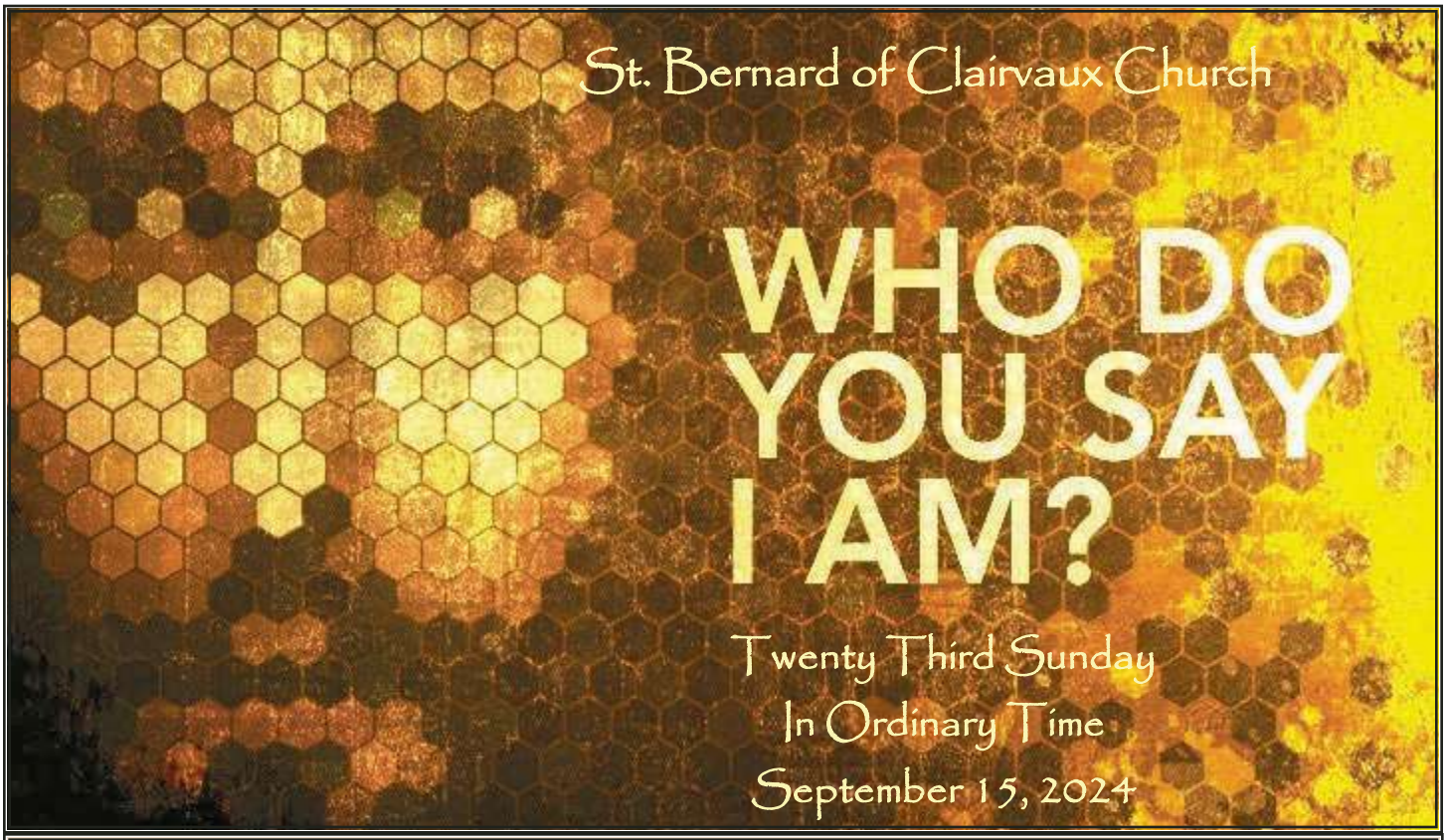

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Mass Schedule

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-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Years back Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen humorously referred to this question raised by Jesus as the first known opinion poll in history. It is interesting to hear the different answers that people gave at that time. According to today's Gospel from St. Mark, "some said John the Baptist (risen from the dead), others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." Each of them got it wrong. The same remains true today, and even among many Christians.

A century ago, the eminent British author C.S. Lewis wrote his famous Trilemma. Lewis was responding to a growing trend that had people seeing Jesus as either a moral teacher or a man notable for doing good deeds. As Lewis noted Jesus made astonishing claims. He claimed to be able to raise the dead, to heal the sick, to forgive sins, that He was God, and that even after his earthly death He would rise. That Jesus said these things is not in doubt, but here is the Trilemma. As Lewis points out a moral teacher does not lie; nor does a good person. The Trilemma is quite simple. Either Jesus is a liar, insane, or He is who He says He is.

This has massive implications for everyone. If we are not ready to say Jesus is a liar or insane then He is God, and everything He taught is truth. Also, we are not under any obligation to accept everything a moral person tells us, let alone someone who does good deeds. We can accept or reject their opinion as we judge fit. However, if Jesus is God all of that changes. "Everything I have told you I have heard from my Father". Jesus does not have an opinion. He has – and is – the Truth. Every word he speaks is a reflection of God's will.

