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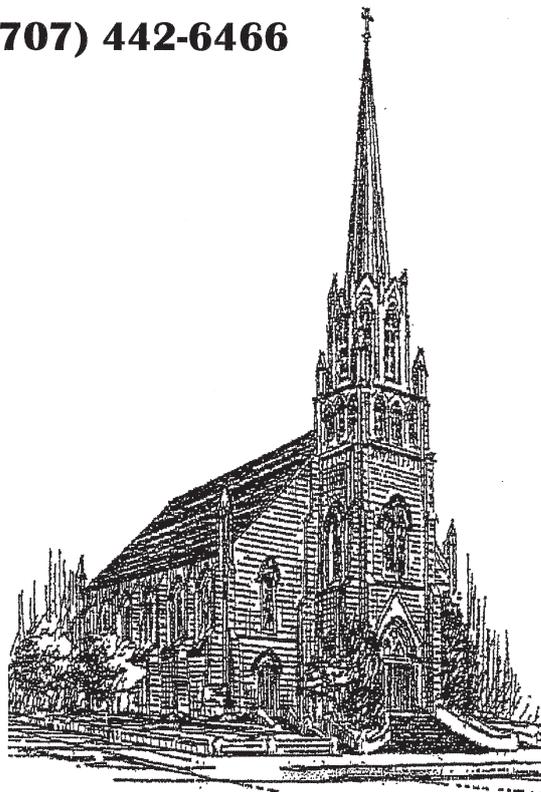
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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sundays: 10:30 am

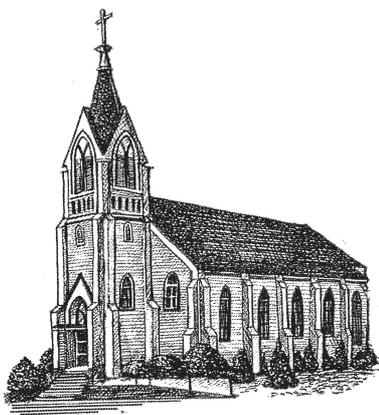
Weekdays: 12:15 pm. Mon, Wed, Fri

Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 pm, 12:15 pm

Confessions: Wednesdays 1:00 pm-

& by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 1-9pm



St. Joseph Mission Church Mass Schedule

(Located on the corner of C & Henderson St.)

Saturdays: 4:00 pm. (vigil), Sundays: 7:30 am.

Weekdays: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 am.

Holy Days: 7:30 am

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15-3:45 pm & by appt.

January 1, 2017, The Holy Mother of God



Mary, the Mother of God “Who is this woman?” For many people (and, of course, maybe for Joseph too) the question is really, “Who is this woman to me? These two questions are very different in character. Consider the first one. The traditional answer to it is that Mary is the Mother of God.

Now consider the second question: **What Mary is to you**, depends on you. This can be hard to understand. All Christians agree that God is without beginning. It seems that a God without beginning can't be born. And so it seems that God can't have a mother either.

But Jesus is fully human and fully divine. As man, God can be born. And so, after all, God can have and did have a human mother. That mother is Mary. And that is why, if it is taken theologically, the answer to the question, “Who is this woman?” is this: Mary is the Mother of God. But the more pressing question remains: “Who is this woman to me?” The answer to this question depends on the life and love of each person who answers it, doesn't it?

What Mary is to you depends on you, on your own care for her and commitment to her. But, you might think, how much care and commitment should I have for Mary?

Isn't that a backwards way to think about relationship with any person, though, Mary included? Maybe this is a better way. Elizabeth said to Mary, “who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:43) Maybe what we should ask is, “What are we that the mother of our Lord should come to us?”

Eleonore Stump

Question: Can you make sense of everything in your life? What do you mull over in your heart? What do you treasure and remember and preserve?

Today's Readings

Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27

Reading II: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Next Sunday's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3A,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

St. Joseph Church

12/31 Sat 4:00 pm Int. Tomas Gonzales

01/01 Sun 7:30 am Fr. Walt Rogina †

01/03 Tue 7:30 am Mary Gierek †

01/05 Thu 7:30 am Patricia Smith †

01/07 Sat 4:00 pm Anita Pera †

01/08 Sun 7:30 am Gene & Kathleen
Tritten †

Pray for the sick: Abby, Mervyn Dody, Yvette Logan, Petra Cortec, Erin Ford, Ryan Pepper, Heather Walsh-Redner-Ringwald, Nancy Elgin, Allie, Isela Adams, Evelyn Avila, Jim Avila, Nancy Brunner, Ed Dickinson, Barbara Hayes Elizabeth McCaskill, Paul Shabata, Ashley Suthlund, Nancy Tompkins, Patricia Tritten, Victor Vellejo, Jenie Wood and John Kusters.

