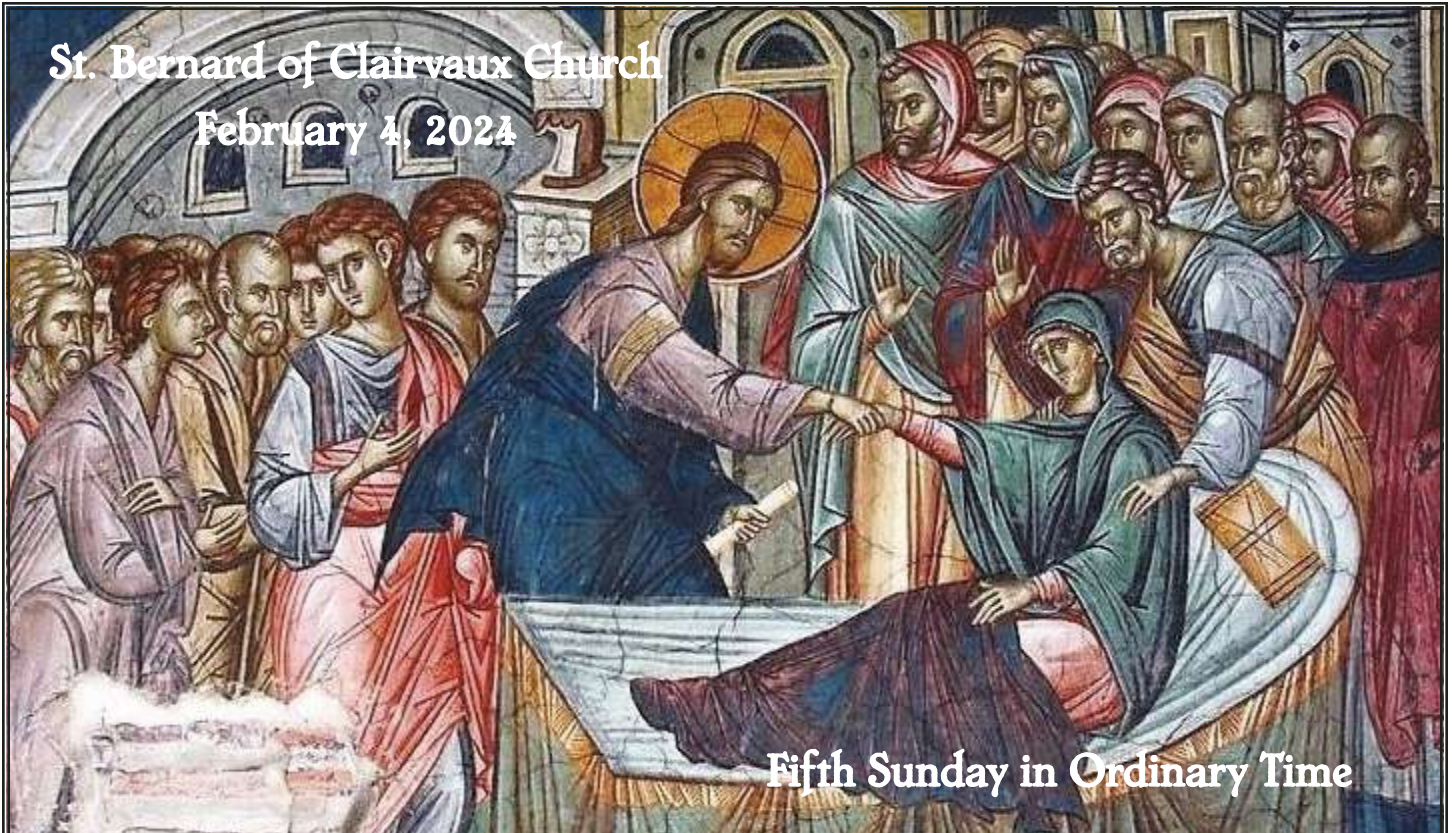


St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

February 4, 2024



Fifth 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

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the first part of today’s Gospel, we hear about the healing of Simon’s mother-in-law. As soon as Jesus entered the house, he was told immediately that she was ill. At first glance, this might seem rude. After all, Jesus just got there and now people are expecting him to do something about this situation. Far from being rude, this story demonstrates the faith those people had in Jesus and also gives us a wonderful example of what it means to intercede for others: trusting in God, we present the needs of others to the Lord and allow him the space to work. After Simon’s mother-in-law is healed, she serves Jesus and his disciples. This reveals an important element of the life of a Christian: the touch of Christ in our lives should lead to service to the Lord and others. One way we can do this by praying for others. The theme of interceding on behalf of others continues after the story of Simon’s mother-in-law. We hear of how people were brought to Jesus to be healed, spiritually or physically. There were so many it is described as the whole town being at the door! But these people who were in need of healing didn’t come on their own; others brought them to Jesus because they knew of their need and trusted that Jesus could help. Jesus doesn’t get frustrated by the great need. Although he doesn’t turn anyone away, we do hear that he went off by himself in the morning to pray. It is important to remember that throughout Jesus’ ministry of healing and teaching, he always remains firmly grounded in a life of prayer. Prayer is an essential to our spiritual lives as oxygen is to our physical lives. There is no work so important that it keeps us from prayer. Jesus’ prayer time is interrupted by the disciples telling him that more people are looking for him. Jesus knows the needs of the people are many and great, yet by taking time out for prayer, he shows us that even in the midst of great work, prayer should not get neglected.