The Trilemma has challenged people since it was published in 1952, both Christians and non-Christians. Some do believe that Jesus was a liar or insane though even non-Christians acknowledge that the teachings Jesus brought forth cannot come from a liar or an insane person. Others simply ignore the question determined to live life on their own terms, but to their detriment since they do not know the freedom of the children of God. Still others choose to be deaf and blind to anything that challenges their habits and sins. Then there are the wise men and women who step out in faith, acknowledge with St. Peter that "Jesus is the Christ". These are the ones who find the fulness of life, who know their dignity and their destiny.

At the end of today's Gospel Jesus lays out why so many of us refuse to entertain seriously C.S. Lewis' Trilemma. Jesus calls us to "deny" ourselves, to "take up (our) cross", and to 'lose our lives' for His sake. All of this is challenging and difficult to do without the gift of faith and the trust that it entails. Yet it is not impossible. Countless men and women have allowed themselves to be challenge by the Trilemma, have stepped out in faith and trust to seek and follow the Gospel of Christ. They have trusted Jesus' promise that if we do so, we will save our lives.

Who then is Jesus to you and me? How we answer that question will determine how we live our lives in this world and in the world to come.

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 October 1st, 2024

This Month's Winner of $262.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Turnbull

A Big
"Thank You"

To our Scouts who raise our 9/11 Memorial Flag this year and every year!

We will Never Forget

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

9:00 am Vincent Sclafani by Stephanie Puleo

5:00 pm Rosetta Grillo by her loving husband Nick, Children & Grandchildren (Anniversary in Heaven)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8:30am Roger Espinal by The Marsella Family
Joseph Mattone by Rita Damato
Joseph Francis Campbell by The Cirrincione Family

10:00am Vincent Patrizio by his sons Anthony & Michael (Birthday in Heaven)

11:30am Thomas Cilia by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

8:30 am Maria Hinners by The Capalbo Family

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

8:30 am Clement Pollio by The Capalbo Family
Rita Ali by The Ali-Esposito Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

8:30 am Annette Mastromarino Happy Birthday in Heaven
Love, Sandra, Stephen, Matthew & Christopher

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

8:30 am Henry Frizell by his daughter June

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

8:30am Thomas Quinn by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinners

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

9:00am Richard Buell by Natalie Council

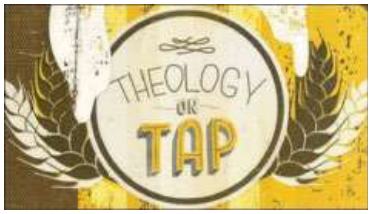
5:00pm Rose Giberti by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

8:30am Helen Colangelo by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino
Joseph Trincilla by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Phyllis Capodanno by The DePalma Family
Kevin Fahey by Buddy & Betty Ann Howe
Vincent Sclafani by Jason & Emily Ribando & Family

11:30am Jason Shanley by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta



We invite all young adults ages 18-35 to
Theology On Tap
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 Bernard & Jennie Maduri
Donated by Patricia

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Bernard & Jennie Maduri
Donated by Patricia

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Trincilla
Donated by Connie Carriero

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Daniel Francis Welch
Donated by Your Loving Family

Church Bells:

For The Deceased Members of
The Cetta & Rao Families
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Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
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Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
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Gary Camarda
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Leonard Carriero
Domenic Carriero
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Danel Cham
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Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
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Gia Marie Duffy
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Tracy Farrell
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A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Donald J. Merone

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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 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

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!

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, October 20th, 2024
Following the11:30 Mass
in the Parish Gardens.
Pies, Apples, Mums!
Pumpkin Painting & Cookie Decorating!
More Info to Follow!

If you are interested in a Block or Heart for the

Holy Family Shrine

In Memory or Honor of a Family Member or Friend
There are still some available.
Call the Parish House for more information.

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!

Faith Formation NewsIt's Time To Register!

School of Religion Registration 2024/2025. The first day of classes is Wednesday, October 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.

St. Bernard Scout Program

is excited to Announce
OUR OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th
KINDERGARTEN TO FIFTH GRADE
5:45PM-7:00pm
SIXTH TO TWELFTH GRADE 7:30pm-9:30pm
Fun activities, trips. Overnight camping, skill training, leadership development. Community beautification projects, and much more.
Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

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/DysFTZvdhay81ii9)

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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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.

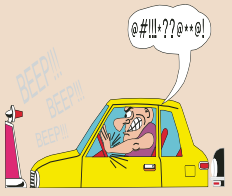
Anyone who is interested in participating in this program is asked to call the Rectory now and speak to Deacon Frank.

Stewardship Thought

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.



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Saturday, September 21, 2024
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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)
Michael Gargano Jr. (Navy)
Marcello Gargano (Army)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of September 7 & September 8, 2024

Saturday September 7th 5:00pm-117
Spanish-124
Sunday, September 8th 8:30am-82
Sunday, September 8th 10:00am-102
Sunday, September 8th 11:30am-365
Total Weekend Attendance-740

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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 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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