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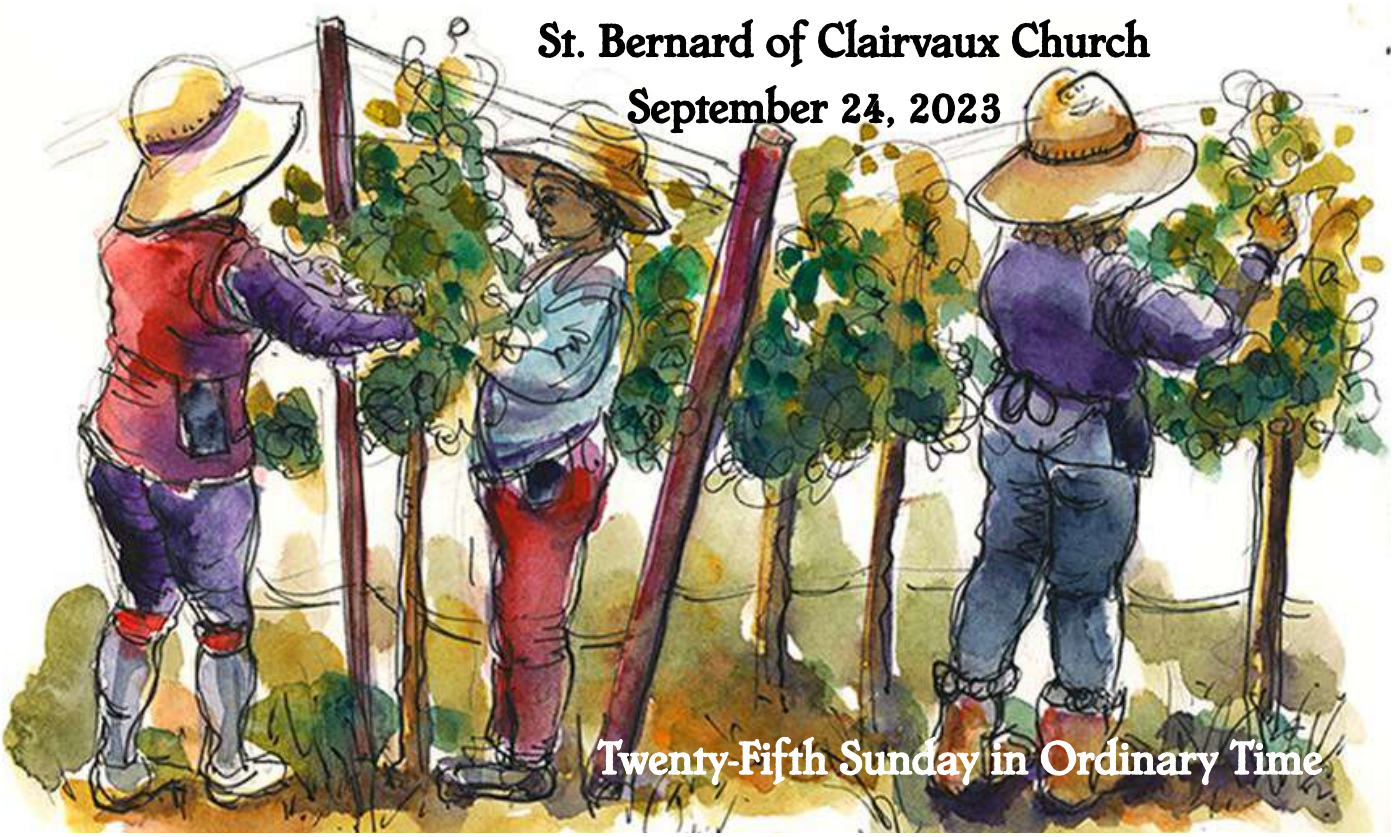

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Mass Schedule

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

Can't you just see the workers in the Gospel passage today throwing their arms in the air and exclaiming, "But that's not fair!" Have you ever had that moment? Maybe a situation didn't seem fair to you based on your limited understanding at that time. I'm sure that has happened to all of us at one time or another. The Gospel readings draw is closer to the heart of Jesus and his teachings, so let's pause and think about the deeper meaning of this passage. Jesus is teaching the disciples about what the kingdom of God is like. God's kingdom is something altogether different than anything else they know or have experienced. Jesus chooses to explain the difference between the kingdom of God and what happens here on earth by using terms the disciples are familiar with: a landowner and the workers in his vineyard. The goal of the owner is to get the work done in his vineyard. It is that simple. He will decide the amount of pau and distribute it as he sees it. It is not unreasonable to understand how the workers who endured the long day and the hear were angry that the other workers who only worked a couple of hours in the cooler evening air did not earn their pay as much as they did. But in the kingdom of God, which this parable describes, God loves and forgives all who come to him equally, no matter how much we have done in our past, or whether we believe in God from childhood or have a deathbed conversion. Along with this vision of the kingdom of God, it is also important to remember that we are not allotted the same gifts and talents. Something may be harder for you while it is easier for someone else, but then there will be things hat are easier for you and harder for them. God knows our strengths and our weaknesses. He loves us individually and that is a gift! The owner of the vineyard in this story did not treat all the workers fairly in the eyes of the workers but he did treat them fairly in his eyes. God knows more than what we can see and his fairness does not know limits.

