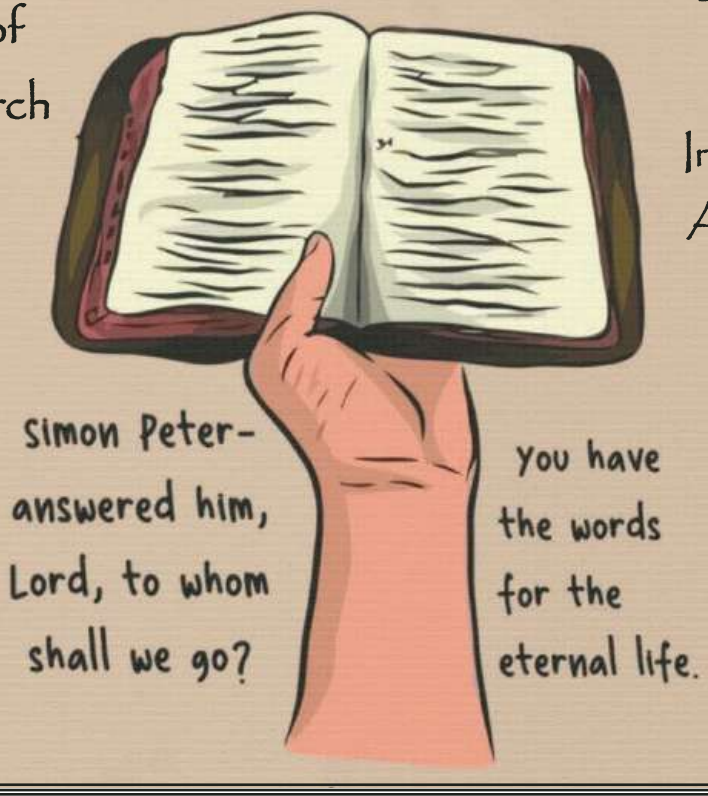
St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Twentieth First Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024



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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
Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

FAR BE IT FROM US TO FORSAKE THE LORD

Those words from today's first reading from the Book of Joshua remind of us of the intended fidelity of the people of the tribes of Israel. They go on to say that they would not forsake the Lord for the service of other gods. I say "intended" fidelity because there are numerous examples in the Old Testament period where the people did in fact show times of great fidelity but also of equally great infidelity to God and the covenant.

Fidelity is a great gift and freedom but it also takes work and dedication because it is not always easy. It is a sign of love but faithful love is something that we must continually recommit ourselves to. For the people of ancient Israel, the reality of dealing with people who rejected the one true God, who worshipped false gods, and who lived lives of debauchery, would at time prove too much for many. Add persecution to the mix and it easy to understand how many in Israel could fall so fast in the face of that adversity.

In the Gospel reading from St. John, we find people also walking away from Jesus who is God Incarnate. In this case faith is weak and they reject our Lord's teaching on the Bread of Life. He also understands the difficulty of remaining faithful when we do not always understand what is being told us or asked of us. It is noteworthy that Jesus does not react harshly to them but respects their freedom to leave Him.

In our present moment there are also the same realities being played out. Today the cultural surroundings that promote false gods are all around us and inescapable. We are encouraged to make gods out of money, fame, power, prestige, sex, entertainment, and so on. Unlike the false gods of the pre-Christian pagan era where at least the people recognized powers and realities beyond themselves, we now live with the false god of the self where truth is ridiculed and the whims and desires of the base part of ourselves rule our decisions and choices. It is a false god much more difficult to conquer than the false gods of old and requires a true conversion of heart and conscience.

The first step to this conversion is to keep in mind the words of St. Peter after our Lord asked him if the Twelve would also leave. With great understanding and wisdom Peter makes his profession, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." The false gods of the ancient pagan era, and the present-day false god of the self with all that flows from that, cannot give us eternal life. In fact, they cannot give much of anything that resembles the life that God has called us to live in the freedom of the sons and daughters of God. The best they can give is temporary respite followed by a craving for more which begins a cycle of dissatisfaction and frustration, and in many cases, desperation.

As mentioned earlier, our Lord did not chastise those who left Him. Rather, He left it to His disciples, the early foundations of Christ's Church, to go forth and proclaim the wisdom uttered by Peter. It is certain that at the beginning they more like the ancient tribes of Israel moving from moments of fidelity to moments and doubt and fear. Yet open to the Holy Spirit on Pentecost they became great teachers and preachers of the faith. We too will face obstacles, both outside of ourselves and within. If we have the openness to the Holy Spirit that the disciples had, we too can go forth and make disciples of others who know and live Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life.

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!

