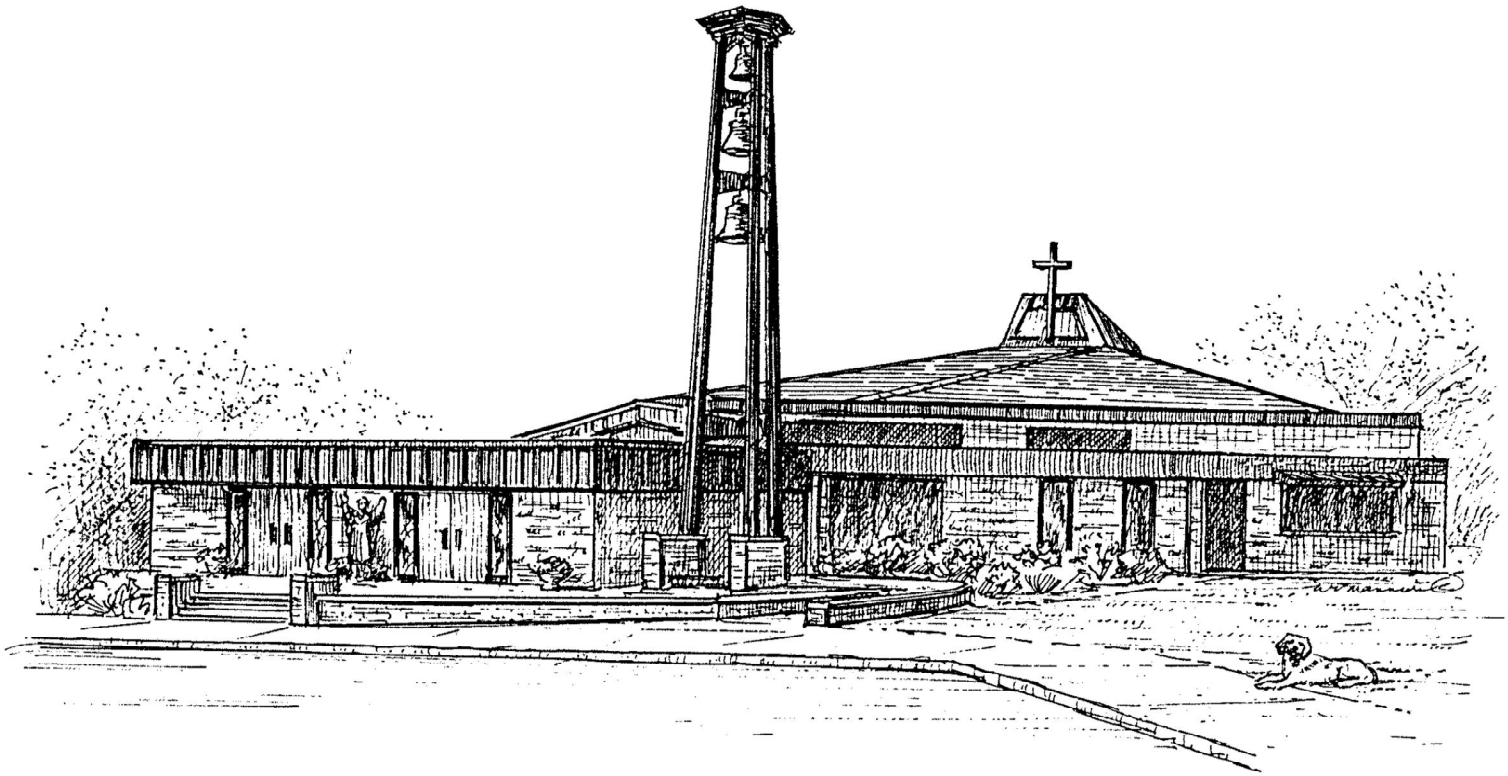
The Roman Catholic Community of
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

September 15, 2019 - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mr. Sean O'Brien, Youth Ministry Leader
Mr. Mark LaFleur, Director, St. Bernard Cemetery

"We are the Living Stones", a family of Faith which strives to love God and our neighbors through the church.

