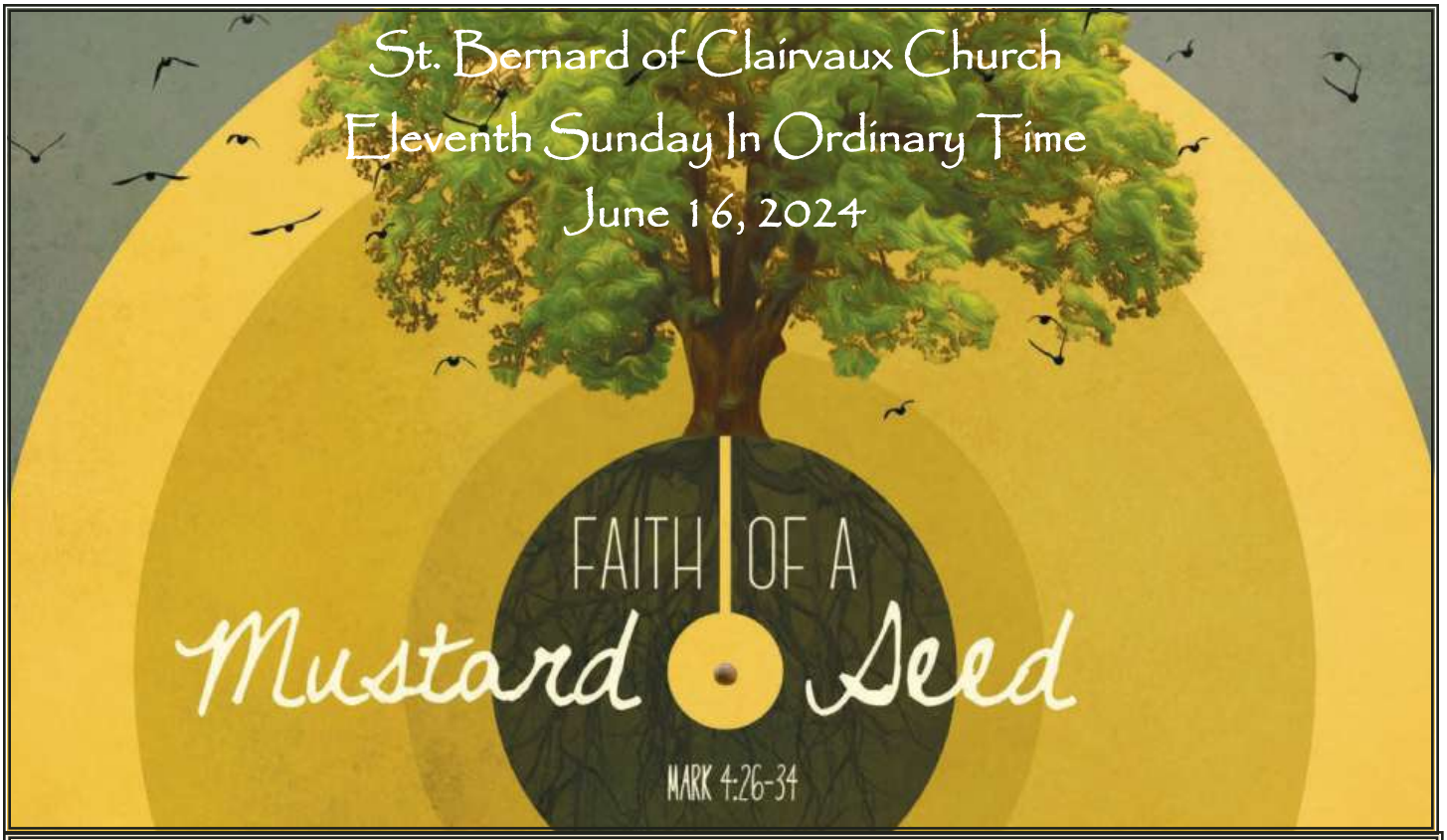

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Mass Schedule

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
Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus shares two parables that might not be relatable for all of us; both parables use plants as the main image. Yet even if you've never grown any type of plant yourself, you probably have some idea of what most plants need to grow: water, sunlight, and soil. Once these are in place, or given in appropriate amounts, the seeds grow on their own into plants. This happens in nature all the time without any human interference. If we take these parables at face value, it might seem that the kingdom of God grows without help from us. In one sense this is true; God is the only one who can change hearts and welcome people into a relationship with himself. But if we were to truly interpret this as meaning the kingdom will come about without our help, we would be misunderstanding the lesson. In both parables, Jesus refers to the planting and sowing of seed. We can take part in that role, to provide fertile ground in our hearts for God's love. We also do this for others, helping to get the ground ready in them and planting the seed of faith through our actions and sharing the Gospel. And then, although we may not see how that love and faith grows, over time we will become aware of what it does in our lives and our world. It can be challenging to our faith that we don't always get to see its fruits right away. Sometimes it can take years, or even generations, to see the full goodness that our faith can bring about. It is important that the ground in which these seeds have been planted is ready for them. If it is, then those seeds of faith will bear much fruit because they are able to receive the working of God. One way that we can help prepare the ground of our hearts is by paying attention to our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. Having a good relationship with God is the foundation for all other good relationships. Being in right relationship with God is like finding nutrient rich soil to plant in. God wants the best for us and wants us to love and follow him. When we do this, all other relationships fall into place because they are lived for the glory of God. When we love God, we can truly love others. When we have good relationships with others, we are supported in our life of faith. We learn from one another and journey together toward God. Finally, having a good relationship with ourselves might sound odd, but when we don't love ourselves, we are doubting the goodness of God's creation-us! And so, to prepare our hearts to be good places for planting and to spread the seeds of faith, we must focus on nourishing our relationships. If we can help create that suitable ground for planting, then God will work in and through us to bring about wondrous things. Our faith asks us to trust that God is working even when we can't see the growth.

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 July2nd, 2024

This Month's Winner of $300.00 is
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Simino

Please join us on