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 February 6th, 2024

This Month’s Winner of \$162.50 is
Mrs. MaryAnn Viglianti

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Following is the schedule for Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten Journey.
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- 8:30a.m. Mass
- 3:00p.m. Service
- 6:00p.m. Spanish Service
- 7:30p.m. Mass
- Ashes will be distributed at all.



SAVE THE DATE



“OFF TO THE RACES!”

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM

PLACE: ST. BERNARD PARISH HALL

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This weekend’s second collection is a Parish Collection for Building Maintenance.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

9:00 am Alain Ferdinand by Niah Ferdinand
Gabrielle Louissaint by Daphne Phanord

5:00 pm Tommy Capriola by Nick & Ellie Graziano

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:30am Frances Sorrisio by The Sorrisio Family
Joyce Merendino by Amanda Goldberg & Carissa

10:00am Daniel Borriello by The Capalbo Family

11:30am Joseph Rosiello by The Rosiello Family (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

8:30am Teresa Scollo by Sal & Christanne Pulizzotto & Boys
People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

8:30 am Frank Anello by Stephanie Puleo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

8:30 am Jerry Cariello by Janine Barbera & Barbara Horan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

8:30 am John Grimaldi by His Family (2nd Anniversary in Heaven)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

8:30am Linda Russo by Joseph & Patrina DiSanto

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

9:00am Edward Bannan by The Concepcion Family

5:00pm Stephen Ruggiero by The Baez & Merrick Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

8:30am Suze Leonce Mompont by Daphne Phanord

10:00am Jerry Cariello by Nick & Ellie Graziano
Lorenzo Cascio Rizzo by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

11:30am Tommy Capriola by Mr. & Mrs. John DiBlasi

The Little Black Lenten Books

Each year during the season of Lent the parish makes available The Little Black Box of daily reflections for adults and young people.

Each year these books are sponsored by a family in the parish in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one.

Each book will include the name of your loved one and who made the donation.

The donation of the books will also appear in the bulletin.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Lenten Books this year please contact the office 718.763.5533

Memorials

Altar Bread:

*In Loving Memory of Anthony J. Vigliante
Donated by MaryAnn, Children & Grandchildren*

Altar Wine:

*In Loving Memory of Anthony J. Vigliante
Donated by MaryAnn, Children & Grandchildren*

Church Bells:

*In Loving Memory of Lily Lenzini
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinnners*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B. V.B. Jack Albin Rosa Andreani Francis Arcati Marilyn Augello Anna Barone Christine Palumbo Beck Nicholas Berlingieri Lizette Borquero Paul Brienza Margaret Bracco Thomas Caliendo Diane Camacho Elaine Capper Ana Caraballo Joseph Carone 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 Pamela DeCesare Phyllis DeCesare 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 Ruppert Fontenelle Marisa Fullam Alexandra Gagliardi Karen Gallagher Patricia Gallagher Peter J. Gallagher Linda Gannon Courtney James Garrison Jr. Thomas Garziniti Margaret Generoso Ellen Gentile Connor Patrick Geoghagen Francine Giannotti Rose Giberti Tina Giberti Mark Gottlieb Robin Gottlieb Nicholas Grillo John Gullo Cindy Guzzo Ken Healy Gregoria Hernandez Maria Hinnners June Honovich CarolAnn Howe Gianni Incandela Laura Johnson William Kenney Ann Klauss Kiera Sophie Stella Kinsella Annette Kyle Angelina Larrimore 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 Nicole McCallion Mackenzie McCallion Eddie Boy McCarthy	Christine McCartney Kelsey McCartney Nancy McCormick Edna McGuinness Matt McMahon Donald Merone Debbie Miller Brian Morgan Joseph Mosiello Tanya Ortiz A. Passaro Sandra Pena Jo-Ann Piazza Nicholas Piccio Clement Pollio Jerry Pottak William Prussing Corinne Ramaglia Alexa Ramos Phillip Ramos Antonio Reda Vito Rita Jacob and Jaxson Rivera Antonio Romano Margaret Romano Craig Roseno Aida Rosiello Sal Rubino Gasper Sacco Joseph Sanfratello Robert Sansone Joanne Sarnicola Laura Scattereggia Carol Schroeder Aiden Seazer Erik Seidel Gloria Serewitz Michael Skody Alexandra Smith Aurora Sorrentino Sue Ann Spotts Troy Tamburo Cigdem Tanriverdi Linda Testagrose William A. Thomas Ryan Torgerson Jennifer Tortorici Geraldine Ventrice Salvatore Ventrice Stephen Wiegand Thomas Yorke Lily Zemel
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Faith Formation News