The Liturgical Week

Monday, September 16
Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 AM **Hugo Binetti,** req. by his neice
12:10 PM **Nicholas T. Luciano,** req. by the St. Bernard Women's Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 17
St. Robert Bellamine

8:00 AM **Thomas Feeney,** req. by his loving godson and family
12:10 PM **Scott Fredricks, (2nd ann.),** req. by Ginny Hayden

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 AM **Patricia Kozierowski,** req. by Maria Schirripa
12:10 PM **Diane Gavin O'Shaughnessy,** req. by the Lynch family

Thursday, September 19
St. Januarius

8:00 AM **Kristin Molini,** req. by Mom, Dad and family
12:10 PM **Lucy Billage,** req. by Pat and Bill Pattavina

Friday, September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Has-sang and Companions

8:00 AM **Lee DeCarlo,** req. by Ron and Lin Gothier
12:10 PM **Cecelia Haynes,** req. by the Sison family

Saturday, September 21
St. Matthew

9:00 AM **William Brooks,** req. by Msgr. Randy and the Parish Staff
5:15 PM **Deceased members of the Vecchi family,** req. by their sister-in-law

Sunday, September 22
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM **For the People of St. Bernard**
9:00 AM **Dr. Charles Bruno,** req. by the Alaimo family
10:30 AM **Stanley and Elizabeth Kwiatkowski,** req. by their family
12:00 PM **Francis and Mike Warner,** req. by Joe Filep

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Today's Readings

First Reading — "Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?" (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

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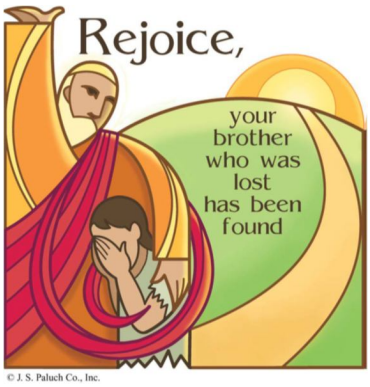


LOST AND FOUND

Welcome to "Lost and Found Sunday"! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today's Gospel suggests that we'd be wiser to admit that we're sometimes lost. Then we'll eventually be happily counted among Jesus' "found," because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, "began to complain" that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus warns them - and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God's amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus' friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God "relented in punishment" and pardoned us, shouldn't we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his "arrogance" as "foremost among sinners." We too, happy at being "mercifully treated," should share with everyone else Jesus' unfailing patience.

In your kindness we ask you to remember all the sick members of our Parish especially **Frank Benfante** and **Leslie Robitaille.**

We ask you also to pray for our beloved dead.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

This Week at St. Bernard

Sunday, September 15

Msgr. Brennan to Speak at 10:30 am and 12 noon Masses, Second Collection - Peter's Pence Collection

8:30 am - 9:30 am - CF Catechist Gathering, OCF Auxiliary Room 7, School Building
9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Mid-Garden State Green Faith Traveling Showcase, Cafeteria
11:30 am - 12:30 pm – Donut Sunday (after the 10:30 am mass), Cafeteria

Monday, September 16

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - CF Catechist Gathering, All Rooms in School Building & Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 17

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Staff Gathering - Luncheon, Room C
2:00 pm - Communion Service at Sunrise of Bridgewater
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - CF Catechist Gathering, All Rooms in School Building, Cafe
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - AFF Study - Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, OCF Auxiliary Room 7, School Building
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Youth Group, Lighthouse (in the school building), Doors Open at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 18

10:15 am - 12:00 pm - AFF Study - Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, OCF Auxiliary Room 7, School Building
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - CF Catechist Gathering, All Rooms in School Building, Cafe

Wednesday, September 18 *(continued)*

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - AED Training of Ushers and Staff, Rooms A and B
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - RCIA for Children/Wednesday Session (tentative), Library
7:30 pm - 9:15 pm - Music Rehearsal, Church
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - New Visions (AA), Cafeteria