Sunday, June 30, 2024
at the 11:00am Mass.
Msgr. Grimaldi will celebrate his final Mass here at St. Bernard as our Pastor. We will have light refreshments in the Parish Hall following Mass. All are invited!

Virtus Classes

The following Virtus Class is being offered
Tuesday 6/18 at 6pm both in church
People can register online at
Virtusonline.org
Any questions call Melissa Wagner at 718-763-5533

Summer Mass Schedule

Please note that our Summer Mass Schedule will begin on Sunday, June 30th.
Sunday Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. throughout July and August.
Saturday evening Mass remains at 5:00 p.m.

Summer Rectory Hours

Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thank you to
Jimmy & Maria Alberino
for donating the delicious ice cream for our
Father's day Ice Cream Sunday.
We truly appreciate it!

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024	
9:00 am	Ariana Scirisio by Mary Candela & Family
5:00 pm	Kaitlyn Bernhardt by The Arcati Family Clement Pollio by The Taliercio Family Thomas Quinn by Linda Calabrese
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024	
8:30am	Peter Modica by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino Rocco Morra by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino
10:00am	Joseph Giacobbe by Mom & Dad
11:30 am	Josephine Loffredo by JoAnn & Frank Balsamo (1st Anniversary in Heaven)
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024	
8:30 am	John Taconi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino People of the Parish
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024	
8:30 am	Greta Giommetti by Elizabeth (2nd Anniversary in Heaven)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024	
8:30 am	Peter Modica by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024	
8:30 am	Angelo Incorvaia by his grandchildren Tiffani & Nico (Birthday in Heaven)
FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024	
8:30am	Josephine Trincilla by her Family (Anniversary in Heaven)
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024	
9:00am	Stephen & Brian Houston by Uncle Eddie
5:00pm	Anthony Barone by Maryann DePalma
SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024	
8:30am	Frances Jane Sorrisio by The Sorrisio Family Jean Marie Taylor by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Taylor & Sons Mary Fazio by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Taylor & Sons
10:00am	Giovanna Messina by her Husband & Children
11:30am	Nicholas Cetta by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta

Matthew 25 Ministry

On the 3rd Sunday of every month we will have a food collection of non-perishable foods. We will alternate giving the food to food pantries at Mary Queen of Heaven & St. Athanasius. Please be as generous as possible! It comes from Matthew 25: "When I was hungry and you fed me; naked you clothed me; ill and in prison you visited me. Whenever you do this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to Me" So, at St. Bernard's, it includes the giving tree, clothing drive, food drive, blood drive, operation backpack, & rehabilitating houses in Dominican Republic with St. Anthony Parish there.

