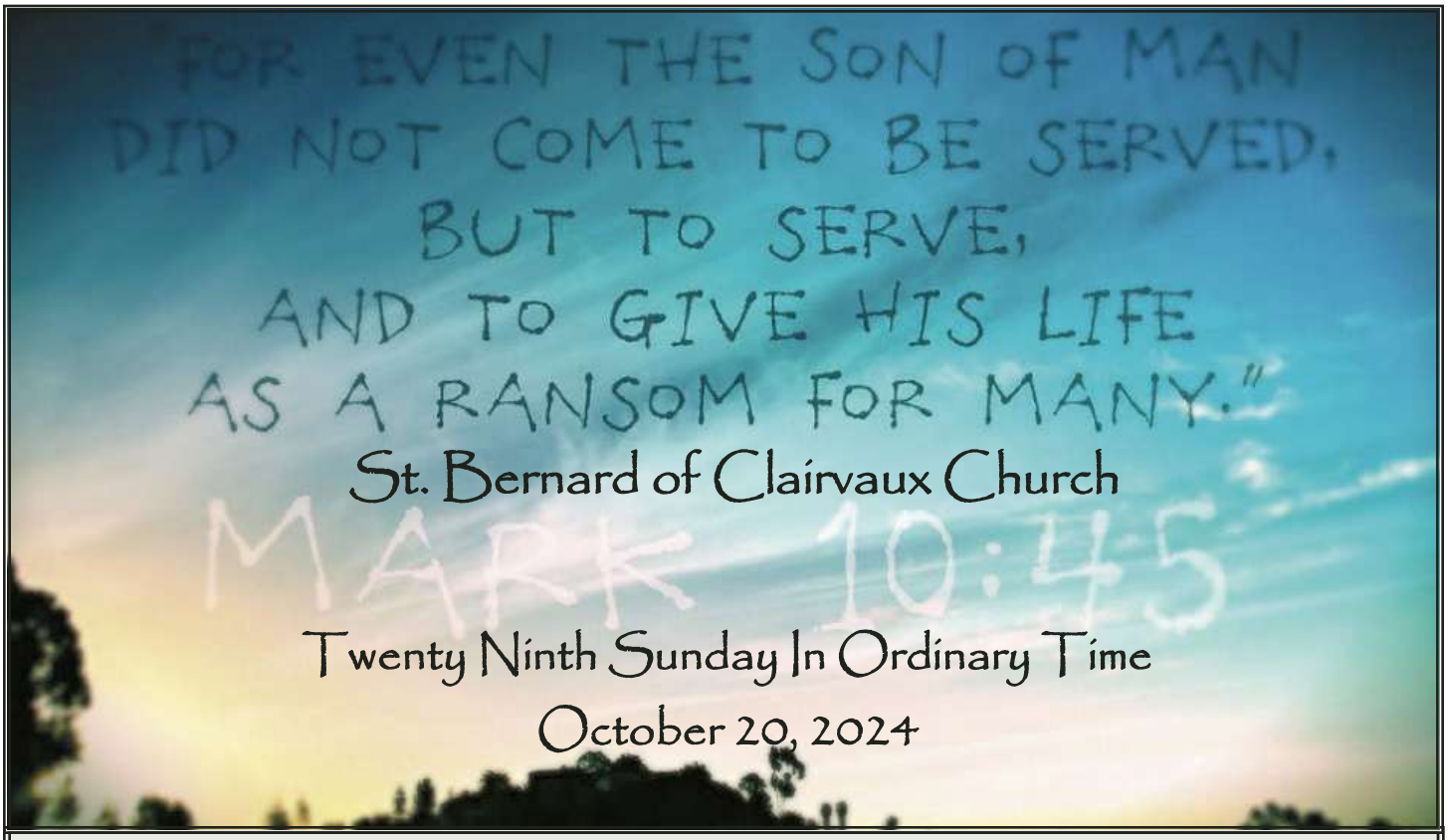

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 20, 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.-7:00p.m.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

HOW DO WE ASK JESUS?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading from St. Mark, we are faced with the stunning statement from James and John: "we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." It comes across as less a request and more of a demand. While we can chalk this up to their being still somewhat clueless as to Jesus' ministry as well as their own, it nonetheless points to a reality that still exists 2000 years later.