Thursday, September 19

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - RCIA (tentative), Library
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Women's Prayer Group, Chapel and Room G (Room G only when IHN Here)
7:30 pm - 9:15 pm - Adult Parish Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, September 20

2:00 pm - Communion Service at Rehab at Green Knoll HC

Saturday, September 21

IHN Raffle Ticket Sales in Narthex after all Masses

9:30 am - 9:30 pm - CYM Basketball Preseason Program Planning, Gym
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Confessions, Church

Sunday, September 22

IHN Raffle Ticket Sales in Narthex after all Masses

9:00 am - 10:15 am - CF - Classes - Sunday Session, All rooms
10:30 am - 11:45 am - CF - PACT, Cafeteria and OCF Auxiliary Room
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Baptisms, Church

Stewardship Thought

"I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable...but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing."

AGATHA CHRISTIE

Commission for Liturgy and Worship

Ministers of the Liturgy

We acknowledge with appreciation the following Liturgical Ministers who will serve at next weekend's Masses:

September 21st and September 22nd

5:15 Mass

Altar Servers: John - Paul Renieris

Readers: John Shanagher, Cindy Coulbourne

Eucharistic Ministers: Mila Gaspar, Tess Guerriero, Maureen Shackelton

7:30 Mass

Altar Servers: Massimo Natale, Emily Wallace

Readers: Gretchen Toolan, Dan McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: Heather Lynch, Sean Lynch, Jane McElroy

9:00 Mass

Altar Servers: James Roccanova

Readers: Jo Casey, John Deley

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Blood, Mary Haikes, Marie Harwanko, Patrick Mattia, Cynthia O'Connor, Tim O'Connor, Vince Riello

10:30 Mass

Altar Servers: Kaitlin McCann, Jose Mendonca, Sofia Mendonca

Readers: Nicole Tighe, JoAnne Coppola

Eucharistic Ministers: Luis Alves, Barbara Coscia, Fran Lim

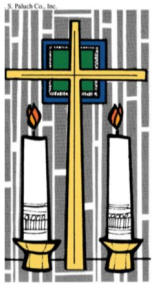
12:00 Mass

Altar Servers: Camryn Yarwood

Readers: Joe Filep, Janice Rippas

Eucharistic Ministers: Lidia Augello, Dominick Batkowski, Paula Lindberg, Mary Padavano, Maggie Renna, Bernadette Surak

September 16th - September 22nd, 2019



The Church's Sanctuary lamp — Burns in memory of **Elaine D. Pearce**, req. by the Carter family.

The Blessed Mother's votive lamp — Burns in memory of **Debra Ferrigno,** req. by the Alaimo family.

The Chapel's Sanctuary lamp — Burns in memory of **Angeline Podlaseck,** req. by her husband Joe and daughters.

The Parish Prayer Chain is a group of Parishioners that regularly pray for your needs. It consists of two groups, those who pray during the daytime and those who pray in the evening.

Should a need for prayer arise, please call Joan Dobrosky at 908-231-9545 to initiate your prayer request. Your intention will be prayed for by both Chains and kept strictly confidential. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the Prayer Chain, please call Joan.

Ministry Volunteers Needed

A special *thank you* to all who have volunteered to help with our classes! As listed below we are still in need of some volunteers. Please contact the Office of Catechetical Formation at 908-725-0552 x825 or ocf@stbernardbridgewater.org to learn more about sharing your faith with children. Classes begin the week of **September 22.**

We hope you will join us! Our needs this year are:

Sunday
Catechists – grades 5 and 7

Sunday Family (Once a Month)
Aides – grades 4, 6 and 7

Monday
Catechists – grades 1,6, and 7
Aides – grades 6 and 7

Childcare and hall monitors are needed

Tuesday
Catechist – grades 1, 2, 5 and 8
Aides – grades 1, 4, 5 and 8

Hall monitors are needed

Wednesday
Catechists – grade 6

Hall Monitors are needed

Bishop Checchio has authorized a voluntary second collection to be taken in each of our parishes this weekend, **September 14 - 15**, to assist with the disaster relief efforts. Payment by check should be noted as "Hurricane Relief" and made out to the Diocese of Metuchen. There will be a box in the narthex after all masses for any donations.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with all those effected by Hurricane Dorian, and for your generosity to the relief effort.