First Penance Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 11:00am

Penance Practice both groups Tuesday April 9th and Thursday April 11th 3:30pm in Church Children Only

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 11, 2024

St. Bernard Academy - 11:00 am/St. Bernard School of Religion- 1:00 pm

Communion Practice School of Religion Wednesday May 8th 4:00pm in Church Children Only

Communion Practice Academy Thursday May 9th 3:30pm-4:30pm in Church Children Only

Confirmation Candidate Retreat

Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:45am at St. Columba

All children should be using their Mass intention cards and envelopes at Mass.

Extra cards and envelopes can be found in the Kids Korner.

School of Religion Calendar: Use the dates below to plan accordingly.

Wednesday February 7,14,28, (NO CLASS on February 21st Winter Recess)

Wednesday March 6,13,20 (NO CLASS on March 27th Easter Break)

Wednesday April 17 (NO CLASS on April 3, 10, 24 Spring Break)

Wednesday May 1, 8, 15



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Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief

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

Saturday, February 17, 2024

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory

For more information, call

Barbara at 917-686-5444 or

Maureen at 347-436-5192

Stewardship Thought

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come.'
- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.



Take time for yourself today.
Set aside 'you' time.

*Perform a
Random Act of
Kindness*

Take time to be
alone with God
in prayer!

Lent



Preparing For Lent

The Lenten Season provides a great opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through prayer, penitential practices and works of charity. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the following:**

Stations of the Cross will be said on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Church beginning Friday, February 16th. You can also watch on our website and Facebook page.

Parish Mission: SAVE THE DATES!

Our Annual Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday March 4, 5 & 6 at 7:00pm

Msgr. Tom Caserta will be our presenter this Lenten season. He has given many retreats. In this time of Eucharistic Revival, the theme will be on the Eucharist.

You can also watch on our website and Facebook page.

Spanish Retreat Night: On Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00pm, our Deanery will have the 1st Lenten Retreat Night in Spanish at St. Thomas Aquinas. Deacon Jorge Gonzalez, the coordinator of the Diaconate Formation Program will be the presenter.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal, with two smaller meals permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted.

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE

If you are interested in reserving a Block or Heart, on the Holy Family Shrine in Honor or in Memory of a loved one, or if you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.



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

This Tuesday, February 6th is our fifth part about Corporal Works of Mercy

7:00 pm in Church-Come one, come all.

Join us each month or whenever the Spirit moves you

Ways to Give to Your Parish



Winter weather is here and that means ice and snow may make it difficult for some people to get to church and many "Snowbirds" take flight to Florida for the winter months. But parish bills keep growing during the winter, including increased heating costs and snow removal expenses. You can make sure your parish support doesn't stop just when we need it the most. Check out our simple, safe and secure online giving program at SAINTBERNARDBROOKLYN.COM then click on the DONATE button and you will be guided through the giving process. You can donate from your Cell Phone. Simply text SUNDAY to 516-400-4140 and you will be guided through the giving process. Envelope users can just place their envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish. We are truly grateful for your vision and your commitment to maintaining our Parish as a beacon of faith and hope for others. Thank you for your support and prayers throughout these challenging times.



Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You!



St. Joseph Novena

Every Tuesday
following the
8:30 a.m. mass.



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A Word of Thanks To You

Dear Friends of MercyFirst,
The youth and families of MercyFirst were blessed by your generosity to help others this past holiday season. Each youth in our care received a special gift. Your act of kindness truly made a tremendous difference and will be remembered throughout the year. Through your generous giving, the children and teenagers in the Enhanced Foster Care Program received specially selected gifts of gift cards that helped them experience in the thoughtfulness of others and believe a little more in what the holiday season means. We are truly blessed to know and work with extraordinary people, who share our Mission to show mercy and instill hope into the lives of the children and families we serve.
Please except my heartfelt thanks and may you enjoy a safe, healthy, blessed and peaceful 2024.

With Gratitude and Appreciation,
Harlean A. Dennis
Senior Vice President
Family Foster Care Programs

**St. Bernard
Weekly Mass Attendance**

Weekend of January 27th & January 28th, 2024
Saturday January 27th 5:00pm
- 115
Sunday, January 28th 8:30am
- 75
Sunday, January 28th 10:00am
- 102
Sunday, January 28th 11:30am
- 356
Total Weekend Attendance-648



Parish Phone Numbers

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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.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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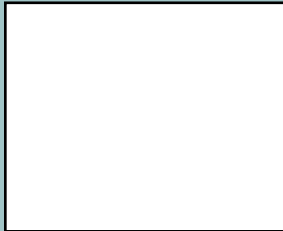
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