Many of us know people who have lost their faith, or at least had it shaken, when things did not go their way. This is particularly true for those who prayed for something and saw little to no results. Others only pray or turn to God when they are looking for something. It is a reduction of God to a Reality whose purpose is to make our every wish come true. When that does not happen everything from doubt to outright anger towards God occurs.

Communication with the Triune God is what prayer is all about. It is relationship. James and John's relationship with Jesus was still at an infancy stage. They needed to learn more about what it means to be in relationship with the Lord. They needed to come to an awareness that the purpose of a prayerful relationship with God has as its ultimate goal not achieving everything we want or think we need, but much more profoundly, it is meant to help us to become like God. This is the work of prayer.

St. John tells us that "God is love." To become like God is to become love. This is where all prayer should lead us. James and John were gently rebuked by Jesus not to chide them but to bring them to a deeper level of relationship with Him. In calling them to become servants of others He was calling them to be love to others, to be His loving presence to everyone they meet. Unfortunately, too many Christians remain in the infancy stage of prayer that we see in today's Gospel reading, seeing God as something to be pulled out when something or other is needed, only to be easily forgotten afterwards.

James and John had to also overcome their pride. They were thrilled to be in the company of the great teacher but not yet ready to take up their crosses. They also had a misconception of the glory of heaven. For them it was a continuation of this life's priorities like power and prestige. They lost track of the fact that heaven is about entering what has been called "the school of love." All the priorities of this world are consumed in that furnace of God's love.

As we read and hear this Sunday's Gospel, we are invited to ask ourselves how we ask and approach the Lord. If we stay at the infancy stage, we will miss out on the wonders that God can do in us, for us, and through us. If we take up our crosses in service to others, ask for that humility which is the crown of the virtues, and strive by God's grace and mercy to be love as God is love, then a heaven awaits us where life is fulfilled and love is perfected.

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 November 5, 2024

This Month's Winner of $287.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. George Marinello

Please pray for all our young people receiving Confirmation on Saturday, October 26th at St. Bernard Church with Bishop Octavio Cisneros, D.D.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday, November 1st is All Saint's Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for World Mission Sunday.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

9:00 am Victor Juliano by Ginny Storza & Family

5:00 pm John Zarcone by his Family (Birthday in Heaven)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

8:30am Anthony (Tony) Evangelista Jr. by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Carmella Evangelista by Msgr. Grimaldi (Anniversary)
Dorothy Allen by Mary Lou Farrell (Birthday in Heaven)

11:30am Nunzio Mastromarino by Sandra, Stephen, Matthew & Christopher
Happy 44th Anniversary Maureen & Ted DeMarinis

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

8:30 am Biagia & Frank Salerno by Ilene & Frank Salerno

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

8:30 am Richard Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

8:30 am Camille Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

8:30 am Sadie Benvenuto Happy 5th Anniversary in Heaven Love your Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Goddaughter

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

8:30am Anna & Emma Capalbo by The Capalbo Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

9:00am Rose Giberti by Solow & Polizzi Families

5:00pm Rose Giberti by Diana & Louis Noberini

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

8:30am Fred Kahn by Tina Giberti

10:00am Nicholas Cetta by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta
Marianne Teta by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta

11:30am Rose Balsamo & Mary Lofredo by JoAnn & Frank Balsamo
Jacqueline Fortunato by her Family
Tommy Capriola by Msgr. Grimaldi (Anniversary)

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Tell your family members how much you love and appreciate them

Preteens & Teens: Help your parents with household chores

On November 9, 2024 at 12:00pm there will be Mass for Anointing of the Sick. Anointing of the Sick is NOT last rites. It is for anyone who's health is seriously impaired. Someone being treated for cancer, ongoing conditions such as sickle cell or asthma, the elderly who's health has declined, someone with mental illness, anxiety or depression, even someone who is preparing for an operation.

