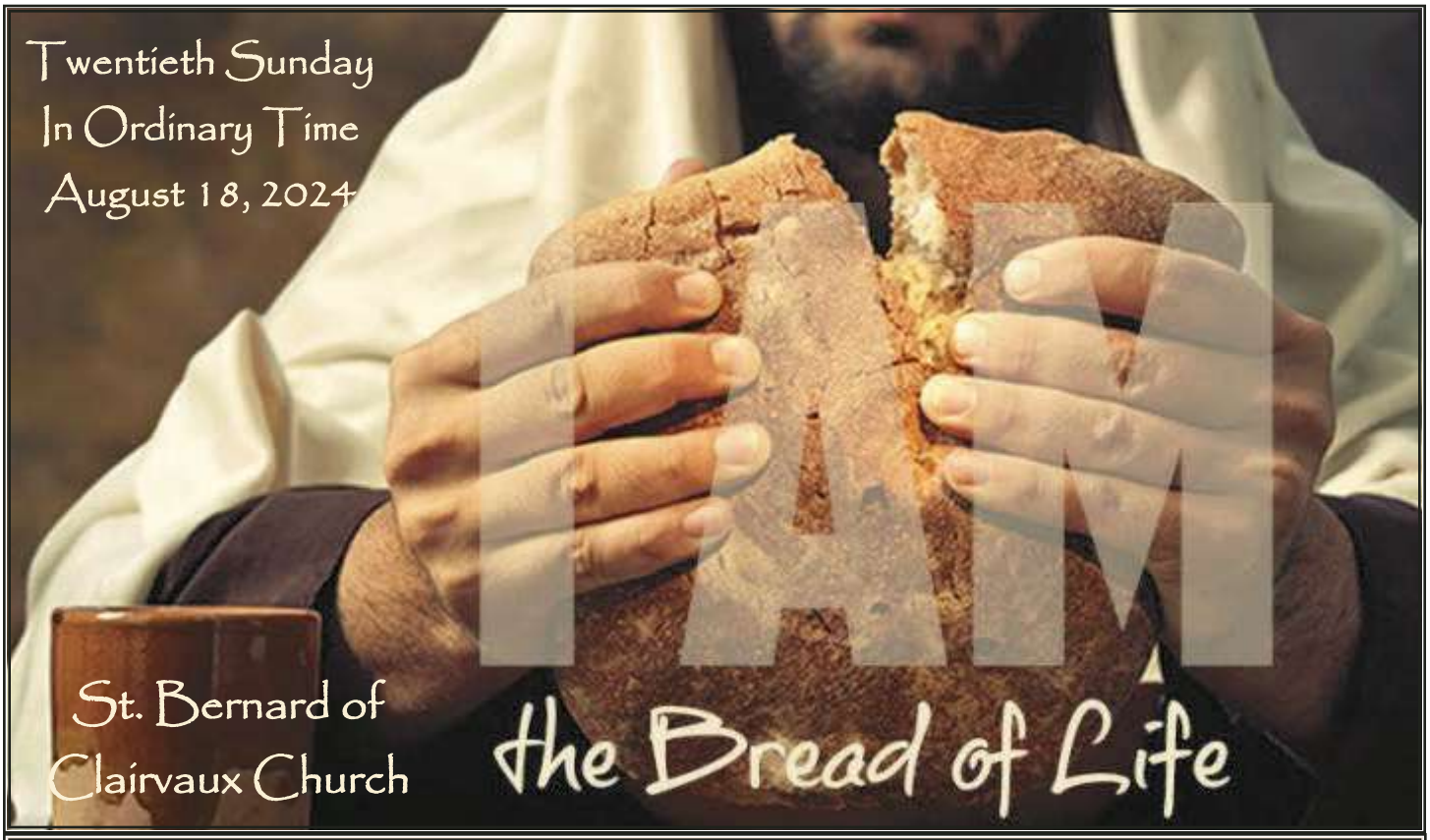

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Mass Schedule

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
Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

WATCH CAREFULLY HOW YOU LIVE

The ancient philosopher Socrates once stated that "the unexamined life is not worth living". The context in which Socrates made this comment was at his trial where he was charged with impiety. Whatever the context, the words remain powerful and full of meaning. For Socrates the most important thing that anyone could do is pursue wisdom. An unexamined or unreflective life on the contrary moves without any direction or true purpose. It is a life on autopilot. For Socrates such a life made no sense.

