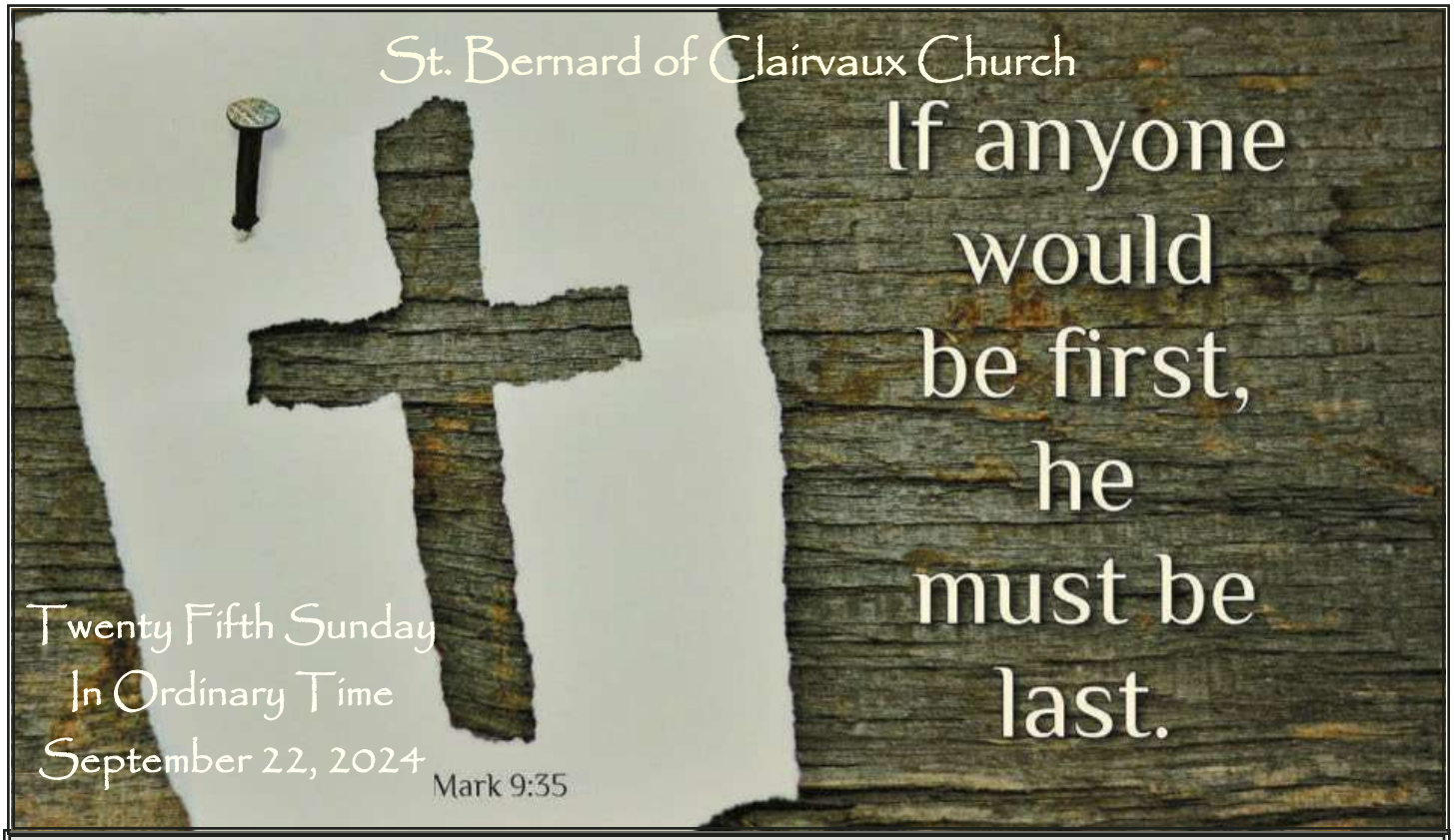

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Sundays

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-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

THEY WERE ARGUING ON THE WAY

It goes without say that virtually everyone making their own way through this life has been involved in some arguments for one reason or another. It is somewhat of a comfort to know that even the Lord's disciples, the first Bishops and leaders of the Church, also had their arguments. Comforting though does not make it any more pleasant or desirable.

