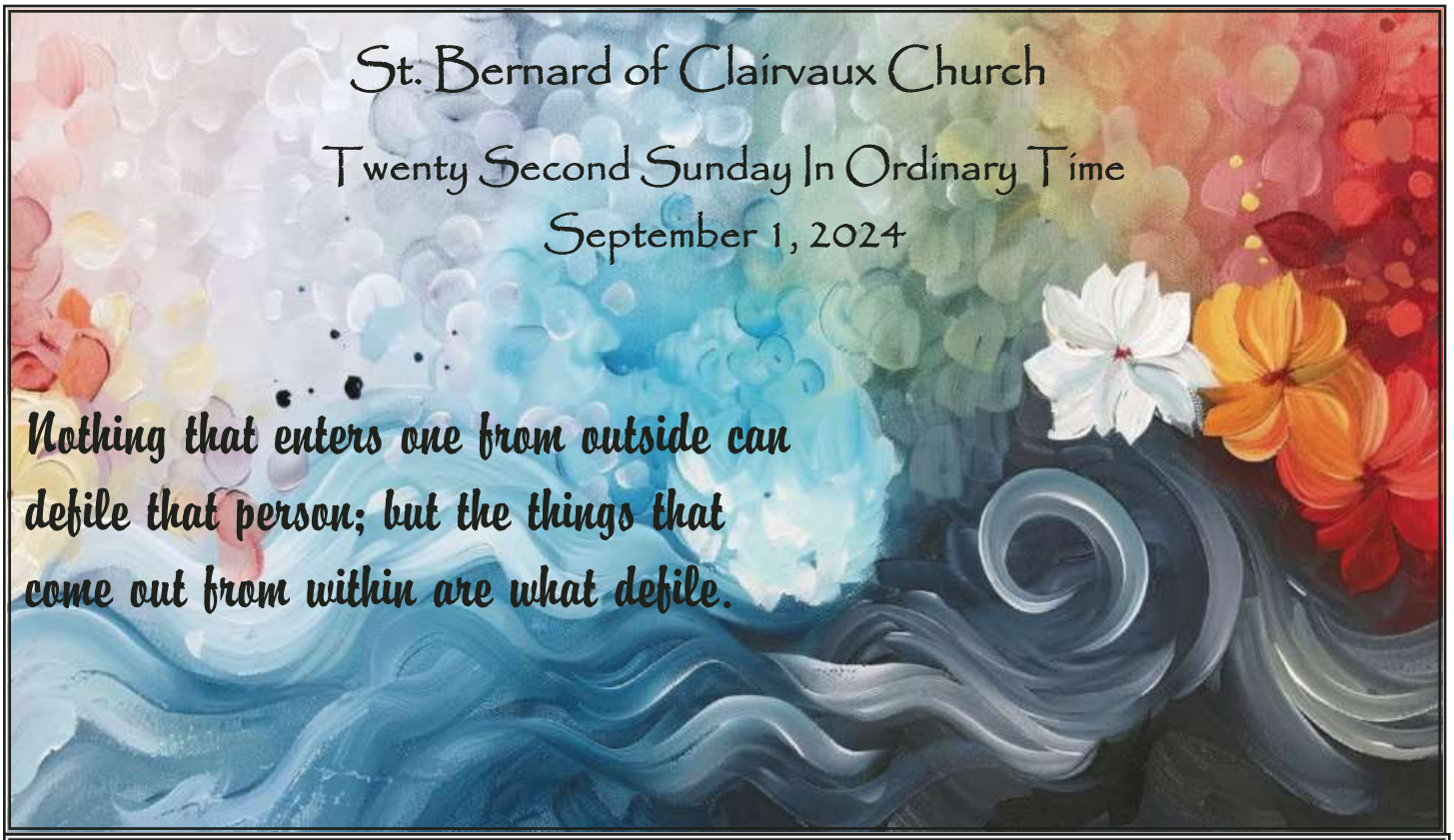

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Mass Schedule

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
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

HEAR ME ALL OF YOU, AND UNDERSTAND

This Sunday's Gospel from St. Mark is one that can be easily misinterpreted. Our Lord is not criticizing the external disciplines of religion such as mentioned in the Gospel. External acts of sacrifice and mortification have a place in all religious traditions. The problem that can exist is when these observances of religion do not flow from the interior conversion of life that comes from a lived faith. The issue that Jesus is raising with His listeners points to that reality seen in the lives of many of the Pharisees: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me"; "in vain do they worship"; "they teach as doctrines human precepts: and finally, they "disregard God's commandments but cling to human tradition".