CAUSE OF OUR JOY !!

The message contained in the Virgin's image, while certainly of universal import, is one whose presentation is geared specifically toward the Indian people. Drawing upon pictographs, myth, symbols and ways of thinking already familiar to the Nahuatl mind, the Guadalupan Virgin provides us with an extraordinary model of enculturation, as Benedict XVI wrote:

"Our Lady of Guadalupe is in many respects an image of the relationship between Christianity and the religions of the world: all of these streams flow together into it, are purified and renewed, but are not destroyed. It is also an image of the relationship of the truth of Jesus Christ to the truths of those religions: the truth does not destroy; it purifies and unites."

In her miraculous image, the Guadalupan Virgin borrows potentially good and fruitful elements from the Indian culture - those "seeds of the Word" that, until unearthed, lie dormant in every civilization. In this way, she reaffirms these elements, while at the same time purifying them and bestowing upon them the fullness of Christ.

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit *www.usccb.org/peters-pence.*

An invitation from the RCIA Team

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which the Church brings non-Catholics and baptized Catholics who have not received First Eucharist and Confirmation into full initiation with the Roman Catholic Faith.

Years ago one of our converts told us that she hesitated for years before inquiring because no one had ever invited her, well, this is you personal invitation from the entire RCIA team to explore this process and ask your questions about the Roman Catholic faith.

Please take this opportunity to send an email to Deacon Patrick Cline at pjcjr123@yahoo.com or call (908 526 5019) to schedule an appointment.

SHIP Update

The ***September*** donations from St. Bernard to **SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program)** included 13 casseroles, 7 large cans of veggies, 48 drink donations.

St. Bernard collects casseroles and #10 cans of vegetables on the 2nd Sunday of every month in support of SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program). **The next pick up is scheduled for October 13th.**

Please consider preparing a casserole to help feed our neighbors in the community who are not able to provide full meals for their families. There are four recipes to choose from. All recipes can be found on the St. Bernard website, http://stbernardbridgewater.org. From the HOME page menu bar go to "Ministry at St. Bernard," then "Ministries-Commissions," then "Commission for Christian Service" and then click on "SHIP".

You can also consider **participating in the SHIP ministry by donating drinks.** The most popular drinks are iced tea, soda or juice boxes, preferably in cans or boxes.

Welcome to "My Own Church"!

The ***My Own Church*** application in **ParishSOFT Family Suite** is your personal portal to your family's church records. This application enables you to quickly and easily view and make changes to some of your own church records.

As a church member and registered user of the ParishSOFT Family Suite, you can log in and perform any of the following tasks in My Own Church:

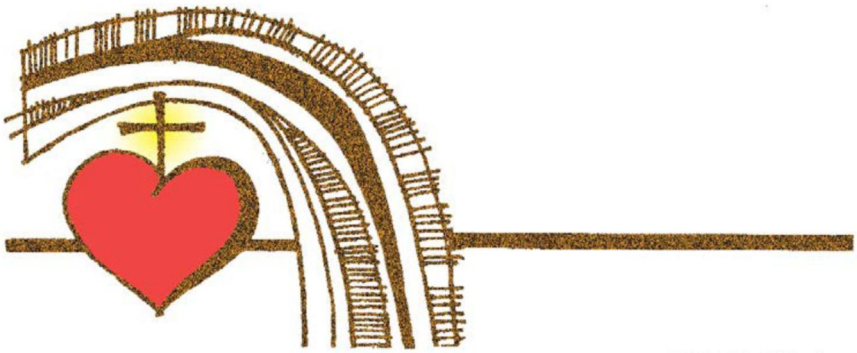
- Manage your own church records and keep your personal information accurate and up to date. For example, if you move or change phone numbers, you can quickly and easily log in to your account and update this information for yourself. No need to call the church, or to fill out and submit paper forms.
- Add a record for a new family member.
- View your personal giving history.
- Upload a family photo and individual photos of family members.

