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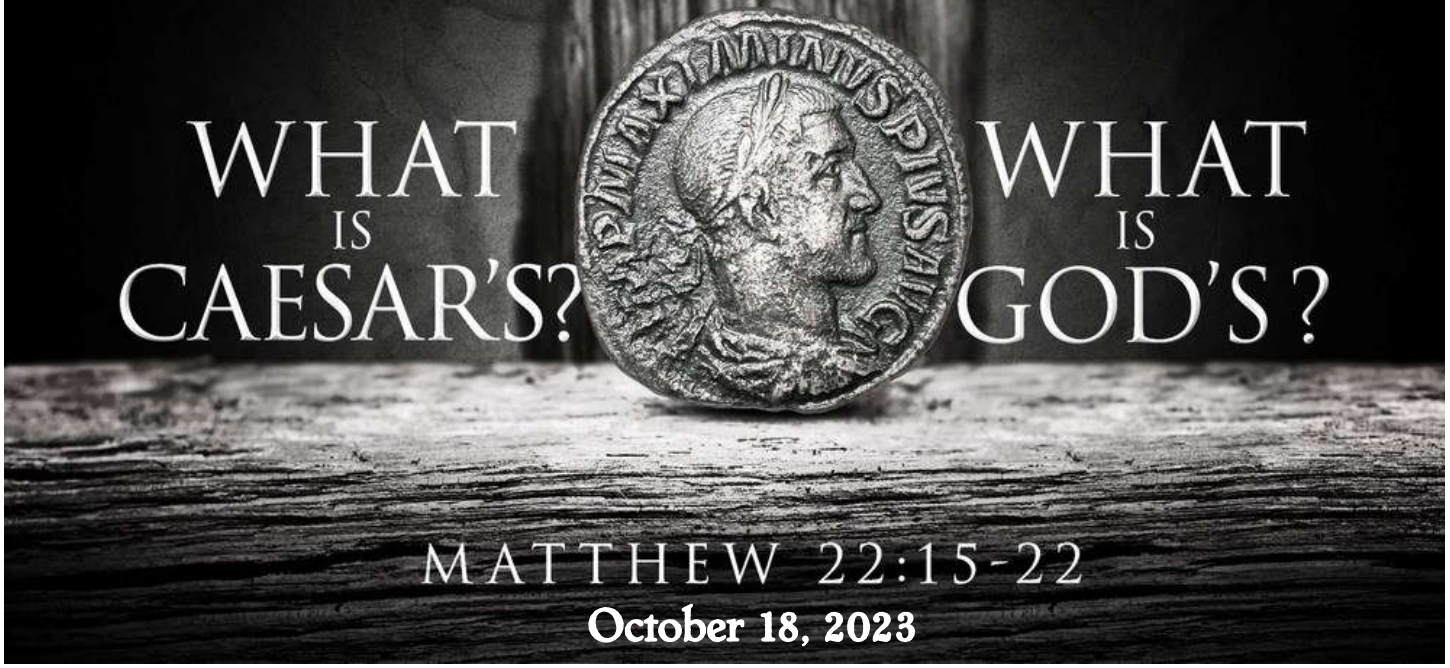
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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October 18, 2023