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of the Animals will take place on Wednesday, October 4th at 8:00am in the Academy School Yard and at 6:00 p.m. In front of church. Animals of all kinds, shapes and sizes are invited, but they MUST be on a leash or in a carrier.

Please do not bring animals inside the Church!

Thank you for all that joined us for our 7th annual block party. A special thank you to Jimmy & Maria Alberino for donating the ice cream and to Ross Faillace for donating his time DJing.

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!

SPANISH MASS

October is Spanish heritage month.
Our next Spanish Mass will be on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Following mass we will have foods from different countries in the Parish Hall. All are Welcome!

On Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11:00am there will be Mass for Anointing of the Sick.

Anointing of the Sick is **NOT** last rites. It is for anyone who's health is seriously impaired. Someone being treated for cancer, ongoing conditions such as sickle cell or asthma, the elderly who's health has declined, someone with mental illness, anxiety or depression, even someone who is preparing for an operation.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

9:00 am Alexandra Zazzarino by The Opramolla Family

5:00 pm Antoinette Mauceri by The Capalbo Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

8:30am Toni Ann Seddio by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino
Donald Merone by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Phyllis Guido by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Toni Ann Seddio by Nicole Reinhardt
Vincent Sanseverino by his Loving Family

11:30am Gregory Neufeld by John & Joann DiBlasi

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

8:30 am Toni Ann Seddio by Fran & Eddie McCarthy

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

8:30 am James F. Wagner by Chris & Melissa (10th Anniversary in Heaven)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

8:30 am Peter Anselmo by Chris & Melissa

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

8:30 am Catherine & Mary Abbene by Michele Esposito

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

8:30am Anthony & Rosaria Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

9:00am Vivian Striano to Gloria Fonte & Family by Mr. & Mrs. Mary Ann Marino

5:00pm Frank Imburgia by Maria & Anthony Cacace & Loretta & Garin Ream

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

8:30am Caterina Pomponio by Nicole Sorrentino
Donald Merone by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Maria & Antonio Abbate by their Children

11:30am Jeanette Mingino by The Belisario Family
David Kirchein by St. Bernard Friends (Happy Birthday in Heaven)
Rosa Patrizio by SBCA Faculty & Students
Timothy McCabe by Jennifer & Megan

Stewardship Thought

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". ~ Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "Go -centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Donald Merone
Donated by Mary Cooper

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Donald Merone
Donated by Mary Cooper

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Rosalie Vulpis
Donated by Pat O'Reilly

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Gus Devlin
Donated by Mary Cooper

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Monica Mozatto
Donated by Anthony & Malou Mozatta

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Kenneth MacBride Sr.
Donated by The MacBride Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Rosa Andreani
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Nicholas Berlingieri
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Elaine Capper
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Domenic Carriero
Clare Cawthon
Nick & Sarah Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
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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
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James Donzella
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Maria Hinners
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
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Phillip Ramos
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Jerry Sarni
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Carol Schroeder
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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

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.

- Introduce yourself to your Neighbors. It simply starts by saying "hello"
- Invite neighbors to share a meal.
- Keep your eyes and ears open. We are safer and stronger together.
- Look out for one another.
- Just imagine all the people you haven't met yet who will bring magic to your life
- Pray for families who are in need of extra help with their child and/or family dynamics; for help for mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children; for our local community: that God might grant us peace, and renew our commitment to be good neighbors so that no one feels lonely, forgotten or unloved.

Annual Appeal Goal for 2023: $57,669

	2022	2023
PLEDGES	$65,676	$57,085
RECEIVED	$57,220	$44,056
# OF DONORS	128	106

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!

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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.

Bereavement Ministry

<u>Bereavement Ministry</u>

Saturday, October 14, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or
Maureen at 347-436-5192

St. Bernard Youth Choir

2nd Grade - 8th Grade Students
There are information sheets to be filled out at the back of Church and in the rectory.

Any questions please contact Ernest Buckley or Melissa Wagner at 718.763.5533

If you are interested in reserving a Block or Heart for the

Holy Family Shrine

In Memory or Honor of a Family Member or Friend
There are still some available.
Call the Parish House for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!
Get a Head-Start on your Christmas Shopping!
St. Bernard Rosary Society's Christmas Boutique
Sunday, November 19, 2023
From 9 am through 4 pm
NEW ITEMS ONLY!
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Call or Text 917-698-5506 OR Email: pa117@diobrook.org

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)

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of September 16th & 17th, 2023

Saturday September 16th 5:00pm -140
Sunday, September 17th 8:30am -111
Sunday, September 17th 10:00am -120
Sunday, September 17th 11:30am -270

Total Weekend Attendance-641

Parish Phone Numbers

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

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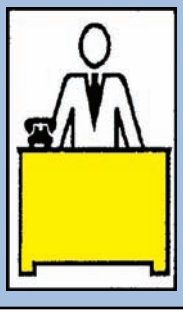

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