*** Please note the Ministry Tab (which is used to check the ministry schedule and schedule of all family members) within My Own Church is not currently being utilized by St. Bernard as we use a different application for that function. The tab will show up in "My Own Church" but is not active.*

Any changes made by you are processed electronically and must first be approved by an authorized church administrator so there may be a short delay in getting your records updated.

The link to access My Own Church is: https://metuchen.parishsoftfamilysuite.com
Once on the site you will need to create your account. The following video will walk you through the process: https://vimeo.com/102551875

Should you have any questions regarding signing into My Own Church, please contact Donna Blanton at X800 in the Parish Office or by email at Dblanton@stbernardbridgewater.org



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Respect for Life

Keep filling our crib!

Please know that the mothers in need are truly grateful for the support they receive from the St. Bernard Community. So please keep the donations coming. The crib is located in the Cry Room.

Currently, there is a need for formula, baby cereal, diapers and wipes, baby lotion, baby shampoo, and layette items are always appreciated. Gently used clothing, toys and children's books are welcome.

"Every life, cherished-chosen-sent!"-- Respect for Life Theme 2018-2019

CAREGIVER RETREAT

Saturday, September 28

9am—1pm

COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE

"You're my place of quiet retreat. I wait for your word to renew me."

Psalms 119:114

The Caregiver Ministry of St. Joseph's Church is having our next spiritual and informative morning for all Caregivers in our community. If you are a caregiver for a child, spouse, parent, or at your workplace, this morning is for you. Father Hank Hilton will begin the morning . His talk will be followed by opportunities for meditation, relaxation, and time with the Lord, followed by group table sharing. The goal of the morning is to take time for yourself as well as be infused by spiritual renewal.

* The morning will begin with Mass at 8:30 in the church (optional)
* The program starts in the Parish Center at 9am
* The program wraps up with lunch at 12:30 (free)

St. Joseph's Church

34 Yorktown Rd. Hillsborough, NJ

To Register or for more information contact

Carol 908-369-7143 or email CarolJ623@comcast.net

IHNSC Raffle Benefits Homeless Families

Tickets are on sale now for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County's annual fundraiser. The Holiday Calendar Raffle draws seven winners each week in November, December and January 2020. All tickets are re-entered for each weekly drawing, giving ticket holders 13 chances to win! Each day of the three-month period has a designated value of $30 to $100. Winners will receive a check in the mail after each drawing.

Tickets are $10 and are available by calling Dottie Driscoll at 908-403-4846 or emailing dotdriscoll1959@gmail.com. You may also stop by IHN's Flynn Day Center, 98 West End Avenue, Somerville, during regular business hours.

IHN provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and support services to families throughout Somerset County, supported by a network of volunteers from 30 religious congregations in the county.

SECOND ANNUAL PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Wanted!! World War II Veterans and Gold Star Families invited to be our honored guests to attend the Second Annual Patriotic Concert supporting our veterans. Guests will receive two complimentary tickets. The musical extravaganza is on **Saturday, November 16, 2:00 pm**, in the North Hunterdon High School Theater, 1445 Route 31 South, Annandale.

The concert will feature performances by professional and local talent including Hanover Wind Symphony, Hunterdon Harmonizers, North Hunterdon High School Choral Group, and renowned Broadway stars.

