

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

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Mass Schedule

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

You can access our weekly bulletins at our website!

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last week, we heard Jesus tell us the parable of the sower, we focused on our own receptivity to the seeds of God’s Word. This week, Jesus adds a new lawyer for us to consider: the weeds. In the long version of this Gospel reading (not included in this session), the disciples ask Jesus to explain the meaning of this parable. The comparison made in this parable was such a literal, real-life problem that it was easy to lose his meaning. The word Jesus used for “weeds” wasn’t a broad, general category. Rather, he had specifically, named “darnel,” a poisonous weed that looked just like wheat when it began to grow. It was so destructive that there was actually a Roman law in the first century that explicitly forbade sabotaging someone’s crops by planting this weed. Naming darnel as the weed implied destructive evil committed intentionally with deception. In the parable, the goodness of the seed—all of God’s creation—is underscored. We have understood that evil entered the world through the temptation of the devil and the free choice of Adam and Eve to turn away from God and be in the world on their own terms. God did not create evil but allows it to exist. Through their lived experience, everyone knew how difficult it was to remove the darnel with-out damaging the wheat. In order for us to have the freedom to choose between good and evil, both will remain until the final judgement. The faithful are encouraged to be patient and assured that the wicked will be punished in the end.

**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 **August 1, 2023**
May’s Winner of \$275.00 is
Mrs. Rosemarie Esposito



SAVE THE DATE
Our
Parish Block Party will be on
Sunday, September 17, 2023
Rain Date: Sunday, September, 24, 2023
More Info To Follow!


BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 3, 2023
3:00pm – 7:30pm
Knights of Columbus #14269
@ John Malone Community Center
2335 Bergen Ave-Brooklyn, NY 11234
Meeting Room
To make an appointment, scan QR code

Summer Mass Schedule
Sunday Masses 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
throughout July and August.
Saturday evening Mass remains at 5:00 p.m.

Summer Rectory Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



This weekend’s second collection is a Parish Collection for Higher Electric Costs.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023
9:00 am Francesco Palazzolo by Maria Bellantone
5:00 pm Ralph Fandacone by Doreen & Anthony
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023
9:00am Stanislava Kesicka by his Son Thomas Kempisty by your loving Mom
11:00am Mary Palone by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Berger & Family Rosa Teresa Patrizio by Rita Damato Deborah Ann Tepedino by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Berger
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023
8:30 am Bruce Granatstein by Stephanie & Stephen Puleo People of the Parish
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023
8:30 am Joseph Jimenez by Fran & Ed McCarthy
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023
8:30 am Phyllis Guido by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023
8:30 am Giuseppe Liberatore by Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023
8:30am Peter Duran by The Arcabasio Family
SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023
9:00am Vincenza & Nicholas Dente by Robert Dente
5:00pm Anthony Belisario by The Belisario Family Louisa Russo by her Family Angelo Giovino by Stella Giovino & Family
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023
9:00am Ann & Patrick Rega by Jennifer, John, Julianna & Nick (Birthday in Heaven)
11:00am Happy 7th Anniversary John & Sue DeMarinis Love Mom & Dad

Memorials

Altar Bread:

*In Loving Memory of Patrick Rega
Donated by Julianna & Nicholas*

Altar Wine:

*In Loving Memory of Marco Somma
Donated by The Berger Family*

Altar Candles:

*In Loving Memory of Sister Corde Somma
Donated by Mrs. Linda Somma Berger*

Tabernacle Candle:

*In Loving Memory of Lily Agoglia Anderson
Donated by The Berger Family*

Tabernacle Candle:

*In Loving Memory of Mrs. Grace Stabile
Donated by The Berger Family*

Church Bells:

*In Loving Memory of Rose Somma Izzo
Donated by The Berger Family*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| 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 Garrison Jr.
Thomas Garziniti
Phyllis Gatti
Ellen Gentile
Connor Patrick Geoghagen
Francine Giannotti
Rose Giberti
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
Maria Hinnens
June Honovich
Carol Ann Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Stella Kinsella
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
Anna Macaluso
Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
Matthew Mason
Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon | Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
Brian Morgan
Daniel Morrissey
Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
A. Passaro
Rose Patrizio
Sandra Pena
Robert Perasso
Jo-Ann Piazza
Nicholas Piccio
Clement Pollio
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Alexa Ramos
Phillip Ramos
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera
Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
Craig Rosen
Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
Robert Sansone
Jerry Sarni
Joanne Sarnicola
Jeannie Scarfogliero
Laura Scatterreggia
Carol Schroeder
Aiden Seazer
Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Mark Skinner
Michael Skody
Alexandra Smith
Aurora Sorrentino
Sue Ann Spotts
Troy Tamburo
Cigdem Tanriverdi
Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel |
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Summer Rosary

We are happy to announce that we will once again be reciting the Rosary on Tuesday evenings in our Parish Gardens starting at 7:00 PM. Please enter through the Gardens' gate on East 69th Street. There will be NO ENTRANCE through the Rectory. If there is RAIN OR THREAT OF RAIN, we will cancel.

