St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

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Sundays

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Spanish-Once a Month on Saturday's at 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Summer

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days

8:30 a.m. and Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Fourth Sunday of Easter

In many Gospel passages, Jesus utilizes images and examples that are familiar to the people to whom he is speaking. While in our modern world, we might not have an experience of shepherds and caring for sheep., the Pharisees would have known many things about shepherding practices in the ancient world. Jesus uses the imagery as an analogy for what belief in Christ will achieve for someone. Don't be offended that Jesus calls his followers "sheep." This often can be understood negatively, such as sheep who follow blindly behind each other, heading down a dangerous path. Again, Jesus is utilizing a familiar image for the people to understand. We can view the gate to reach the sheep as the gate to eternal life, the gate to the kingdom of heaven, to which we are all aspiring. Jesus is the gate. Those who came before him and claimed to be the messiah, they are like thieves and robbers, trying to take the sheep off course. Jesus tells the Pharisees these things, and the Gospel writer comments that the Pharisees did not understand. In some ways, the Pharisees are like the thieves and robbers, trying to tell the Jewish people how to live strictly by the rules, but not really knowing God in their hearts. Jesus knows that the true way to conversion and belief is through a relationship with God. Jesus demonstrates the importance of this relationship throughout the Gospel accounts. Here, he states very clearly that he is the way to encounter God and be in relationship it him. He came to give life. If Jesus is the gate through which we all enter, then it follows that we must listen to his teachings and embody them in our lives. We desire to have eternal life with God, and in order to enter through that gate, we begin with our belief in God. This faith leads us to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. It inspires us to find more ways to encounter him and to share his presence with others. We are to care for our brothers and sisters, feed the hungry, visit the sick, and perform the works of mercy. We are to pray unceasingly for the needs of others, the needs of the world, and our own needs.

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

Contribution is $25 and the proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. Simply drop your entry at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket.

The next winner will be picked on **May 2, 2023**

March's Winner of $275.00 is
Linda Erricolo

Rosary Society Annual Baby Shower

The St. Bernard Rosarians are conducting their Annual Baby Shower for those in need. There is a crib in the vestibule of the church for you to put your gifts in. New Items Only! Please be as generous as possible. The gifts will be distributed the first week of May. Thank You!

Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi

INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM AS HE CELEBRATES HIS
40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Sunday, May 21st, 2023
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 11:30 AM FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL.
SPACE IS LIMITED AND RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS!

IN ORDER TO SECURE YOUR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL OR TEXT RITA AT 917-698-5506 OR EMAIL HER AT PA117@DIOBROOK.ORG A.S.A.P.
BUT NO LATER THAN APRIL 30TH, 2023
TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU PRIOR TO THE EVENT!

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for Catholic Home Missions..
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

9:00 am Angela Vecchio by Diane Janicke

5:00 pm Lois Wolfersberger by Lena & Ellin

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

8:30am John Lindner by Rick & Maria Elrose
Sofia Maisonet by her Family
Phyllis Guido by The Rosarians

10:00am Gail Kenney by The Obdyke Family (Happy Heavenly Birthday)

11:30 am Stephen Leone by Guy & Joann Ardolino

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

8:30 am Herbert Lamela by Teresa & Tom Sorrentino

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

8:30 am Josephine Juliano by Mark, Stephanie & Victor (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

8:30 am Mary Modica by her Husband, Children & Grandchildren
Fredrick & Josephine Houston by their son Edward (Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

8:30 am Mary & Jack Touhey by Stephanie Puleo

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

8:30am Ray Honovich by his Wife

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

9:00am Mary Casatelli by Diane Janicke

5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. S. Stacey by Carol & Peter Giacobbe

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

8:30am Nicholas Benvenuto by Children, Grandchildren,
Great Grandchildren & Niece (44th Anniversary in Heaven)

10:00am John Lindner by Lou & Maria Elrose
Jean Taylor by Mr. & Mrs. J. Taylor & Sons
Caterina Pomponio by Pamela Cilento

11:30am Daniel & Louise DeVito by The Belisario Family

Weekly Readings

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Memorials

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of St. Nunzio
Donated by The Conti Family

