St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 6, 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

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
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In today's Gospel reading, we get to see part of what it felt like to be a disciple. We see Peter, James, and his brother John with Jesus. They go on a journey that leads them up a mountain. We often skim over parts of stories like this but today, let's enter into the experience. Put yourself in that moment. Have you ever hiked up a mountain before? If not, use your imagination. Maybe there would be steep inclines, flat plateaus, rocks. Along the way there might be some bumps, trips, and bruises. Even among close friends, the most challenging of trips can be difficult. Yet, many times we came away stronger then before with the bonds of friendship deepened. The disciples might have thought their main time with Jesus that day would have been the climb alone, but we know better. There is more to come that will transform the way they understand Jesus. When Peter, James, and John see Jesus transfigured with the shinning bright light and having an exchange with Elijah and Moses, they must have been astounded, for this was unlike any experience they may have anticipated happening that day. Their faith in Jesus, who he was, and how they were asked to follow him all get new meanings after this moment. Are their times in your life when you feel like you have learned something new about Jesus? What about feeling like you are asked to have faith when you just don't see a favorable outcome or proof God is working in your life? You are not alone. Those are challenges that come to everyone on an authentic faith journey. We are all called to leave what we can see, feel, and touch instead lift our prayers, our hope, and our faith to the work God is doing in our lives that we may not be able to see yet. Leaving the mountain that day, the disciples were different people. That experience of wonderment and amazement stays with them for the rest of their lives. It gives them fuel to embrace future challenges with grace. Those moments stay with you to help you through the next struggles. And there will be struggles; struggles with family, friends, at school, in the community, in our activities, and even in our own churches. When we are able to ground ourselves in our trust of who Jesus is, we can then overcome moments of doubt and hurt. We must always remember that we are never alone along our journeys. God is with us. We can remember our own mountaintop moments and remind ourselves and our companions on the journey that the Lord is with us, now and forever.

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 September 5, 2023

July's Winner of $175.00 is
Mr. & Mrs. Calogero Candela

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD

This year the Feast of St. Bernard falls on Sunday, August 20th. We will have a special Mass at 11:00am.
We will have a procession around the block followed by food. Let's take pride in our Parish by celebrating our Patronal Feast.

St. Bernard Sports Program

is excited to announce

Ball into Fall,

a 3 on 3 double elimination basketball tournament.
Grades K to 9
Each team must feature at least one boy and one girl. Divisions are based on grade player is entering in September 2023. Registration is now open.
Get your teams together now!
Please note: this is not limited to St. Bernard Players. Any and all are welcome. You can register at (https://forms.gle/FaoyGc1RWy27CMKLA)

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 Groundskeeping.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023	
9:00 am	Vincent Lofredo by Nancy & Nelson Diamondstein
5:00 pm	Carmela Ciccotto by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren (72nd Anniversary in Heaven)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023	
9:00am	Virginia Allegretti by Her Loving Family (2nd Anniversary in Heaven) Domenick Puleo by The Grosso Family Toni Ann Seddio by Meryl & Neil Sorrentino
11:00am	Vincent Patrizio by Anthony & Michael (Anniversary in Heaven)
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023	
8:30 am	Happy 5th Birthday Abby Gallagher Love Grandma & Grandpa DeMarinis People of the Parish
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023	
8:30 am	Domenick Puleo by his Family
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023	
8:30 am	Anthony Annunziata by his Wife & Family (Birthday in heaven) Rose Santillo by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023	
8:30 am	Martin Mulligan by Eileen & Robert Magnavito
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023	
8:30am	Happy 12th Wedding Anniversary Danielle & Christopher Gallagher by Mom & Dad
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023	
9:00am	Bruce Granatstein by The Troy Family
5:00pm	Angelo Licata by The Abbate Family
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023	
9:00am	Phyllis Guido by Connie Carriero
11:00am	Michael Fazio by Mr. & Mrs. J. Taylor & Sons Rosa Teresa Patrizio by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino Katherine Julia Rochford by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Berger Aldo Lattanzio by Your Loving Family

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.

Memorials

Altar Bread:
In Loving Memory of Ann Rega
Donated by Julianna & Nick

Altar Candles:
In Loving Memory of Paul Bonauro
Donated by Mom & Dad (11th Anniversary)

Tabernacle Candle:
In Loving Memory of Donald Joseph Merone
Donated by Lynn Cirillo & Family

Tabernacle Candle:
In Loving Memory of Luisa Esquerra
Donated by Anthony & Malou Mozatto

Church Bells:
In Loving Memory of Fr. Vincent Gallo
Donated by Annette & Richard Hinners

Altar Flowers:
In Loving Memory of Joseph Esposito
Donated by his Wife (Happy Heavenly Birthday)

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
Nick & Sarah Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
John Curte
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Joan Darragh
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
Pat Fallon
Adriana Farrell
Tracy Farrell
Natalie Ferber
Anthony Filippazzo
Marisa Fullam
Alexandra Gagliardi
Karen Gallagher
Patricia Gallagher
Peter J. Gallagher
Linda Gannon
Courtney James Garrisson 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 Hinners
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Ann Klauss
Kiera Sophie
Stella Kinsella
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
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
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
Laura Scattereggia
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

Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph
We Entrust Our Families To Your Sacred Heart

Mac Bride Family

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Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Ken & Ann MacBride

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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! FOR THOSE THAT HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR ASK, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! You have brought us closer to reaching our goal.

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Amount Pledged: $53,682. (As of 7/24/23)

Annual Appeal Goal for 2023: $57,669. **Amount Received:** $36,917.

Donors: 97 THAT ***IS ONLY 9.7% OF OUR FAMILIES***

There are over 1,000 registered families in our Parish!

Imagine If every family gave $100 gift to the Appeal!

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

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.

Stewardship Thought

"…then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'"
-Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

Operation Backpack

Thank you to all our parishioners and our Knights of Columbus for donating backpacks to Operation Backpack.
Thank you so much for your kindness & generosity!

Spanish Mass

The next Spanish Mass will be on
Saturday, August 12, 2023
At 7:00pm.
This Mass is for all Vocations.

Assumption of Our Blessed Mother

Tuesday, August 15th, is the Feast Day on which we celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven, body and soul.
It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses will be at
8:30am & 7:30pm

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:

8/6/23 https://boxcast.tv/view/sunday-1130am-bsofrvknlqcwhoapvpg8
8/9/23 https://boxcast.tv/view/wednesday-830am-g7vseswrptv9rxex0l7f
8/11/23 https://boxcast.tv/view/friday-830am-oljxs7e8oyo2colfzdlq
8/13/23 https://boxcast.tv/view/sunday-1130am-glolil9b7bh5p6zwhvsd

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

Be kind to that coworker that annoys you or drives you crazy.
Children: Paint small rocks with inspirational sayings and put them around your local park

Matthew 25 Ministry

On the 3rd Sunday of every month we will have a food collection of non-perishable foods.
We will alternate giving the food to food pantries at Mary Queen of Heaven & St. Athanasius.
Please be as generous as possible!

It comes from Matthew 25: "When I was hungry and you fed me; naked you clothed me; ill and in prison you visited me. Whenever you do this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to Me"
So, at St. Bernard.s, iit includes the giving tree, clothing drive, food drive, blood drive, operation backpack, & rehabilitating houses in Dominican Republic with St. Anthony Parish there.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of July 29 & 30, 2023

Saturday July 29th 5:00pm-118
Sunday, July 29th 9:00am-133
Sunday, July 30th 11:00am-126
Total Weekend Attendance-377

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.