions. There is no fee for these sessions. This ecumenical grief support group is sponsored by Resurrection and St. Matthew Parishes and is open to anyone who has lost a loved one through death. For further information or to register, please call between 6:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.
Ann Froelich at St. Matthew-435-6811 or Sheila De Luca at Resurrection—336-7768.
Pre-registration is requested.

Habemus Papam! (We have a pope!)
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