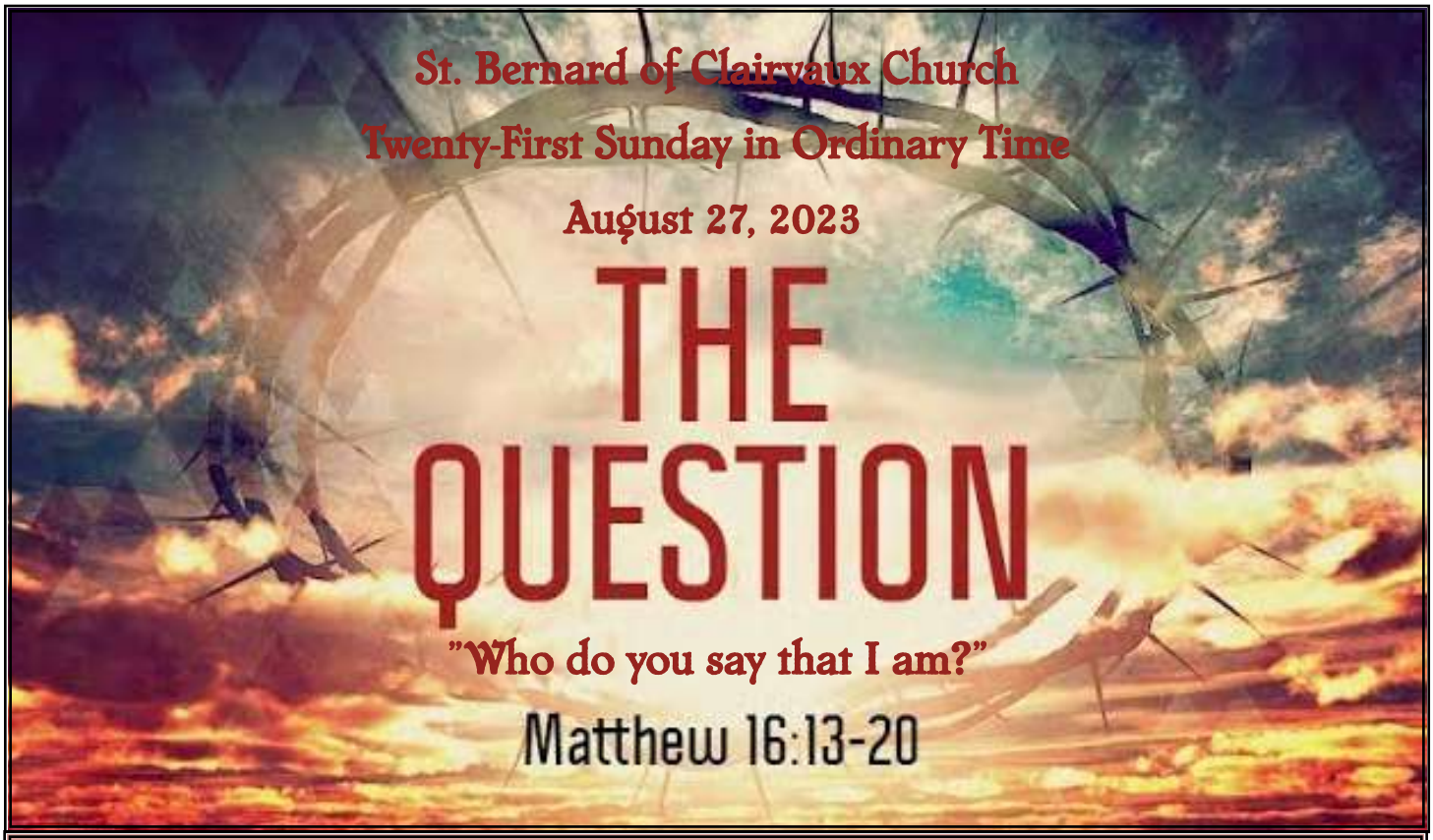

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Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
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Spanish-Once a Month on Saturday's at 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

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

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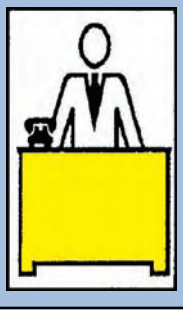