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Solow & Polizzi Families

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
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Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Solow & Polizzi Families

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Fr. Joe

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of John Paul Skretkowicz
Donated by Judy & Robert Fanesi

Church Bells:

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Altar Flowers:

Congratulations Maria Teresa Nunez on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Debra Antoci
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
Anna Barone
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
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Arline Brack
Thomas Caliendo
Diane Camacho
Gary Camarda
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Elaine Capper
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Carmine Carriero, Jr.
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Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
Danel Cham
Nick 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
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
Marisa Fullam
Alexandra Gagliardi
Karen Gallagher
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
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Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
Jason Moll
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Jo-Ann Piazza
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Jerry Pottak
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Corinne Ramaglia
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Phillip Ramos
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Vito Rita
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Antonio Romano
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Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
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Sofia Russo
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
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Joanne Sarnicola
Mickie Sarni
Laura Scattereggia
Carol Schroeder
Aiden Seazer
Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Michael Skody
Alexandra Smith
Aurora Sorrentino
Sue Ann Spotts
Troy Tamburo
Cigdem Tanriverdi
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Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
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Lily Zemel

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

Clement Pollio

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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.

Mass of Remembrance-All Soul's Day

On Saturday, November 2nd at 7:30pm there will be a special Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died this past year. Invitations have been sent to families whose loved ones were buried from St. Bernard Parish; however, anyone who has lost a loved one between **November 1, 2023 and the present time** is also invited to attend this mass. Please call the Rectory Office and speak to Angela no later than Monday, October 28th so that preparations can be made. We will need the name of your loved one & a picture (if you would like us to include one). If you will be attending, we ask that you arrive early to check in at the table by the main entrance **before** Mass begins.
You will receive a candle to light in memory of your loved one.

Treats ~for~ Troops

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Collection ends on October 20th
Collecting closed bags of Halloween Treats for our Troops
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OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN OUR FAITH EVENT SCHEDULE

****SAVE THE DATES****

Every Thursday Evening 7pm-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

Get a Head-Start on your Christmas Shopping!
St. Bernard Rosary Society's Christmas Boutique
Sunday, November 17, 2024
From 9 am through 4 pm
NEW ITEMS ONLY!
VENDORS NEEDED
Call or Text 917-698-5506 OR Email: pa117@diobrook.org

I express my closeness in Christ to all the men and women missionaries in the world, especially to those enduring hardship. Dear friends, the Risen Lord is always with you. He sees your generosity and your sacrifices……
Pope Francis

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, November 16, 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

Annual Appeal Goal for 2024: $57,669

GIFTS RECEIVED SAME TIME LAST 2 YEARS COMPARED TO THIS YEAR:

	2022	2023	2024
PLEDGES	$65,676	$57,186	$43,198 ↓ $13,268.
RECEIVED	$57,220	$44,208	$40,130.
# OF DONORS	128	107	108

there are OVER 1,000 registered families 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** 2023 Annual Catholic*

(The cost of a Breakfast Special – Bacon, egg and cheese on a bagel and a large coffee is app. $10.25 – for that amount once a week for the next 10 weeks your gift can be $102.50! If only 200 families respond that would be enough to reach our goal and have funds coming back to our parish for our use!)

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Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

Faith Formation News

Confirmation-Saturday, October 26, 2024 11:00am
Candidates and their sponsors must meet in the parish hall at 10:00am
Monday, October 21st Banner Making Retreat 4:00pm-6:30pm in the parish hall
Wednesday, October 23rd Confirmation practice in Church at 4:00pm-5:30pm (Candidates Only)
Thursday, October 24th Confirmation practice in Church 6:00pm-7:00pm (Candidates & Sponsors)

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 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 is open! Use the following link : (https://forms.gle/ysFTZvdhay81ii9)

Installation of Altar Servers

We will install Altar Servers on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at the 11:30am Mass.

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 October 12 & October 13, 2024
Saturday October 12th 5:00pm-135
Spanish-151
Sunday, October 13th 8:30am-103
Sunday, October 13th 10:00am-134
Sunday, October 13th 11:30am-179
Total Weekend Attendance-702

Stewardship Thought

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."
(MARK 10:45)
If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

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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.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

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