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August 20th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For you to feel what mercy feels like, what do you have to experience first? Some people say that unless you know true hate, you will not know true love. Or, unless you experience the highest point of the mountain, you won't know the lowest point of the valley. Unless you have lost the dearest blessing to you, you will not be able to treasure those people or things that mean the most to you. Being able to experience these extremes is itself a gift from God. Have you felt any of these extreme emotions before? Take for example a teenager who has seen their parents go through marital challenges, maybe even experience a divorce. The tragic part of that moment is the extreme loss of two present parents. But God can use that moment to prepare the teenage for his or her life later on as he or she experiences the high joy of his or her vocation, either as a single person, to the religious life or ordination, or to marriage. We know that God's mercy is always offered, even if the situation might seem insignificant to others. When we experience cruelty and hatred or when we know the depths of sin, then we can see more clearly the overwhelming fullness of God's mercy and love. The woman in the Gospel today had surely experienced pain in her past and had been the object of scorn for others. Even in this Gospel story, we see her plea for help being ignored. In spite of that, she is seeking the mercy and love of God for the healing of her daughter. She is doing all she can to help her daughter be free from the demons that possess her. In the face of rejection, she has great faith that the peace and love of God can heal her child and that Jesus is the only one who can offer that. Her great love for her daughter inspires her to seek that mercy that God offers. In the end, Jesus does heal her daughter and praises the woman for her faith. The Gospel passage we hear today leaves us waiting until the end to experience a resolution to the extreme concern and frustration the woman felt. Leading up to it, we see a model of persistent petition that we can sue in our prayer life. The woman is relentless when it comes to asking for help. She will not stop even though she is not who Jesus says he came to save. She does not stop when their conversation is met with arguments. She knows, despite everything, she needs help and she needs specific help from Jesus. The woman in today's Gospel has the courage to pursue Jesus. As we continue our journey of faith, we need to remember to have the courage of this woman to ask for help and to advocate for those who need peace, joy, and love in their lives. Jesus is merciful. It is who he is. We can always run to him; we just need to have courage.

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

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)

2024 MASS BOOK

The 2024 Mass Book will open on
Wednesday, September 20th
at 9:00 a.m.
Please wait on line outside the side door of the church and we will be meeting in the chapel in the church.
You can memorialize or honor someone in this special way! Also available will be memorials for Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles, Tabernacle Candles, Bells, and Altar Flowers. All masses will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis. Masses and memorials must be paid for at the time of booking and cannot be reserved in advance or held. Masses will be limited to 12 per person on this date.
Thank you for your cooperation!

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Building Maintenance.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

9:00 am Msgr. Grimaldi In Thanksgiving on the 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination by St. Bernard Lectors

5:00 pm Joseph Jimenez by Ellie & Nick Graziano
Otha Phillips by Maurizia Reeser
Rosa Teresa Patrizio by Anna & Mario Lattanzio

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

9:00am John Lindner by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Gerald Longobardi by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

11:00am Nicholas Coppola by Rose Protentis

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

8:30 am Richard Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

8:30 am Charles & Angelina Leo by Stephanie

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023

8:30 am Alejandra Hall by Veronica Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023

8:30 am Anthony Annunziata by Wife & Family
Rose Sanillo by Doreen & Anthony Fandacone

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

8:30am Joseph Rosiello by Wife & Family (Anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

9:00am Anthony J. Vigliante by his loving wife Mary Ann, Children & Grandchildren (16th Anniversary in Heaven)

5:00pm Joseph Giacobbe In Loving Memory Mom & Dad (2nd Anniversary in Heaven)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

9:00am David Kirchein by St. Bernard Friends (Anniversary)
Toni Ann Seddio by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Robert LoGuidice by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

11:00am Danny Boy DeVito by The Belisario Family
Jean Belisario by The Belisario Family

Summer Rosary

Come recite the Rosary with us! Every Tuesday evening in our Parish Gardens 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, the recitation WILL BE CANCELLED. ALL MEN, WOMEN, ADULTS & ADOLESCENTS ARE WELCOME. To come and say the Rosary! Now, more than ever we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope.
If you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Giacobbe
Donated by Marie & Alan Visconti

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Anthony J. Vigliante
Donated by Loving wife Mary Ann, Children & Grandchildren (16th Anniversary in Heaven)

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Dennis J. Peterson
Donated by Frances & Benny Minerva

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Giacobbe
Donated by Mom & Dad

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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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
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
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Tina Giberti
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Robin Gottlieb
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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
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Margaret Romano
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Erik Seidel
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Mark Skinner
Michael Skody
Alexandra Smith
Aurora Sorrentino
Sue Ann Spotts
Troy Tamburo
Cigdem Tanriverdi
Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
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Lily Zemel

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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.

Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2023/2024. Register NOW!
You can come to the rectory to register.
Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program.
$275 for 1 child, $325 for 2 children, and $375 for 3 or more children living in the same household.
*New students registering will need a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates

Annual Appeal Goal for 2023: $57,669

Amount Pledged: LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME $ 63,954 -

$ 55,835 (as of 8/8/23/2023)

AMOUNT Received: $ 53,196 (this time 2022) $40,313 **(as of 8/8/23)**

Donors: 104 **(LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME WE HAD 123 DONORS!)**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

There are <u>1,000 registered families</u> in our parish –
if each family gave something imagine what the total will be!
No gift is too small or too large!

If you have already made your pledge

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated!

If you have not - Please support the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal – once we have reached our goal in receipts, all monies received over goal will come back to the Parish to use for the many ministries and services provided that add to the vibrancy of our Parish.

(The cost of a cheese pizza is $22 – for that amount once a week until the appeal ends on December 31, 2023, your gift to the Appeal can be $396.)

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AND YOU WILL BE GUIDED THROUGH THE DONATION PROCESS!

Thank you!

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.

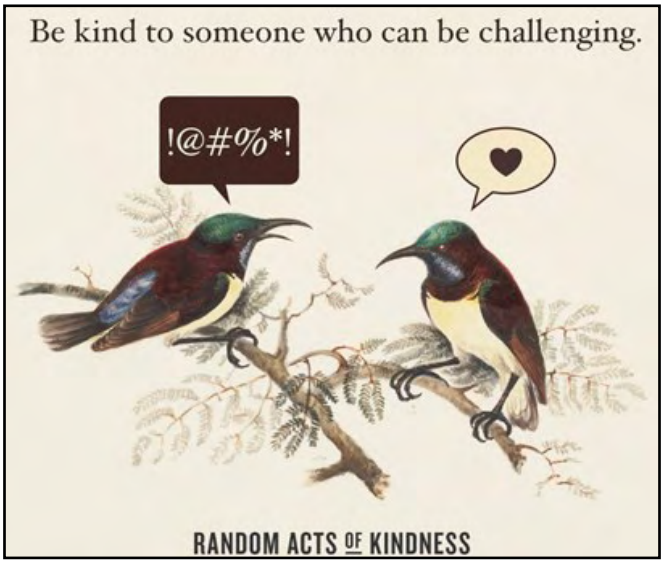
Fall Mass Schedule

Our regular Sunday Mass Schedule will resume on Sunday, September 10th, the weekend following Labor Day. Masses on Sunday will be 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am.

Stewardship Thought

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."-Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.



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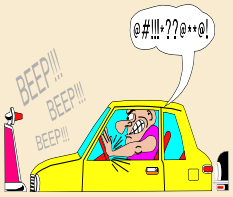

Live Stream Schedule

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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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)

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, it includes the giving tree, clothing drive, food drive, blood drive, operation backpack, & rehabilitating houses in Dominican Republic with St. Anthony Parish there.

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Council meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday's of the month at the Hudson River Yacht Club, starting at 7:30pm.
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Interested in joining our council? Please contact our Recruitment Director,
Edward McCarthy 917-681-7936

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of August 12th & August 13th, 2023

Saturday August 12th 5:00pm- 106
Sunday, August 13th 9:00am- 126
Sunday, August 13th 11:00am- 166
Total Weekend Attendance- 450

Parish Phone Numbers

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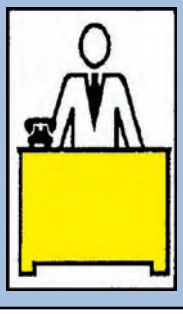

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