The Greatest Commandment

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 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
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we hear about another test the Pharisees give Jesus; they ask him which commandment is the most important. This question is tricky because all of God's commandments are important and they are making him choose the most important. Jesus tells him to reply that the most important commandment is to love the Lord with all of their heart, soul, and mind. That seems like a pretty good answer to a question that was designed to test Jesus. But Jesus doesn't just stop there. He immediately follows up his statement with another, stating that the second most important commandment is that they are supposed to love their neighbor as they love themselves. Jesus doesn't want to make our faith complicated. He is not giving them a difficult equation they must solve to claim their faith. He keeps it simple. However, sometimes the simplest things can seem complicated when we try to fit them into our life. Even beyond these responsibilities, you also have the responsibilities of studying, doing homework, and working on projects. Being here at this youth gathering took up time on your schedule as did all of the other things you do. We are all so busy. It seems that at some point, it became unacceptable to not be busy. So then where does faith fit in? Jesus knows the distraction that our busyness can be. His response in today's Gospel gives us two commandments that we can use to frame our lives. First, to follow him, we need to love him with all we are. Do you love him with your heart? Is your intent to unite your heart with his? To care about the things, he cares about? To love others the way that he loves you? Do you love him with all of your soul? Does your very being want to be with him? Do you yearn to talk to him in prayer? Do you feel at peace when you sit in the silent church? Do you love him with all of your mind? Do you think about him? Do you read about matters of faith? Do you meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary or parts of Scripture? Do the actions you do point to Jesus and his way of life? These types of questions can help us review our daily habits and shape our lives around God's love. The second part of Jesus' response focuses our hearts outward. Do we love others as we love ourselves? Do we need to love ourselves more? Do we need to be more aware of how we treat our friends, strangers, and family members? When we love God with our whole heart, soul, and body, the second commandment of loving others will come naturally. It must, otherwise our love of God is flawed. Does this mean we have to be perfect in that love? Absolutely not. Jesus knows we are imperfect. He loves you more than you will ever understand and he is always ready to welcome you back when you fail. This is also why we have all of the other laws and commandments of our faith. As Jesus said, they flow from the foundational love of God, neighbor, and self. They all work together to help us be good disciples.

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

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our

PUMPKIN PATCH

A special **"Thank You"** To the School of Religion for donating the face painter & St. Bernard Parish for donating the Balloon artist! It was such a great day! It was so nice to have our parish and community enjoying time together. The kids had a great time painting their pumpkins and decorating their cookies!

It really was a great time had by ALL!

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

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.

FALL BACK

Don't forget daylight savings time is next Sunday, November 5th! Set your clocks 1 hour BACK Saturday before going to bed!

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, OCTOBER 28, 2023

9:00 am Joan Moran by Jon Kelinson (Anniversary)

5:00 pm Angelo Fandacone by Doreen & Anthony

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

8:30am Martin Mulligan by Michele & Tommy Obdyke & Family

10:00am Stanislaw Kesicki by his Son

11:30am Jacqueline Fortunato by her Family
Nunzio Mastromarino by Carmela, Vincent, Aliana, Enzo & Julianna Accardo
Mr. & Mrs. Paul DeMeo by Mr. & Mrs. George Marinello

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

8:30 am Francis Arcati by Stephen, Sandra, Matthew & Christopher (Anniversary)

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

8:30 am Grace & Gaetano Puleo by Stephanie Puleo
Domenick Puleo by Stephanie Puleo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

8:30 am Gorzelany & Kesicki Families

7:30pm Camilla & Angelo Pintacrona by your Children

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

8:30 am Fredrick & Josephine Houston by their son Edward

7:30pm Ann Rega by Jennifer, John, Julianna & Nick (3rd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

8:30am Flavio & Ester Corella by Lidia

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

9:00am Helen Teagno by Michael & Anthony Patrizio

5:00pm Anthony & Catherine Serpico by The Serpico Family
Frankie & Sadie Serpico & Phillip Borozza by The Serpico Family
Our Brother Frank Serpico by The Serpico Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

8:30am Herbert Lamela Sr. & Jr. by Teresa & Tom Sorrentino

10:00am Stephen Leone by The Arcati Family (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

11:30am John & Andrea McCarthy by Mom & Dad (Wedding Anniversary)

Purgatorial Society

Christine Gavin
Giuseppe Logozzo
Brian P. Morgan
Eleaor Ryfkogel

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Francis Arcati
Donated by The Wagner Bruno Family

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Zora Polimeni
Donated by Joanne Carone & John Viverito

Tabernacle Candle:

Healing Prayers for The Magliulo Family
Donated by Joseph Magliulo

Tabernacle Candle:

In Memory of The Magliulo Family
Donated by Joseph Magliulo

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Ann Rega
Donated by Julianna & Nicholas

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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
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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
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
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Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
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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 Monday, October 30th 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.