ALL MEN, WOMEN, ADULTS & ADOLESCENTS ARE WELCOME. TO COME & SAY THE Rosary! Now, more than ever we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.



Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph
We Entrust Our Families To Your Sacred Heart
With Love & Thanksgiving
Cilento Family

Donated by Anthony & Pam Cilento

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.

The work through the Annual Catholic Appeal is NOW more important than ever. We are responding to the needs of our community by:

- Supporting our young people as they struggle to remain grounded in their faith, including those considering a call to the priesthood or religious life.
- Offering food distribution sites across the diocese.
- Providing tuition help for families enrolling their children in our Catholic Schools.
- Supporting hospital chaplains who are comforting the sick, dying, and our healthcare workers.
- Caring for our senior and elderly priests.



We want you to know that the church is doing great things to help people and spread the message of God’s love throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

For many years now, we have had a donor, who wishes to be anonymous, donate a large sum to the ACA. This donation has assured that St. Bernard Parish would go over their Diocesan goal. Unfortunately, we believe, we can no longer count on this generous donation. We need your help!

To date we have only 86 Donors. *THAT IS ONLY 8.6% OF OUR FAMILIES*
There are over 1,000 registered families in our Parish! Imagine if each Family gave something! Please consider making a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Only you know what you can do!

***If you have already made your pledge –
Thank you!***

Holy Family Society

We are encouraging families to join our Holy Family Society Requirements

- ◆ Come to Mass (ideally every Sunday) but at least 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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process by which a

person prepares to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is one of inquiry, evangelization, prayer, study and conversion, leading to one's entrance into the church through Baptism,

Confirmation and the Eucharist. RCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions.

RCIA also welcomes those who have been baptized Catholic but who have not completed their sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this program is asked to call the Rectory now and speak to Deacon Frank.

Homebound

If you know of any homebound person that would like to have Communion, Please call Fr. Mike.

SAVE THE DATE!
Oktoberfest!
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
ACADEMY AUDITORIUM

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CALL OR TEXT RITA AT
917-698-5506



Stewardship Thought

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."-Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Operation Backpack

Hosted by
Matthew 25

Think it's too early to think about **back-to-school?** for

Operation Backpack!
Thousands of school-age

children in New York City are homeless and one of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it can have on a child's education. Frequent school transfers and the stigma associated with living in a shelter add up to great hardship for these children.

Saint Bernard Parish will be participating this year to help thousands of homeless children on their first day of classes.

We will have a collection box in the vestibule of the Church in the coming weeks.

Won't you please consider donating a new backpack?

We will not be collecting school supplies
ONLY BACKPACKS

We will be collecting through the end of July.

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 Saint-bernardbrooklyn.com

or directly from the link below:

7/23/23 <https://boxcast.tv/view/sunday-1130am-zxgcllxdq2wyuxides3w>

7/26/23 <https://boxcast.tv/view/wednesday-830am-dtsa350umceg7p15w44x>

7/28/23 <https://boxcast.tv/view/friday-830am-n0bredd9fyviyecq3zd>

7/30/23 <https://boxcast.tv/view/sunday-1130am-ukqewlh3ununkrefg5pl>

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)

Perform A Random Act of Kindness

July 24 is National Cousins' Day and it is a perfect day to send some love to those family members we call cousins!

Call, Face-time or Text your cousins – especially those that live far away! Often, the first friendships that we make in our lives are with our cousins.



The Church observes the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."

Call your Grandparents.
Be kind to an Elderly neighbor.

**St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of July 15 & 16, 2023**

- Saturday July 15th 5:00pm-105
- Sunday, July 16th 9:00am-124
- Sunday, July 16th 11:00am-160



Total Weekend Attendance-389

Parish Phone Numbers

RECTORY OFFICE: 718-763-5533 **FAX:** 718-763-0224
EMAIL: sbchurchbrooklyn@aol.com
ACADEMY OFFICE: 718-241-6040
SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 718-763-5533

Gift Shop Hours

Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

When you next update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to St. Bernard. For more information please see Msgr. Grimaldi.