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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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Birthday parties, weddings, family get-togethers, sports games, or other events all offer a time of food, fun, and fellowship. The wedding in the parable today is no different. The king has invited people for the wedding of his son. If the weddings of our family and friends are big events, we can only imagine what it would be like go to a royal wedding! We get a small glimpse of it through video of recent royal weddings that have happened over the past several decades. Who would turn down an invitation to them! However, when the servants go to get the invited guests, that is what happens. The guests choose not to come for one reason or another. He sends out more servants, but he gets the same lack of response from the invited guests. This time, the guests even kill some of the servants. Just because they didn't want to come to the wedding! Finally, the king sends the servants out to invite whoever they can find. Sometimes what we are being invited to do or to go to isn't the best thing for us. And that is okay. But there are times in our lives that God calls to us and we are just like the invited guests in today's parable. We look for excuses not to answer his call. We try to think of reasons we cannot do what he is asking of us. I have to do my homework. I'm not that bad of a person. I'll do it later. I want to spend time with my family at the football game instead of going to church. There can be a long list. All these thoughts are common. It is vital that we recognize them and move past them because they are all just excuses. They are ways that we tell Jesus no when he calls to us. They are the ways that Satan tries to put space between us and Jesus. Once we see that these excuses are harmful to our relationship with God, we can put them aside and answer the call that we are given. The last part of this parable is just as important as the beginning. When the king welcomes whoever the servants found on the streets into his home, it is like God welcoming all into his kingdom. The kingdom of God is not just for the few or the most perfect, most holy people we know. God has a kingdom that welcomes all who respond "yes" to his invitation of salvation. This invitation to be in a relationship with him is open to everyone. As Christians we are called to share that invitation that we have said yes to already with others. Extending the invitation can look like being a friend to someone. To listening and praying for and with them. If we are able to put our excuses aside and treat all like Jesus did, we are helping him build up the kingdom of God.

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 31, 2023

This Month's Winner of $287.50 is

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Somma

YEAR OF THE SUNDAY MASS

This year in St. Bernard's is the Year of the Sunday Mass. Since 2017, the diocese of Brooklyn has seen 37% decrease in Mass attendance. This has happened in our parish too. The Sunday Eucharist is the most important event each week in our parish. We hear God's word. We receive Jesus himself in Communion. We are sent into the world to live as disciples. We all know people on our block and in our family that are not coming to Mass. Pray for them and give them an invitation to come with you. Share WHY you come. We will be trying different strategies this year. One is using social media better. We now have an Instagram page. Check it out: St.bernardchurch. We'll be telling you more in the coming weeks

Blessing of Expectant Mothers

On Sunday, October 22nd at the 11:30 a.m. Mass we will have a special blessing for all pregnant women in honor of the Feast of St. Gerard Majella, patron saint of expectant mothers!

Join Our Deacons
For an 8 part series on our Faith:
The Liturgy, Precepts of the Church, Biblical Way to Pray the Mass, The Cardinal Virtues, Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Works of Mercy, The Our Father & The Beatitudes
Every first Tuesday starting In Church 7:00 pm Come one, come all. Join us each month or whenever the Spirit moves you

Costume Mass

All the children of the Parish are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 29th.

However, PLEASE no accessories (masks, swords, wands, etc.) Thank You!

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023	
9:00 am	Happy Birthday Dottie Hammell & Joe Bainlardi by Dottie
5:00 pm	Francesca & Carmelo Pulizzotto by Frank& Ilene Salerno
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023	
8:30am	Stephen Leone by The Arcati Family (Birthday in Heaven) John Lindner by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Graziano (1st Birthday in Heaven) Helen & Joseph D'Agostino by their daughter Helene Special Prayers for Tiffini & Nico Incorvaia
10:00am	Phyllis Capadanno by her loving goddaughter Maryann
11:30am	Alfredo & Celesta Conti by The Conti Family
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023	
8:30 am	Eddie Wagner in loving memory his Uncle Chris Aunt Melissa (6th Anniversary in Heaven) People of the Parish
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023	
8:30 am	Francine DiPietra by Sandra & Nicholas Burriesci Rosalie Zichihella by Sandra & Nicholas Burriesci
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023	
8:30 am	Filomena Giuliani by son Anthony & daughter Norma
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023	
8:30 am	Happy 43rd Anniversary Maureen & Ted DeMarinis
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023	
8:30am	Eddie Maguire by his Wife
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023	
9:00am	Nunzio Mastromarino by Eileen & Robert Magnavito
5:00pm	John Lindner by The Arcati Family (Birthday in Heaven)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023	
8:30am	Nunzio Mastromarino by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
10:00am	Richard Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family Biagia & Francesco Salerno by Frank & Ilene Salerno Elizabeth Holstrom by Chris & Melissa Wagner
11:30am	Nicholas Cetta by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta

Stewardship Thought

"My God will fully supply whatever you need…" ~ Philippians 4:193

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of John Zarcone (Bithday)
Donated by The DeAngelo Family

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of John Zarcone (Bithday)
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Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Stephen Leone
Donated by Fay Paladino

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Nunzio Mastromarino
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Sheila Connors
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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
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Aiden Estrella
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Kevin Fahey
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Greyson Livia
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Allan Maloney
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Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
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Lurline Martineau
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Mackenzie McCallion
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Kelsey McCartney
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Brian Morgan
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Tanya Ortiz
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Clement Pollio
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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.

Mass of Remembrance-All Soul's Day

On Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30pm there will be a special Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died this past year. Invitations have been sent to families whose loved ones were buried from St. Bernard Parish; however, anyone who has lost a loved one between **November 1, 2022 and the present time** is also invited to attend this mass. Please call the Rectory Office and speak to Angela no later than Wednesday, October 25th so that preparations can be made. We will need the name of your loved one & a picture (if you would like us to include one). If you will be attending, we ask that you arrive early to check in at the table by the main entrance **before** Mass begins. You will receive a candle to light in memory of your loved one.

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Treats For Troops-Collection ends on October 22nd
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PAT'S PINK PARTY

Pats pink party is back in person. Dinner and raffle night. This year we are honoring the founder of Maimonides Breast center Dr. Patrick Borgen
All proceeds go directly to the breast center.
Thursday October 19, 2023
El Caribe. 7 pm Tickets are $150 each
Call Ann MacBride for tickets 917-375-2264

Post Cana Day

There will be a Post Cana Day for couples married about 5 years or less on Sunday, November 5th beginning with 11:30am Mass. There will be a gathering afterwards. Please call the rectory for further information

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.

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)

Rain or Shine

Please Join Us For a Spectacular Fall Day

Sunday, October 15th, 2023

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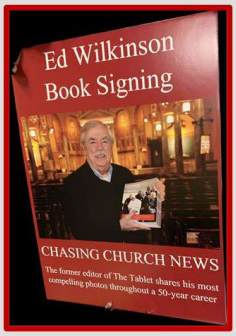
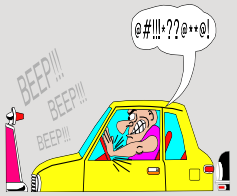


SAVE THE DATE!

Mr. Wilkinson will be here at St. Bernard's for a book signing
Sunday, November 5th, 2023.
Ed will be greeting parishioners in the Church vestibule following the 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 Masses. The book is a snapshot of Catholic life in Brooklyn and Queens over the past 50 years. It contains some of Ed's favorite photographs, as well as historically significant photos that he took during his career with The Tablet.
He hopes readers will enjoy it as much as he did putting the book together!



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St. Bernard Matthew 25 Ministry

Next weekend on October 21st & 22nd will be our collection of non-perishable food for Mary Queen of Heaven food pantry. Please be as generous as possible

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ALL SAINTS DAY
Wednesday, November 1st
is All Saint's Day.
It is a Holy Day
of Obligation.
Masses will be at
8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Be a Listening Ear. If someone is having a bad day or going through a tough situation, be there for them and offer to listen to their problems. Be a shoulder for them to cry on and offer your advice. Sometimes people just want to be heard and need someone who will be there to listen

SAVE THE DATE!
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Interested in joining our council? Please contact our Recruitment Director,
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St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of October 7th & October 8th, 2023

Saturday October 7th 5:00pm ~124
Saturday, October 8th Spanish ~150
Sunday, October 8th 8:30am ~80
Sunday, October 8th10:00am ~115
Sunday, October 8th11:30am ~166

Total Weekend Attendance~555

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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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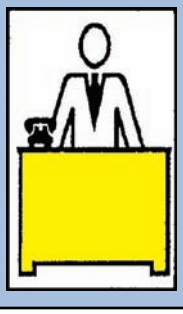

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