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of
Fredrick & Josephine Houston
Donated by their Son Edward (Anniversary)

Purgatorial Society

Beverly Lawrence
Eileen Mobol
Eddie Musco
Greg Neufeld
Grace Passalaqua

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Marilyn Augello
Anna Barone
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Paul Brienza
Thomas Caliendo
Diane Camacho
Elaine Capper
Ana Caraballo
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Leonard Carriero
Domenic Carriero
Clare Cawthon
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
John Curte
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Tania Davis
Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Jennie Donadio
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Gia Marie Duffy
Stephen J. Esposito
Aiden Estrella
John Fahey
Kevin Fahey
Adriana Farrell
Tracy Farrell
Natalie Ferber
Anthony Filippazzo
Marisa Fullam
Karen Gallagher
Patricia Gallagher
Peter J. Gallagher
Linda Gannon
Courtney James Garrisson Jr.
Thomas Garziniti
Phyllis Gatti
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Connor Patrick Geoghagen
Francine Giannotti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
Rosetta Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
Maria Hinners
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Icandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Stella Kinsella
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
Anna Macaluso
Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
Yolanda Maranga
Andrea Martin
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Matthew Mason
Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
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Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
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Nicholas Piccio
Clement Pollio
Caterina Pomponio
William Prussing
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Alexa Ramos
Phillip Ramos
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera
Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
Craig Rosen
Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
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Jeannie Scarfogliero
Laura Scattereggia
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Aiden Seazer
Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
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Michael Skody
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Aurora Sorrentino
Sue Ann Spotts
T.C.
Troy Tamburo
Cigdem Tanriverdi
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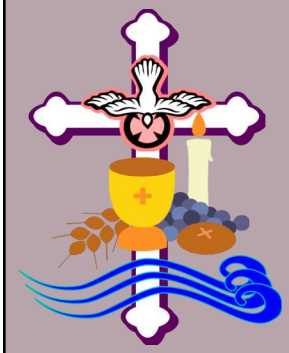
Faith Formation News



School of Religion Registration 2023/2024 Kindergarten through 7th Grade
Early Bird registration and re-registration has started
and will continue until Wednesday, June 21
All fees for 2022-2023 must be paid to re-register.
Early bird fee will be for all who **register in full** from April 12 to June 21.
We want to ensure that we have the materials we need for next year and
to avoid delivery delays and costly fees. Please come to the rectory.
Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in
our Faith Formation program.
Early Bird tuition for 2023/2024 term is $225 for 1 child, $275 for 2 children,
and $325 for 3 or more children living in the same household **IF PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE**
Wednesday, JUNE 21-**AFTER** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 $275 for 1 child, $325 for 2 children,
and $375 for 3 or more children living in the same household. No exceptions.
*New students registering will need a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates.
Call the rectory for any questions, 718.763.5533 Follow us on Instagram @stbernardbklynreled

Tickets Have been mailed.
If You have not received them, there are copies at the back of church. You can mail or bring your tickets with your payment to the Parish House.
Good Luck!

Catholicism
Who we are, What we believe,
and Why we believe it.
Join Deacon Chris & Herb Cabrera,
Our Deacon Candidate
For our last part of the series on our Faith:
May 2nd 2023 in Church at 7:00 pm
Come one, come all.
Devotion to the Blessed Mother and Her titles

Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph
We Entrust Our Families To Your Sacred Heart
In Honor of
Angelo & Giovanna Messina
Donated by Angelo Messina

If you would like to add to any of our Holy Family Memorials "In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

at St. Bernard Catholic Academy
Open House/ Registration in Lobby of Academy Building
Saturday, May 20th, 2023 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
Saturday, June 10th, 2023 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

July 3rd - August 11th, 2023

Boys and Girls Ages 4 to 15 -Groups are separated by age.
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For more information, please contact Rosemarie Stern, Camp Manager at 917-442-4967

The Paschal Candle Flowers for the week of April 30-May 6 was donated
In Memory of

Joseph Esposito

by His Wife Rose

If you would like to memorialize our Fresh Flower for the Paschal Candle "In Memory of or In Honor of" for any of the remaining weeks to Pentecost please call the rectory to do so.

