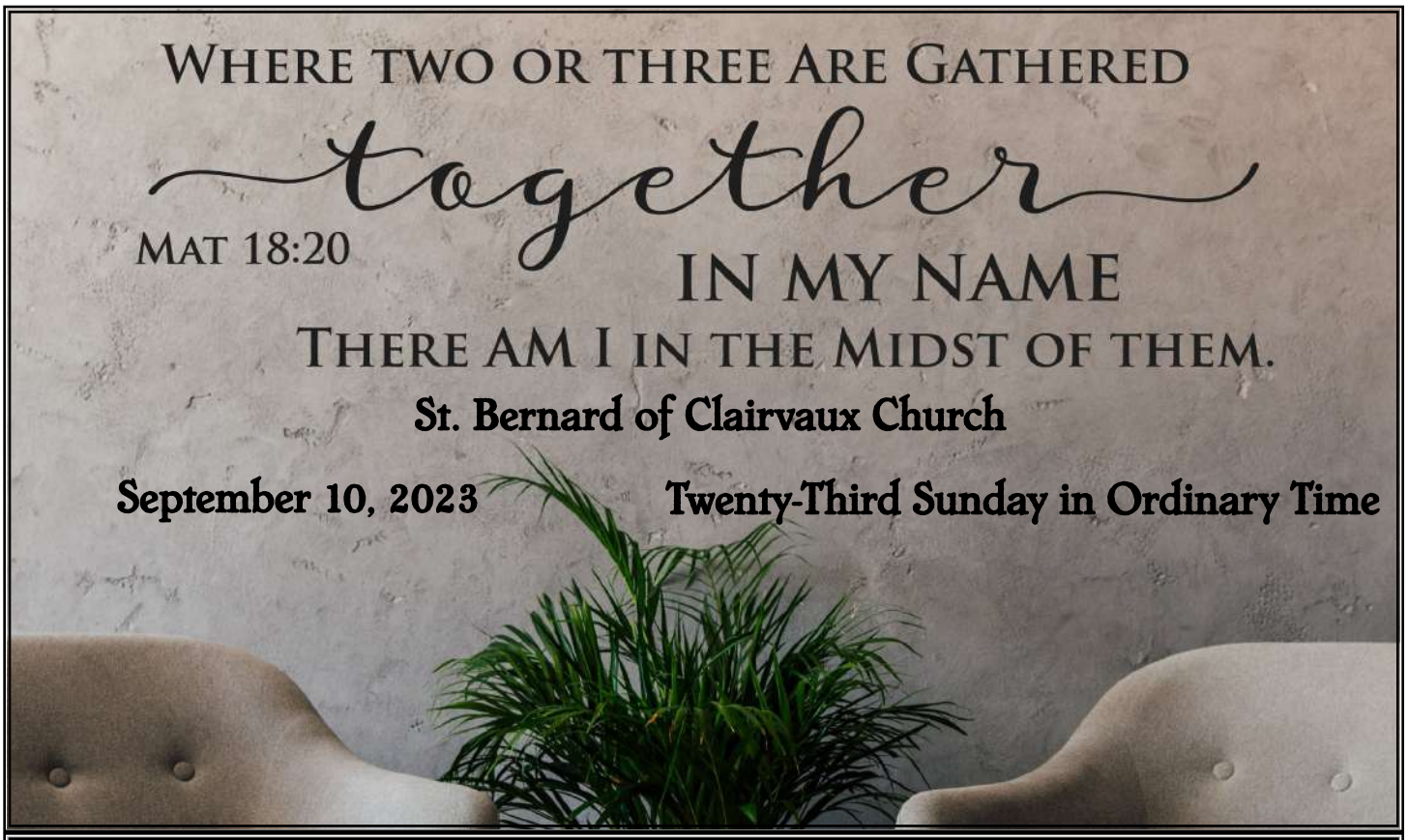


**St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church**

**September 10, 2023** **Twenty-Third 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

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

The way we behave and act has more to do with who we are and less to do with the situation we are in. when someone sins against you, how do you react? When you hear that someone lied to or about you, what is your response? When you are playing a sport and someone cheats, what is your response? Or worse, what if it was you who cheated? Let's consider this again: the way we behave and act has more to do with who we are and less to do with the situation we are in. Jesus knew that the disciples would have times in their lives when things would be difficult. He knew that because of their human nature, they would sin against each other. (He knows that about us, too.) He also knew that they would need each other in good times and in bad. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus giving the disciples a roadmap of how-to live-in relationship with each other. Our faith is not something we live alone. Jesus wants us to live in community with each other and when we do that, there will be times that sin trips us up and we hurt each other. Our faith call sus to reconciliation so our relationships can continue past the hurt. Because of Jesus, we are called to love one another through the sinful times. Remember, how we act is more about us and less about the situation. If we claim our Christianity, how we respond will be different than someone who does not believe in Jesus. We have the responsibility to act justly, love without condition and forgive those who hurt us. The cross is the ultimate sign we have in our faith that shows us this love and reconciliation. Although the cross was an instrument of death, Christians adopt it as a sign of victory over death because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The cross did not have the final word. Was the cross painful and torturous? Absolutely. But, Jesus overcame the pain, torture, and death with his resurrection, and through his rising form the dead, he gave us new life. He knows we will have those painful times and he wants us to overcome them to live in peace, joy and love. This is the instruction in the Gospel today. Overcome your painful circumstance with Christian response and know that you are loved. The way you behave and act has more to do with who you are than with the circumstance you are in. Don't just let the cross be a decoration in your home, in your car, around your neck, or in your church. Look at it. Know that Jesus overcame it for you and you can overcome any suffering you are experiencing because of his sacrifice.