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Rocco Morra
Donated by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

Altar Wine:

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

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Victor Juliano
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cutrone & Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Peter Modica
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinners

Altar Flowers:

In Loving Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by Her Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Rosa Andreani
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
Anna Barone
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
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Paul Brienza
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Thomas Caliendo
Diane Camacho
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Mary Campisi
Elaine Capper
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Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
Nick & Sarah Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Angela Marie Consenza
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Phyllis DeCesare
Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
Maryann DePalma
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
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James Donzella
Gia Marie Duffy
Stephen J. Esposito
Aiden Estrella
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Adriana Farrell
Tracy Farrell
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Ruppert Fontenelle
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CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
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Barbara Lopez
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Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
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Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
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Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
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Phillip Ramos
Antonio Reda
Vito Rita
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Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
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Sofia Russo
Gasper Sacco
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Joanne Sarnicola
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Sue Ann Spotts
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Cigdem Tanriverdi
Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
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Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2024/2025 Kindergarten through 7th Grade
Early Bird registration has now begun and will continue until Wednesday, June 19.
All fees for 2023-2024 must be paid to re-register.
Early bird fee will be for all who **register in full** from now to June 19th.
We want to ensure that we have the materials we need for next year and to avoid delivery delays and costly fees. Please come to the rectory. Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program.

Early Bird tuition for 2024/2025 term is $225 for 1 child, $275 for 2 children, and $325 for 3 or more children living in the same household **IF PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE** Wednesday, JUNE 19. **AFTER** FRIDAY, JUNE 19 $275 for 1 child, $325 for 2 children, and $375 for 3 or more children living in the same household. **No exceptions.**
*New students registering will need a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates.

A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Caterina Pomponio

Donated by

Carmine & Joanna Evangelista

If you would like to add a leaf to our Tree of Life "In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

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The Feast in honor of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday, July 25th through
Sunday, July 28th
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
There will be a special Mass on
Sunday, July 28th
Everyone is invited to attend!
Mailings are going out!
More information to follow!

St. Bernard Catholic Book Club

The book club will be meeting monthly.
If interested please call Jerrie Mitchell at (718) 531-1927

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Amount Pledged: $37,601. (As of 5/20/24) Annual
Appeal Goal for 2024: $57,669
Amount Received: $27,132. **Donors:** 76

We have approximately 29 weeks left until the Appeal ends-A little over 6 months.
The cost of a Mani-Pedi from one of our Local Salons costs app $75 (w/o tip)
If you made a donation amounting to the cost of a mani-pedi for 1 time a month for 6 months
your gift would be $450.!!!

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!
if you have not - Please support the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal
No gift is too large or too small!
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Scan the Code Or text
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Operation Backpack

Hosted by Matthew 25

Think it's too early to think about *back-to-school?*
Not for Operation Backpack!
Thousands of school-age children in New York City are homeless and one of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it can have on a child's education. Frequent school transfers and the stigma associated with living in a shelter add up to great hardship for these children.

Saint Bernard Parish will be participating this year to help thousands of homeless children on their first day of classes.

We will have a collection box in the vestibule of the Church in the coming weeks.
Won't you please consider donating a new backpack?
We will not be collecting school supplies
ONLY BACKPACKS
We will be collecting through the end of July.

Summer Rosary

We are happy to announce that we will once again be reciting the Rosary on Tuesday evenings in our Parish Gardens starting

July 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Please enter through the Gardens' gate on East 69th Street. There will be NO ENTRANCE through the Rectory. If there is RAIN OR THREAT OF RAIN, the recitation WILL BE IN CHURCH. Now, more than ever we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope. *ALL ARE WELCOME!* If you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.

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.**

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)
Michael Gargano Jr (Navy)
Joseph Milone (Marines)

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Be Kind!

BIBLE STUDY
Mary Queen of Heaven

Father Tom, Pastor of our sister parish Mary Queen of Heaven, will guide us through examining the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.
Six sessions will guide us through half of Luke's portrait of the Church at its beginning.
Because of the space that is available in the meeting room, participants will be limited to 25.
Each participant will be expected to dedicate time each day to studying the texts, reading the commentary, and answering some questions in preparation for each week's group session.
Tuesday Evening Sessions
7:00 pm in the Parish Center
June 11 through July 16, 2024
Part 2: October and November
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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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