Our era is one of dramatic change, almost dizzying for many. Our time is tied up doing so many things that we forget why we are here or who we are. Many go from place to place, obligation to obligation, gadget to gadget, only to find themselves exhausted both physically and emotionally. Still others make every effort possible to be constantly busy because they fear the silence and the solitude where we learn who we really are. Our culture encourages addictions of all kinds and much noise; the constant cycle of media and entertainment leaves many stupefied.

In this Sunday's first reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians St. Paul offers a similar sentiment to Socrates when he writes, "watch carefully how you live". Yet he doesn't leave it at that. He gives a solution to the "unexamined" or careless life: "Try to understand the will of the Lord", "be filled with the Holy Spirit", and "give thanks". If we look at each of these carefully, we find the pathway to living the life that God intends us to live. St. Paul implies that understanding the Lord's will for us is not always easy or clear. However, our Lord has given us two roadmaps to make things clearer for us: Sacred Scripture (the Bible) and Sacred Tradition (the Holy Spirit working in and through the Church and her teachings). Each of these is guidepost for a well-informed conscience based on truth which leads to true freedom. To "be filled with the Holy Spirit" requires only two things: to be sincerely striving to live in accordance with God's will, and to ask with a sincere heart for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from the Spirit. To give thanks speaks for itself. If we consciously thank God regularly for all the gifts He has bestowed on us we will receive the gift of humility and also the trust to endure when things are difficult. These three working together will inform our lives and how we live them, the choices we make, and the priorities we set. This examined life, done in the light of God's truth and love, become one that is eminently worth living.

The first reading today from the Book of Proverbs, and the Gospel of St. John, remind us that the Lord wants to feed us with holy wisdom, with His word, and also with His very self. This food of wisdom and the word reminds us of the closeness of God to us as we make our pilgrim way through this life. The Food of the Eucharist not only strengthens us for the journey ahead but gives us life so that "whoever eats this Bread will live forever".

A person sincerely seeking God's will, filled with the Holy Spirit, full of gratitude, immersed in Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church, and nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus, makes our lives not just examined, but in the enduring words of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, worth living. Worth living because it is meant to be eternal.

Fr. John Maduri

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 September 3rd, 2024

This Month's Winner of $175.00 is
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Simino

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Block Party will be on
Sunday, September 15, 2024
Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024
Don't Miss it!
Please fill out the form to reserve your tables!
You can find them at the back of church and in the rectory!

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, AUGUST 17, 2024	
9:00 am	Joseph J. Benvenuto by Stephanie Puleo
5:00 pm	Clement Pollio by The Fonte Family Thomas Quinn by Roseann & Peter Tafuri Rose Giberti by Maria Bellantone In Thanksgiving to The Sacred Heart of Jesus by Mary Cooper
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024	
9:00am	Peter Sarni by his daughter Maryann
11:00am	Happy Birthday Danielle Gallagher Love, Mom & Dad DeMarinis
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024	
8:30 am	Maria Del Carmen Suarez by The Suarez
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024	
8:30 am	Anthony Annunziata by his Wife & Daughter
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024	
8:30 am	Richard Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024	
8:30 am	Charles & Angelina Leo by their daughter Stephanie
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024	
8:30am	Alejandra Hall by Veronica Hall
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024	
9:00am	Christine Castalano Povall by Margie & Cora Generoso
5:00pm	Richard Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family Joseph Rosiello by The Rosiello Family (Anniversary in Heaven)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024	
9:00am	Maria Hinners by Stephanie Puleo Tony Evangelista by Nick & Ellie Graziano Michael Fazio by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Taylor & Sons Garry Pierre by Dumelle Leconte
11:00am	Giovanna Bosi by The Arcati Family (Birthday in Heaven)

Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2024/2025
Kindergarten through 7th Grade
$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.