## 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 October 4, 2023

This Month's Winner of $212.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Spangen

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 15th, 2023
Following the11:30 Mass
in the Parish Gardens.
Pies, Apples, Mums!
Pumpkin Painting & Cookie Decorating!
More Info to Follow!

There will be a barbeque
for all High School students on
Tuesday, September 12th
5:30pm in the parish gardens!

## SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Block
Party will be on
Sunday, September 17, 2023
Rain Date: Sunday, September, 24, 2023
Please fill out a form to reserve your table NOW!
DJ Ross, face painting, raffle prizes, 50/50,
bouncy houses, sand art & much more!
Bring your own food and a dessert for our
community dessert table!
DON'T MISS THE FUN!

## 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 Air Conditioning.
**Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

| | |
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| **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023** | |
| 9:00 am | John Curte by Nick & Ellie Graziano |
| 5:00 pm | Joseph Jimenez by St. Bernard Lectors<br>Rosa Teresa Patrizio by Rose Lattanzio<br>Josephine Pantano by Martha-Jean Rosiello |
| **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023** | |
| 8:30am | Moise Prospere & Orelia Loreston by their daughter MarieJoe Prospere |
| 10:00am | Rosetta Grillo by her loving husband Nick, Children & Grandchildren (1st Anniversary in Heaven) |
| 11:30am | Vincent Patrizio by Anthony & Michael (Happy Heavenly Birthday) |
| **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023** | |
| 8:30 am | Michaelina & Alexander Kozakewicz by Grandson Edward<br>9/11 Memorial Mass |
| | People of the Parish |
| **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023** | |
| 8:30 am | Kathleen Buckley by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis |
| **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023** | |
| 8:30 am | Tricia & Tara Salerno by Mom & Dad |
| **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023** | |
| 8:30 am | Rosetta Grillo by loving brother Joe & sister Sarina & Scalmato Family (1st Anniversary in Heaven) |
| **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023** | |
| 8:30am | Thomas Cilia by Maureen & Ted (Happy Heavenly Anniversary) |
| **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023** | |
| 9:00am | Gerald Longobardi by Rita Damato |
| 5:00pm | Roger Espinal by The Marsella Family |
| **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023** | |
| 8:30am | Toni Ann Seddio by Sara Gozo & Family<br>Mary Casatelli by Veronica Obdyke & Family<br>Dorothy Allen by Michael Petrizzo (Birthday in Heaven) |
| 10:00am | Jason Shanley by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta |
| 11:30am | Angelo Abbate by his Wife & Children (Anniversary) |

## Stewardship Thought

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel…"-Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

# Memorials

## Altar Bread:

*In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia*
*Donated by Mom & Dad*

## Altar Wine:

*In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia*
*Donated by Mom & Dad*

## Altar Candles:

*In Loving Memory of Dennis J. Peterson*
*Donated by Joseph & Antonietta Della Valle & Family*

## Altar Candles:

*In Loving Memory of Castrenze Messina*
*Donated by Your Loving Wife Franca*

## Tabernacle Candle:

*In Loving Memory of Paul Bonauro*
*Donated by Pat O'Reilly & Family*

## Church Bells:

*In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia*
*Donated by Mom & Dad*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
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Rosa Andreani
Marilyn Augello
Anna Barone
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
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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
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Patricia Gallagher
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Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
Maria Hinners
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Ann Klauss
Kiera Sophie
Stella Kinsella
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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
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Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
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Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
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Gasper Sacco
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Jerry Sarni
Joanne Sarnicola
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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. First day of class is Wednesday, October 4th!
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.

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

## Kids Korner

- Mass intention cards for all of the children in our parish community.
- Weekly envelopes as part of a Stewardship effort for the children to understand and participate in the gift of giving.
- Reading material and resources for children and families.

Take a look each week for activities or reading material and other little surprises that will reinforce the message of the Gospel. Imagine the conversation on the way home from church.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA

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.**

**Annual Appeal Goal for 2023:** $57,669

**$56,085 (as of 8/21/2023)**

**AMOUNT Received:** $40,743 **Donors**: 105

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
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***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.***

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***Thank you!***

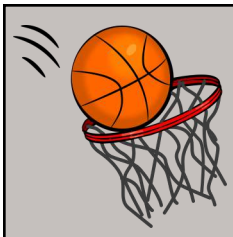
## Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

All couples married in the catholic church who will be celebrating their 25th, 50th & 75th Wedding Anniversary this year, are invited to come to a special Mass on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 12:00pm at St. Thomas Aquinas. Bishop Brennan will be the celebrant. If you are interested please call the rectory.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## St. Bernard Good Neighbors

The club will resume weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 1:30pm-4:00pm. Please use the main doors on East 69th Street. Looking forward to seeing everyone!



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## 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)

## St. Bernard Sports Program

is excited to announce their premier basketball experience for boys and girls at any skill level is back for another thrilling season, which includes a full game schedule, standings, playoffs and culminates in a championship weekend in early March. Grades 2 -5 play on Saturdays and Grades 6-8 play on Tuesday evenings. Our clinics (pre- k, k and 1st grade) are instructional only and no games are played. Registration will be open from 9/10-9/30 using the link below (https://forms.gle/Sx6A1DvjimkCnmPj7)

## 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)

## Parish Phone Numbers

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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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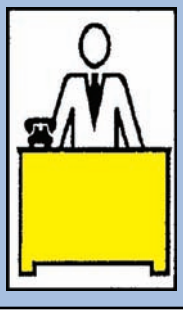

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