Tickets for the event are $40 each and may be obtained by mail at P.O. Box 265, Lebanon, NJ 08833 or by calling 908-878-9431 or via email at veterancon-cert@gmail.com.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School
STA/AHR STAR
SPAGHETTI DINNER
FUNDRAISER
for
Elijah Patino
Born with a rare autoimmune disease
and
Andrew Yarus
Born with a rare chromosome deletion
on
Thursday, October 3, 2019
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
(Serving begins at 4:30 pm and continues until 6:30 pm)

STA/Bishop Ahr High School Cafeteria
One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820

Adults - $10.00
Students - $7.00, Children (under 12) - $4.00

For tickets or info, please call (732) 549-1108 x648

Mount St Mary House of Prayer
1651 US Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

WELCOMING THE STRANGER: NEXT STEPS

Joseph Cardinal Tobin's presentation in April set the tone of how Christ invites all of us who are his disciples to open our hearts to those in need of refuge. This program will be an evening dedicated to discovering concrete ways of responding to the needs of our recent immigrants. A panel of four organizational leaders will describe how they are helping and how you can assist them in their efforts during this humanitarian crisis.

Wed., Sep. 25, 7-9 p.m. ($20-$30 as you are able); **Facilitator:** Rev. Anthony Randazzo.
Panelists: Debbie Marulanda (Catholic Charities), Eileen P. Smith, RSM (Sisters of Mercy), Silvia Hernandez (El Centro Hispano-Americano)and Victor Salama (First Friends)

How to Report Sexual Abuse: If you were sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement, and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: http://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected abuse.

Finance Council Update

Report of Sunday Offerings in Support of our Parish

July, 2019 to June, 2020 Financial Year

Weekly Offertory Collection

(September 8, Week 10)

Weekly Budget Need	$ 20,000.00
Weekly Plate Contributions	$ 8,541.00
WeShare/Other Contributions	$ 8,750.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	($ 2,709.00)

Year to Date Offertory Collections

Weekly Budget Need	$ 180,000.00
Actual Weekly Plate Collections	$ 77,613.74
WeShare/Other Contributions	$ 78,750.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	($ 26,345.26)

Remember that money is a resource for ministry. ***Thank you for making ministry possible at St. Bernard.*** *When writing or changing your will, please consider remembering your parish of St. Bernard. For more information, please contact Monsignor Randy at 908-725-0552 ext. 803 or rvashon@stbernardbridgewater.org.*

Ongoing Benefits of WeShare Online Giving!!!

Family Budget Flexibility

- Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account
- Opportunity to gain credit card points
- Leave your checkbook at home
- Donations can be processed weekly, monthly, semimonthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually based on your designation

Your Funds Are Protected

- Your donations are automatically transferred to St. Bernard's parish account so it's safer and more secure

Consistent Parish Support

- Ongoing donations even if you are unable to attend Mass or travelling

Enroll at www.stbernardbridgewater.org

Thank you for your continued support to the parish!

Welcome To
WESHARE ONLINE GIVING!

NEW TO ONLINE GIVING AT ST. BERNARD CHURCH?

Consider the ease and convenience of donating regularly through your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

Safe...Simple...Convenient

1. Go to our parish website at
   www.stbernardbridgewater.org
2. Click "ONLINE GIVING"
   on the right-hand side of the homepage
3. Select - "Don't have an account" -> "START GIVING"
4. Select "REGULAR OFFERING"
   enter amount and frequency
5. Select "CONTINUE"
   follow prompts for account setup

QUESTIONS? Contact the parish office or WeShare support at **(800) 950-9952,** *Select Option 1*
HOURS: 7:00am–7:00pm

Scrip Update --- Week 458 (September 8, 2019)

Scrip Income

Current Week:	**100.00**
Current Year(*):	**$ 2,195.63**
Cumulative:	**$ 100,222.96**

* July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Scrip Parish Vendor Contributions

C & R Construction	**$ 6,851**
Distinctive Landscaping	**$ 6,433**
Accounting Alternatives	**$ 1,505**
Wylde Group of Remax	**$ 900**
Kerith Brook Financial	**$ 830**
Other	**$ 1,548**
TOTAL:	**$ 18,087**

Wow $100,000 and Growing!

Our Parish Scrip Program has now raised over $100,000. Thank you to all of our parishioners who have supported the program over the past nine years. Without your participation this achievement would not have been possible.