Spanish Mass

The next Spanish Mass will be on
Saturday, August 24, 2024
At 7:00pm.
This Mass is for all Vocations & Blessing of Workers.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Frances Marzocchi
Donated by The Paladino Family

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Frances Marzocchi
Donated by The Paladino Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Maria Hinners
Donated by St. Bernard Friends

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Rosa Andreani
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
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Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
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Gary Camarda
Mary Campisi
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Domenic Carriero
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Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Francine Danza
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Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
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Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
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Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Annette Kyle
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Allan Maloney
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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
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Thomas Yorke
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A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Tommy Capriola

Love The Trotta, Hines, Nova & Ventura Families

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.

There will be a barbeque
for all High School students on
Thursday, September 12th
6:00pm-8:00pm
in the parish gardens!
Please call the rectory to respond
718.763.5533

August 18th Never Give Up Day!

"It always seems impossible
until it's done." ...
When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Never give up! This day is a
reminder to keep chasing our dreams and never give up on them. People
celebrate this day by motivating
themselves and the people around them.

Stewardship Thought

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

2025 MASS BOOK

The 2025 Mass Book will open on
Wednesday, September 18th
at 9:00 a.m.
Please wait on line outside the side door of the church and we will be meeting in the chapel in the church.
****PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO MASS TIME CHANGES HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE, WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO BOOK MASSES ON THIS DAY FROM JANUARY 1, 2025-JUNE 30, 2025.****

You can memorialize or honor someone in this special way! Also available will be memorials for Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles, Tabernacle Candles, Bells, and Altar Flowers. All masses will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis. Masses and memorials must be paid for at the time of booking and cannot be reserved in advance or held. Masses will be limited to 12 per person on this date.
Thank you for your cooperation!

Music Ministry Notes

Have you ever wanted to join our Choir but did not have the time? Now is your chance! Consider joining our Summer Choir which will sing at the 11am Sunday Mass throughout the Summer. We will rehearse every Sunday 20 minutes before the 11am Mass. This is a great opportunity to serve our Parish with your time and talent during the slower summer months.
If interested, please see our
Director of Music Ernest Buckley after Mass
or call: 718.809.7666.

Save The Date

Healing Mass

Fr. Anthony Ozele will lead us in
Mass & Healing Service
Friday, September 27, 2024

Experience the power of God!

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

St. Bernard Sports Program is excited to announce that their premier Co-ed basketball experience is back for another thrilling season. This In-House program for players of all ability levels in grades 2-8 begins in October, consists of a full game schedule with standings and playoffs, and culminates with a championship game in February.

Grades 2-5 play on Saturdays and Grades 6-8 play on Tuesday evenings. Our clinic for grades pre-k, k and 1st grade remain instructional only and no games are played.

Registration will open 8/24 @ 9:00am using the following link : (https://forms.gle/MDysFTZvdhay81ii9)

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Goal for 2024: $57,669 We ***are DOWN $11,000 in pledges – we need your help!***

We have received gifts from 103 Donors!

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 2024 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.

(The cost of a cheese pizza is $22 (not including tax, delivery and tip) – for that amount <u>once a week</u> until the appeal ends on December 31, 2024, your gift to the Appeal can be $440. For <u>twice a month</u> your gift can be $176. For <u>once a month</u> your gift can be $110.)

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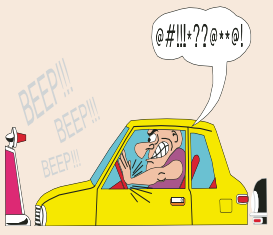

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10:00 a.m. $50.00 per person
Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 Ext. 1601
for Information and to Register
Proceeds Benefit Saint Bernard Academy

<u>Bereavement Ministry</u>
Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, September 7, 2024
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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.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. OCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions. OCIA 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 Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of August 10 & August 11, 2024

Saturday August 10th 5:00pm- 135
Sunday, August 11th 9:00am- 141
Sunday, August 11th 11:00am- 240
Total Weekend Attendance- 516

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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 Fr. Maduri, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank, Dcn. Chris or Dcn. Herb.

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. Fr. Maduri.

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