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

We witness a turning point in today's Gospel. Before we reflect on our passage, let's share a little about who Jesus is to you. The disciples were faced with this question in today's Gospel passage. Jesus asks them, "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus known that their answer will continue to define where they are in their faith and in their spiritual lives. Is he someone they know? Is he someone that just does miracles? is he just a new prophet? Could he really be the Son of God? Then we hear Peter's response. Peter is usually the one disciple that is impulsive and gets straight to the point of the conversation. It has been revealed to him by God, the heavenly Father, that Jesus is, in fact, the Son of God and Peter does not hesitate to say so when Jesus asks him. Jesus affirms Peter's response and tells Peter that because he knows and believes his and was open to the Spirit guiding him to this response, the Church will be built upon him. Wow! What a moment that must have been! Jesus knew that he would not be with the disciples forever and that he wouldn't be present in our world today in the same way that he was during this time one earth. Yet he wanted his ministry of sharing the Good News to continue. When Peter made this statement of faith that was inspired by the Holy Spirit, Jesus acknowledged that faith as the foundation for the Church to come. Knowing that Peter might need more direction, Jesus continues to tell him that whatever he forbids on his earth will also be forbidden in heaven and that whatever he allows on this earth will also be allowed in heaven. When we think about what we allow in this life, does it match with what we imagine life is like in heaven? Even though we are not in heaven yet, we, like Peter and the disciples, are called to be Jesus' presence now. We are called to be disciples, to love others unconditionally, to forgive as we desire to be forgiven, and to have mercy on those who may not deserve it in our eyes. Jesus is telling Peter, as he tells us today, that the responsibility to build his church on earth is now part of his, and our, role. We have this responsibility also because we have been baptized into Christ; we take up his ministry of sharing the Good News and ministering to others. This is the moment where Jesus reveals the particular role of Peter's discipleship. Although Jesus is talking directly to Peter in this moment, remember that the other disciples are still present. They are a very important part of this charge as well. They are witnesses to who Jesus is and the role that they are called to play as disciples. Today, let us consider two questions. The first is, deep in your heart, who is Jesus to you? The second is, do your actions identify you as a disciple?

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

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

5:00 pm 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

8:30 am Maria DelCarmen Saurez by The Saurez Family

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

8:30 am Franco & Elisabettta Liberatore by Lidia

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

8:30 am Marion Sergi by her daughter Andrea, grandsons Christopher & Daniel, Niece & Nephews (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

8:30 am Letizia Palizzotto by The Palizzotto Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

8:30am Francis X. & Katherine Esposito by Michele Esposito

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

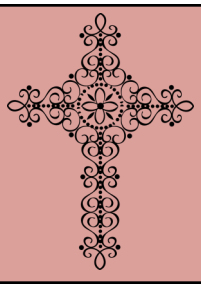
9:00am Msgr. Grimaldi In Thanksgiving on the 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination by Veronica Obdyke & Family

5:00pm Catherina Cascio-Rizzo by Mr. & Mrs. John DiBlasi

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

9:00am James Donohue by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta

11:00am Salvatore Morrongiello by his Wife & Children (2nd Anniversary in Heaven)
Caterina Pomponio by SBCA Faculty & Students
Rosa Teresa Patrizio by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino



Purgatorial Society

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Ben Marrone
Giuseppina Mattina
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Michael Rizzo

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Tuesday evenings 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.

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Altar Flowers:

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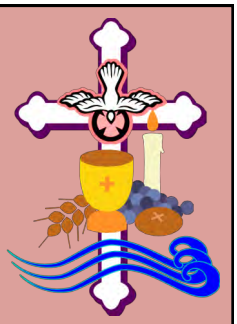

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$275 for 1 child, $325 for 2 children, and $375 for 3 or more children living in the same household.
*New students registering will need a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates.

It is with great excitement that Msgr. Grimaldi and the Faith Formation Office share the following Communion Date 2024
May 8 (Wednesday) - Practice School of Religion only Communion Children 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
May 9 (Thursday) - Practice Academy only Communion Children 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
May 11 (Saturday) - 1st Holy Communion Academy 11:00am & School of Religion 1:00pm
May12 (Sunday) - May Crowning 11:30am Mass

Confirmation 2023-Saturday, October 28th 11:00am

Annual Appeal Goal for 2023: $57,669
Amount Pledged: LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME $64,764
$56,085 (as of 8/13/2023)
AMOUNT Received: $53,196 (this time 2022) $40,743 **(as of 8/13/23)**
Donors: 105 **(LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME WE HAD 126 DONORS!)**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
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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

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" *-Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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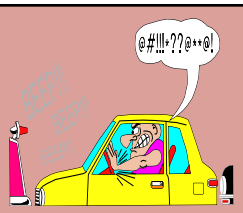

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For the Military

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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.
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On Sunday,
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at the 11:30am Mass we will be blessing backpacks for the new school year.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of August 19th & August 20th, 2023

Saturday August 19th 5:00pm-122
Sunday, August 20th 9:00am-113
Sunday, August 20th 11:00am-270
Total Weekend Attendance-505

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.