In the Month of May we memorialize the candle that stands lit next to Mary weekly.

If you would like to memorialize our Candle for any of the remaining weeks in May "In Memory of or In Honor of" a loved one please call the rectory as soon as possible to do so as there are minimal weeks remaining.

Save The Date!!

St. Bernard's Parish
& Knights of Columbus

BIG SMOKE

Thursday, June 8, 2023
Starting at 6:30 p.m.
Hudson River Yacht Club
For More Information or Early Registration
Phone or Text Rita at
917-698-5506 or Email
pa117@diobrook.org

Stewardship Thought

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ…'" Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Random Act of Kindness

Put Away Your Phone & Listen with Your Heart
CHILDREN: Wave to A Senior!

Back by Popular Demand!
Need Cash ?

Saturday, May 6th,
4:00pm-6:00pm
Sunday, May 7th,
8:00am-1:00pm

Clean out your jewelry boxes and gather your unwanted gold and silver. The Gold Buyer will purchase 10kt to 24kt gold jewelry in any condition; New, Old, Broken, Yellow, White, Rose, Platinum, Sterling Silver Jewelry, Flatware, Platters, Vases, Gold and Silver Coins, etc. If you are uncertain of a piece, bring it as well. The buyers will test it to determine what it is and the value. You will be paid cash based on that day's market value for the precious metal.
Spread the Word! Tell Family and Friends! 50% of all profits will be donated back to St. Bernard by the buyer.
Please come to the rectory following any of the masses for top notch service and privacy.

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief

A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, May 13th, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or Maureen at 347-436-5192

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Catholic Appeal 2022
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Amount Pledged: $33,887
(as of 4/17/23)
Annual Appeal Goal for 2023: $57,669
Amount Received: $17,977
Donors: 49

If you have already made your pledge Thank you!
if you have not -Please support the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Holy Family Society

We are encouraging families to join our Holy Family Society
Requirements:

- Come to Mass (ideally every Sunday) but at lest once a month
- Say a Rosary at home once a month
- Have a picture of the Holy Family in your home
- Do one thing a year to help the poor
- Come to a Retreat Day
- Take the parish Holy Family Society Statue once and keep it for a week to pray

If you are interested, see the flyers at the back of church or see Fr. Mike or Melissa Wagner.

Live Stream Schedule

Join us every Wednesday, Friday at 8:30am and Sunday at 11:30am for live streaming of Mass on our facebook page @stbernardrc, on our website at Saintbernardbrooklyn.com or directly from the link below:

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5/5/23 https://boxcast.tv/view/friday-830am-dhhigwothdp0veuijine
5/7/23 https://boxcast.tv/view/sunday-1130am-bwsb1owdk6c067pnzqts

For the Military

If you would like to add a loved one that is in active duty in the military, please call the rectory with their name and branch of service and we will add them to a list of military members to pray for. Thank you. Almighty & eternal God, protect these men & women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Shane Cawthon (Army)
Frank Gargano (Army)
Marcello Gargano (Army)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)

Parish Phone Numbers

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Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
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Devotions

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
MONDAYS
Novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
ROSARY
Monday - Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday after 9:00 a.m. Mass
FIRST FRIDAYS
Exposition: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Chapel

Baptisms

Scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Parents are required to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Deacon at least six weeks prior to Baptism.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made with a Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the wedding.
Pre-Cana information can be found at **www.pre-cana.org.**

Sick Calls

Please call the Rectory to arrange a Communion call to the sick or elderly, or a pastoral visit to a hospitalized loved one.

Vocations

Anyone seeking information regarding the Priesthood, Permanent Deaconate, Religious Life or to serve in our Parish as a Lay Minister should speak to Msgr. Grimaldi, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank. or Dcn. Chris.

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

Catholics Come Home

Please feel free to invite those who have been away from our parish to attend Mass with you. If there is anyone you know of that is upset with the church and feels that my speaking to them would be of help, please let me know so that I may speak with them. Msgr. Grimaldi.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

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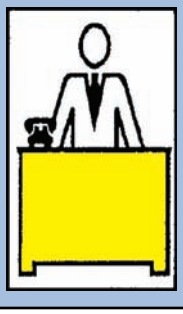

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