If we look at each of these four areas that our Lord is speaking about, we can see the truth of what He is bringing to the forefront. Many people say they believe in God and may utter various prayers but their lives show that their heart lie elsewhere than in God. Others worship regularly but their attitudes and actions are no better than they were decades earlier. Observing the externals of religion, they ignore the conversion of life that should be taking place every day. Similarly, some get upset when external things change in the life of the Church when it is the revealed doctrines on faith and morals that should be our guiding lights. Still there are those who make cultural traditions a substitute for a lived faith. They will run to church for St. Anthony bread but ignore the Eucharist Sunday after Sunday; set up a St. Joseph table but do not to honor the Lord Jesus Christ whom Joseph served so faithfully.

As with every criticism that our Lord presented to the Pharisees and others around Him, it was not to make statements of condemnation for condemnation's sake, nor to berate or belittle them. Rather, He wanted to wake them – and us – to a better and more free life of faith, one that is based not on cultural traditions or man-made laws, but one that is based in relationship. Jesus is calling the Pharisees – and us – to just that. He wants us to relate to God as a good Father, to relate to Him as to a brother who walks the journey of life with us; to relate to the Holy Spirit as one who reveals wisdom so that we may know the freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

The Pharisees were so stuck in a rut of external observances to such an extreme that they would plot the murder of an innocent man without thinking twice about it. Though none of us are going to go to that level, we do need to ask ourselves some questions. Are our praises of God with our lips also seen in our way of life? Is our worship at Mass reflected in how we think, speak, and act towards others once we leave the church building? Do the external observances of religion flow from a lived faith? Do we fall victim to observing cultural or human traditions while ignoring God's commandment? These questions and how we answer them do not make God and better or worse off. God is God no matter what. How we do answer these questions will impact how we live our lives: either as ones who go through the motions of religion, or one's who seek a relationship in faith with the God who brought us into being, sustains us on life's journey, and beckons us one day to a seat at the banquet feast of heaven.

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

Labor Day

The Rectory Office will close at 1:00pm on August 30th and be closed for business on August 31st, September 1st & 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday. Emergency calls however can be made at any time.

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.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

9:00 am Steven DePace by Tina Giberti

5:00 pm 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

8:30 am Luigi & Elvira Pastorelli by grandson Victor (Anniversary)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

8:30 am James Donohue by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

8:30 am Fred Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

8:30 am MaryAnn Rao by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

8:30am Jackie Fortunato by Ilene & Frank Salerno

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

9:00am Dominique Gerone Thanksgiving for All Saints by Patricia Leriche

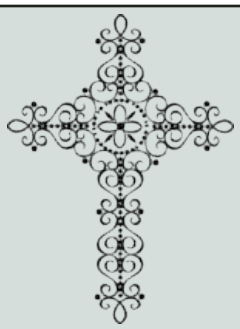
5:00pm Concetta Cintorrino 2nd Anniversary in Heaven Deacon Chris, Melissa & Family
The Giacobbe Family by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Giacobbe
Rose Giberti by Mary Cooper

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

8:30am Anthony (Tony) Evangelista Jr. by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino

10:00am Richard Choquette by Barbara & Karen Johnson

11:30am Alice Cariello by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Rita Hayden by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino



Purgatorial Society

Laura Bendzak
John L. Doria
George Fastook
Jean Ferrantelli
Manuel Martinez
David Williams Sr.

Theology On Tap

We invite you to Theology On Tap for Young Adults ages 18-35 on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Parish Garden.
Join us for Food, Drink & Fellowship

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of James Pietrosh
Donated by St. Bernard Lectors

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Amy Ferraro

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Carol & Louis Pino
Donated by Amy Ferraro

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Christian David Sippel
Donated by Loving Sister In Law Anna

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of George Thomas Fastook
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Berger & Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Anthony Vitale (Birthday)
Donated by Wife Rosale

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Anna Barone
Christine Palumbo Beck
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Maryann DePalma
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Diane DiAngelo
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Rosa DiBerardino
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A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Gennaro Cariello

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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

St. Bernard Good Neighbors

The club will resume weekly meetings on
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 1:30pm-4:00pm.
Please use the main doors on East 69th Street.
Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Faith Formation

Catechetical Sunday

We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on
Sunday, September 15, 2024
At the 11:30am Mass

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.

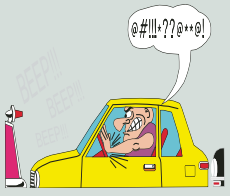
Grades 2-5 play on Saturdays and Grades 6-8 play on Tuesday evenings. Our clinic for grades pre-k, k and 1st grade remain instructional only and no games are played.

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

Stewardship Thought

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only…"
JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



Defensive Driving Class
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Saturday, September 21, 2024
Saint Bernard Catholic Academy
2030 East 69th Street Brooklyn, NY
10:00 a.m.
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Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 Ext. 1601
for Information and to Register
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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 24 & August 25, 2024

Saturday August 24th 5:00pm~106
Spanish Mass~52
Sunday, August 25th 9:00am~130
Sunday, August 25th 11:00am~262
Total Weekend Attendance~550

Installation of New High School Altar Servers

We will install High School Freshman as High School Altar Servers on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at the 11:30am Mass.

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

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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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