In addition, a special thank you goes out to Elisabeth McConville for her special contribution to the Scrip Program to help achieve this goal.

Scrip Parish Vendors: Numerous local companies owned/operated by our parishioners have elected to become Parish Scrip Vendors. While providing our families high quality services, they return a portion of their profits back to the Parish as a part of the Scrip Program. This has resulted in a win-win-win proposition for our Parish Families, the Vendors and the Parish. Please consider these vendors should you have need for the types of services they provide. Many Parish Families have already used their services and have been very pleased with the services provided. Companies include: C&R Construction, Juniper Lane Swim Club, Distinctive Landscaping, Accounting Alternatives, Kerith Brook Financial Services, LMS Marketing and Wylde Group.

If you are interested in joining the growing number of Parish Scrip Vendors, please contact Bernie McElroy at 908-923-4160 or via email at bernardmcelroy3501@comcast.net. By joining the Scrip Program, your company can increase its exposure for business within the St. Bernard community of over 2,400 families.

General Scrip Information

Don't forget that cards ordered by noon on Sunday are generally available for pick-up starting the following Thursday.

Order forms are available in the Parish Office, at the Scrip Table in the Narthex after masses, and on the Parish web-site.

Orders are accepted in the Parish Office during normal working hours or they can be placed in the Scrip Order Box after Weekend Masses.

Accounting Alternatives:
Need accounting or tax assistance or services? Accounting Alternatives provides comprehensive and solution oriented accounting and tax services to small businesses and individuals. We're an ally to our clients. We're located in downtown Raritan. Contact Michael Di Bianco, CPA at 908-707-8733 or visit their website at info@accountingalternatives.biz.

C&R Construction:
Contact C&R for all your construction and home repair needs. From the simplest repair to the most complicated job, C&R can do the job. Numerous Parishioners have used their services and have been very satisfied with the work performed. To get a quick quote on your job contact C&R at 908-927-0744 or via email at crconstruction@comcast.net. You can also pick up their flier at the Scrip table.

Distinctive Landscaping:
Contact Distinctive Landscaping for all your landscaping needs. From routine lawn and shrub maintenance to the design and installation of new landscaping effects, Distinctive Landscaping does it all. Their knowledge of local shrubbery, deer resistant plants, and special lighting effects are a plus. Call Gary Puzio to discuss your needs on 908-672-3204.

Wylde Group with RE/MAX Premier:
has joined our group of Parish Scrip Vendors. David and Florence Wylde, of Wylde Group, are well versed in the dynamics of our area and stand ready to manage all your realty needs. They have been recognized for their excellence in performance by both RE/MAX Premier and New Jersey Realtors. To contact them please call 908-752-2305 or email them at dwylde@redmax.net.

Additional information can be found on their web-site www.wyldehomes.com.

Kerith Brook Financial Services:
Has there been or will there be a major change in your life? Retirement? New Job? New child or grandchild? Do you need to review your life and disability insurance needs? How about your retirement and estate plans? Are there retirement plans that you haven't looked at in months/years? Would you like to help your children/ grandchildren with escalating costs of higher education? Take action! Contact Greg Elia at 908-642-4197 or email at greg.elia@KerithBrookFS.com. For more info please take the updated booklet "Navigating a Course" from the Scrip table in the Narthex. As a BONUS, if you do not implement one or more recommendations, we will donate $20 to the

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Please submit article requests to Mary Ann Stevens via email at **<u>mstevens@stbernardbridgewater.org</u>** or drop off in the Parish Office.

The Councils and Ministries of St. Bernard

<u>The Finance Council</u> – an advisory or consultative body to the Pastor in matters pertaining to the ordinary and extraordinary matters of financial administration. The Council shares, with the Pastor, the responsibility for prudent administration of financial affairs and the formation of its policies and procedures in service to effective management of parish assets.

<u>The Stewardship Council</u> – provides a systematic way of infusing the theology and practice of Stewardship into the life of the parish, identifying opportunities for members to exercise their gifts for the betterment of the parish and community.