Spots are still available for our Tuesday afternoon clinic for players in grades Pre-K, K and 1. This clinic runs through February and remains purely instructional, teaching beginners the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and engaging environment. Please e-mail us at StBernardSportsProgram@aol.com for more information.

St. Bernard Catholic Academy Card Party Brunch & Bubbly

An afternoon of champagne & Raffle Prizes
Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 1:00pm at
The El Caribe Country club
$125.00 per person
Please visit bit.ly/SBCACardParty to register
or pick up a form at the back of Church.

Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief

A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, November 11, 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

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

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Reverse trick or treating
Spend some time making Halloween treats with your kids. On Halloween night put on your costumes and go out together to GIVE your treats away. You might take them to a Seniors' home, food bank, people that work for the community, such as nurses, police, and fire-fighters and Children's hospital (check first).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling ALL Youth, ages 13 to 17 to join the Saint Bernard Youth Ministry Program. Our program is not a club, and attendance is not mandatory just because you signed up. It is a group of teens who wish to learn and share their faith with others their own age in a social setting. We do many different activities and service projects. If interested, pick up a Registration Form from the rectory to fill out and then return to the Rectory. Parent and Child will be placed on our Flocknote text messaging service and you will receive messages about Youth Ministry meetings and events.

GOD SQUAD

Calling ALL Youth in Grades 5 and 6 to join the Saint Bernard God Squad, a junior division of our Youth Ministry Program. If interested, pick up a Registration Form from the rectory to fill out and then return to the Rectory. Parents will be placed on our Flocknote text messaging service and you will receive messages about God Squad meetings and events, which take place 3 - 4 times a year.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
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If you have already made your pledge to the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated!
You have helped us <u>reach goal in pledges</u>!
We encourage all donors to fulfill your pledge!

If you have not made your donation - Please support the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal – All Funds raised now COME BACK TO OUR PARISH FOR OUR USE.

We can use these funds for some needed repairs. We can use these funds to enhance some of our programs and ministries. We can use these funds to add to the vibrancy of our beautiful Parish!

(The cost of a Breakfast Special – Bacon, egg and cheese on a bagel and a large coffee is app. $10.25 – for that amount once a week for the next 10 weeks your gift can be $102.50! If <u>only</u> 200 families respond that would be almost $20,500 coming back to our parish!)

YOU CAN SCAN HERE FROM YOUR PHONE

AND YOU WILL BE GUIDED THROUGH THE DONATION PROCESS!

THERE ARE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH** TO USE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION. YOU CAN MAIL THEM IN OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH HOUSE OR PUT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET! **Thank you!

HAVE faith

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-Precepts of the Church will be on November 7th
Come one, come all. Join us each month or whenever the Spirit moves you

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Chasing Church News,

A 50-year look back at the history of the Diocese of Brooklyn, is a publication that features photos and reflections by Tablet Newspaper

Editor Emeritus
Ed Wilkinson
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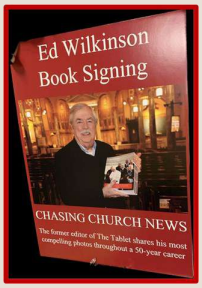
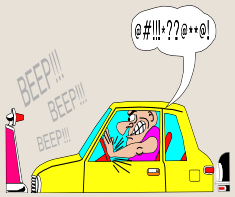


Mr. Wilkinson will be here at St. Bernard's for a book signing
Sunday, November 5th, 2023.

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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Stewardship Thought

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
– Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? **Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God?** Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

GET A HEAD-START ON YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!
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Christmas Tree Lighting

The lighting of our Parish Christmas display will take place on Saturday, December 9th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to attend, sing Christmas Carols with us and enjoy some nice hot chocolate as we turn on the lights for the beginning of the Christmas season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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St. Bernard's Council #14269
Council meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday's of the month at the Hudson River Yacht Club, starting at 7:30pm.
Check out our Facebook page for the most up to date listing of events.
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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 October 21st & October 22nd, 2023

Saturday October 21st 5:00pm ~110
Sunday, October 22nd 8:30am ~90
Sunday, October 22nd10:00am ~145
Sunday, October 22nd 11:30am ~240

Total Weekend Attendance~585

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Devotions

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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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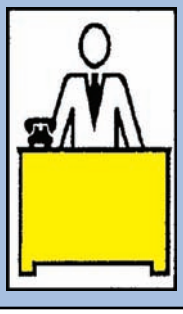

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