There are many reasons why people argue, even in the best of families and among the best of friends. We can argue about important things or about petty things. One thing remains constant. No one in their right mind likes arguing. The argument going on among the disciples of our Lord lays out perhaps the biggest reason why people do argue: pride. In this Sunday's reading from the Gospel of St. Mark, they are arguing about "who was the greatest". I do not think it is difficult to understand some of our Lord's frustration with the Twelve. After all He has taught them, they still do not get it. We can also place ourselves in this situation and most of us would think how ridiculous this argument must have sounded to Jesus. Here are twelve grown men concerned about something so petty. That was, though, the unfortunate reality. Jesus then intervenes and reminds them – and us – that the first will be last and the servant will be first. In taking the child in His arms Jesus reminds us, through the child's innocence, that pride can only be conquered by humility. In today's second reading St. James reminds of us of the destructiveness of pride: "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice". We can easily see this all around us.

In speaking about humility though we must also be careful to note what has been termed "social narcissism" where some can become proud of their humility. Some can feel good about themselves putting on an aura of humility while all the while patting themselves on the back for being so humble. It is ultimately self-referential. This is another form of pride but in disguise.

In the second reading from St. James, he reminds us of the gift of wisdom. He lays out for us the gifts that come from wisdom: peace, gentleness, being compliant (as opposed to being obstinate which causes many arguments among people), full of mercy and good fruits. Wisdom though is not just something but Someone, the Holy Spirit. We need to gift of the Holy Spirit to teach us authentic humility which flows from the core of our being. The Holy Spirit points us to the One who embodies humility, the Servant of all, the Just One who is Christ Jesus.

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us that God will take care of the "just one". All humility flows from this faith. Whatever our state in life, rich or poor, powerful or not, with or without worldly authority, all of that can lead to a slavish attachment on one end or jealousy on the other. If we truly have the gift of Wisdom and the faith to know that God will take care of us, then we can have the peace this world cannot give nor take away, the humility of Jesus who sought not His own will but that of the Father where we find our life and our peace.

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

We would like to say **Thank You** to the Gioiosa Marina Social Club who organize Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feat each year. A special thank you for their generous donation of $7,000 to St. Bernard Church, we appreciate all your hard work & dedication!

Thank you for all that joined us for our 8th annual block party. A special thank you to DJ Ross & Andrew Faillace for their support always!

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund for Education.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

9:00 am Richard Buell by Natalie Council

5:00 pm Rose Giberti by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

8:30 am Domenick Puleo by his Wife & Children

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

8:30 am Clement Pollio by Mary Candela
Joyce Fennell Love, John, Regina, Chris & Baby Christopher
Happy Birthday in Heaven

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

8:30 am In Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

8:30 am Thomas Quinn by Helene & Nick Cirrincione

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

8:30am James F. Wagner 12th Anniversary in Heaven
his family Chris & Melissa

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

9:00am Leona J. Ritchie by The Cirrincione Family

5:00pm Antoinette Mauceri by The Oddo Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

8:30am Sally & Anthony Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Timothy McCabe by wife Jennifer & daughter Megan

11:30am Santo Agosta by The Conti Family
Melissa Jorgenson by AnnMarie & Lloyd Spangen
Joseph Frank Trincilla by Rita Damato

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Altar Wine:
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Altar Candles:
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Donated by Diane & Joe Cordano

Tabernacle Candle:
In Loving Memory of Patrick O'Rourke
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Church Bells:
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Gabriella Cutrone
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Cindy Guzzo
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J.H.
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A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Ciro Masso

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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 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

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of the Animals will take place on Friday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m.
In front of church. Animals of all kinds, shapes and sizes are invited, but they MUST be on a leash or in a carrier.
Please do not bring animals inside the Church!

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.

Save The Date

Healing Mass
Fr. Emmanuel Conduah will lead us in
Mass & Healing Service
Friday, September 27, 2024
Rosary at 7:00pm-Mass 7:30pm
Experience the power of God!

Faith Formation News~It's Time To Register!

School of Religion Registration 2024/2025. The first day of classes is Wednesday, October 2, 2024.
Please come to the rectory to register.
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
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5:45PM~7:00pm
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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)

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.

Stewardship Thought

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35
Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

SPANISH MASS

October is Spanish heritage month.
Our next Spanish Mass will be on
Saturday, October 12th, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Following mass we will have foods from different countries in the Parish Hall.
All are Welcome!

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.
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Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of September 14 & September 15, 2024

Saturday September 14th 5:00pm-125
Sunday, September 15th 8:30am-107
Sunday, September 15th 10:00am-81
Sunday, September 15th 11:30am-310
Total Weekend Attendance-623

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

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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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