St Bernard Church

01/01 Sun 10:30 am Fr. Eric Freed †

01/02 Mon 12:15 pm Douglas Williams †

01/04 Wed 12:15 pm Clarence Enos

01/06 Fri 12:15 pm Tracy Holtz †

01/08 Sun 10:30 am Int. of Cathy Finney

Parish News & Events This Week

1/02 Mon. The parish offices are closed.

1/05 Thurs. 7:00 pm RCIA/Sacred Heart Rectory

1/06 Fri. 8:30 pm to 12 am Devotion to the
Hearts of Jesus and Mary/St.
Bernard

St Joseph Hospital

01/03 Tue 11:30 am Int Biatriz DeBos

01/05 Thu 11:30 am Int. Norma Howel

Stewardship The collection last weekend was
\$6,290.

**The 2nd collection this weekend is for Building
Maintenance.**

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Save the Date — Boy Scouts will hold its annual **Crab Feed on Jan. 7th**. The Feed will be held at St. Bernard's Academy from 5-8 pm. All you can eat crab with Silent and Dutch auctions. Cost is \$30. For tickets call Frank at 499-5554 or Mike at 616-8692. All proceeds go to support the Scouts.

St Bernard Parish Pancake Breakfast

Prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Jan. 8th in St Bernard Parish Hall. Time 8:30 am till 12.

Menu is pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, applesauce, coffee and orange juice. Cost \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. The proceeds go to the St. Bernard's Building Maintenance Fund.

Children's Faith Formation News

As a reminder, there is **NO** class this Monday January, 2nd as the offices are closed; we will resume our regular class time on January 9th. Happy New Year 2017!

Peace in Christ, Melanie

Youth Ministry News

Youth in grades 6th-12th are invited to our Catholic Community of Eureka Youth Group Kick off Social! Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. There will be snacks, games, and more information in regards to youth group for 2017! Confirmation will return from break Wednesday, January 11th at our usual time (7 pm) at St Bernard Church. Hope you are all enjoying your break! - In Christ, Analisa, **Youth Ministry St. Bernard & Sacred Heart Parishes 707.442.6466 ext. 1103**

youthministry@saintbernards.org *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," Psalm 119:105*

New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew. As we begin a new year, help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Humor:

The pastor was looking over the crèche the day after Christmas when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing. He went outside and saw a little boy pulling a new red wagon. In the wagon was Jesus. He walked up to the boy and said, "Hi, there. Where did you get the baby Jesus?" The boy answered honestly, "In the church." "Why did you take him?"

the pastor asked. Well," said the boy, "I prayed to the Lord Jesus and asked him for a wagon for Christmas. I told Him that if He gave me one, I'd take Him for a ride in it for Christmas

Pastor's Corner It was great to see so many people at mass last weekend. I want to thank you for your generosity in giving to the collection as we were in dire need of a large collection to keep up with our bills. Recently, we had to pay to have the driveway entrance repaired and repaved on Edgewood as a big hole developed. I want to thank the children for their performance of the Christmas Story at the children's mass along with the cooperation of their parents, Melanie who organized the children along with her helpers, those in our music ministry and, Kriss and Phil Buihner who did the decorations. I need help. Someone was looking for a medal of a certain saint and I have access to almost any medal. Please call the office ASAP so I can get the info and get the medal. I will be back next Tuesday afternoon if the weather cooperates back here in Virginia. Finally, St Bernard's is looking for a music director as Issa Stemler is moving on. She has played at both parishes and has a great musical talent and we will miss her. If you know of anyone looking for work as a music director, please let either parish office know.

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God, the divine and virginal motherhood of



the Blessed Virgin. It is the highest title of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Theotokos, Mother of God. This title was given to Mary at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. The council taught, however, that the humanity and divinity of Jesus could not be separated and that they exist in one person, with the momentous implication that we can rightly give Mary the title of Mother of God. Mothers bring life, a gift from God, into the world. That's why you sometimes hear the Church referred to as "Mother". The Evangelist, Luke, describes her as the silent Virgin who listens constantly to the Eternal Word, who lives in the Word of God. This feast is the celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38).

Eureka to have Sunday mass in evening:

Beginning on Sunday, Jan14th Sacred Heart will have an evening mass at 4pm.

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