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, AUGUST 24, 2024

9:00 am Christine Castalano Povall by Margie & Cora Generoso

5:00 pm 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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

8:30 am Joseph Giacobbe 3rd Anniversary in Heaven loving memory
Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

8:30 am Franco & Elizabetta Liberatore by Lidia

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

8:30 am Ayden Legerme-Thanksgiving for All Saints by Patricia Lenche

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024

8:30 am Rose Giberti by Maryann Cacace

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

8:30am Marian Sergi Happy 100th Birthday in Heaven Love your Daughter
Andrea, Grandsons Christopher & Daniel, Niece & Nephews

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

9:00am Steven DePace by Tina Giberti

5:00pm Rose Giberti by Michele Esposito

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

9:00am Salvatore Morrongiello by Wife & children (3rd Anniversary)

11:00am Lorena Durandisse by The Cirrincione Family
Thomas Quinn by Connie Carriero
Rahil Ali by your Loving Family

Stewardship Thought

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve…As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." *Joshua 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

Fall Mass Schedule

Our regular Sunday Mass Schedule
will resume on Sunday, September 8th,
the weekend following Labor Day.
Masses on Sunday will be 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Maria Hinners
Donated by Stephanie Puleo

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Maria Hinners
Donated by The Hinners Family

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Alan Mowbray
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Berger & Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Giacobbe
Donated by Mom & Dad

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
Anna Barone
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
Margaret Bracco
Arline Brack
Thomas Caliendo
Diane Camacho
Gary Camarda
Mary Campisi
Elaine Capper
Ana Caraballo
Joseph Carone
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Leonard Carriero
Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
Danel Cham
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
Francine Danza
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Phyllis DeCesare
Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
Maryann DePalma
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Gia Marie Duffy
Stephen J. Esposito
Aiden Estrella
John Fahey
Pat Fallon
Adriana Farrell
Tracy Farrell
Natalie Ferber
Anthony Filippazzo
Ruppert Fontenelle
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Alexandra Gagliardi
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Patricia Gallagher
Peter J. Gallagher
Linda Gannon
Courtney James Garrisson Jr.
Thomas Garziniti
Odette Gaudard
Margaret Generoso
Ellen Gentile
Connor Patrick Geoghagen
Ida Giannettino
Francine Giannotti
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
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
Jason Moll
Brian Morgan
Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
A.Passaro
Sandra Pena
Jo-Ann Piazza
Nicholas Piccio
Jerry Pottak
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Alexa Ramos
Phillip Ramos
Antonio Reda
Vito Rita
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera
Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
Craig Rosen
Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
Nikki Russo
Sofia Russo
Gasper Sacco
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Carol Schroeder
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Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Michael Skody
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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

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

Tammy Chiodo

I have an Angel watching over Me, She is my Mom. Love Joseph

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN OUR FAITH EVENT SCHEDULE

****SAVE THE DATES****

September 13th & 14th-Life in the Spirit Seminar
September 19th-Theology on Tap for Young Adults
September 27th-Healing Mass
Every Thursday beginning October 17th-Holy Spirit Prayer Group
November 22nd & 23rd-"Be the Light" Evangelization Workshop
October 16th-November 27th-Catholic Mysticism & The Beautiful Life of Grace
December 2nd, 9th & 16th-Advent Bible Study: The Infancy Narratives of St. Luke
December 14th-Advent Morning of Recollection with Sr. Ave Clark O.P.

FLYERS WITH DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO EACH EVENT

Bereavement Ministry
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

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!

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
respond718.763.5533

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 8th
at the 11:30am Mass
we will be blessing backpacks
for the new school year.

Save The Date

Healing Mass

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

Experience the power of God!

Faith Formation News
It's Time To Register!

School of Religion Registration 2024/2025. Please come to the rectory. K through 7th Grade
Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program.
$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.

Visit The Kids Korner

- Mass intention cards for all of the children in our parish community.
- Weekly envelopes as part of a Stewardship effort for the children to understand and participate in the gift of giving.
- Reading material and resources for children and families.

Take a look each week for activities or reading material and other little surprises that will reinforce the message of the Gospel. Imagine the conversation on the way home from church.

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 need your help!***

Pledges received to date: $41,920 Received to date: $37, 401

Donors: 104

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.

Make your donation using your phone today
by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255
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Thank you!

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 17 & August 18, 2024
Saturday August 17th 5:00pm-116
Sunday, August 18th 9:00am-110
Sunday, August 18th 11:00am-225
Total Weekend Attendance-451

Defensive Driving Class
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Saturday, September 21, 2024
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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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus donated 192 backpacks to Operation Backpack. These backpacks will help many children in need.

Are you a Knight, why not?
For membership information contact Edward McCarthy (917) 681-7936

Parish Phone Numbers

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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 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.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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