<u>The Pastoral Council</u> – devoted to prayer and the study of church documents and other sound resources, as well as parish centered reflection on that study; collaborates with the pastors, clergy and staff in the work of ministry. <u>From the Pastoral Council evolved five commissions and their ministries</u>:

Commission for Christian Service

Appalachian Mission
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Guatemala Partnership
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Pro-Life Awareness
SHIP Mobile Soup Kitchen
Social Concerns Collections

Commission for Christian Community

Christian Word Ministry
Doughnut Sunday
Art & Gardening Ministry
Men's Ministry
Parish Events Committee
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Small Faith Community
Young Builder's Club
Youth Basketball

Commission for Evangelization

Cursillo Retreat
Ecumenical Board
Parish Retreat (Beloved)
Public Relations Committee
Women's Prayer Group

Commission for Liturgy and Worship

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Adult Altar Servers
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Children's Liturgy of the Word
Choir & Instrumental
Eucharistic Ministers
Liturgical Environment
Ministers of Hospitality
Readers
Right of Christian Initiation
Sacristan
Visitors to the Homebound

Commission for Catechetical Formation

Adult Spirituality/Scripture Study
Baptism Preparation
Catechetical Formation
Fr. Barton Parish Library
Senior High Youth Group

If you are interested in finding out more about a particular council, commission or ministry, please call the Parish Office.

Welcome to the Parish Community of St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Parish Life at St. Bernard

Parish Membership

Welcome Newcomers! So that we might provide for all of your sacramental and pastoral needs, we would like to officially welcome and register you in the parish. If you haven't already done so, please call the Parish Office to begin your registration process.

Parishioners are reminded that we can best serve you if we have accurate information in our Parish Census program. Please call the Parish Office with any changes in your address, phone number, family status, etc. or if you notice any misinformation in any correspondence you might receive from us.

Catechetical Formation

Youth: Students in grades 1 through 8 are formed in the Catholic faith and prepared to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation by our Catechetical Formation staff and parish volunteers. Parish membership is required to enroll in our program. Please call the Office of Catechetical Formation to register your child for classes or to volunteer in our program.

Adults: Continuing faith formation for adults is offered throughout the year. Generally spring, summer, fall and winter. Please check the bulletin, website or e-board for more details. You may also contact the Office of Catechetical Formation or email the Adult Faith Formation team at stbchaff@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

Our youth are an active part of our ministry here at St. Bernard. All high school teens are welcome to attend Tuesday youth group meetings in The Lighthouse, on the third floor of the Parish Center, from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Please call Sean O'Brien at ext. 804 or email Sean at sobrien@stbernardbridgewater.org for details. Please join us!

Young Builder's Club at St. Bernard

As part of our Youth Ministry program, we offer our Young Builder's Club one Saturday each month for children aged 3 to 10, with a parent. Using the K'nex building toys, the group encourages teamwork and social interaction. Each meeting opens with prayer and song. Watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

To learn about all the ministries at St. Bernard Parish, visit our parish website at-

www.stbernardbridgewater.org

Sacramental Life at St. Bernard

Baptism

Expectant and adoptive parents are required to attend our Baptism preparation class. It is best to call the Parish Office at least four months before your child's birth or in the case of adoption, upon completion of the adoption process.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Individuals who have never been baptized, baptized Christians from other denominations, and baptized Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of first Eucharist and Confirmation, and who are interested in becoming full participants in the Catholic faith are invited to call the Parish Office to begin the Inquiry process.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM, or by appointment

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday - Friday (Chapel):
8:00 AM & 12:10 PM
(12:10 PM suspended in July and August)

Saturday: 9:00 AM (Chapel); Vigil 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:30 PM; Vigil 4:30 PM

The Celebration of Christian Marriage

Arrangements with the Church for a wedding should be made approximately one year prior to the desired date. Participation in a Diocesan Pre-Cana program will assist couples in their preparation for the sacrament of Matrimony. Catholics who have been away from the Church and the Sacraments need to re-establish their Church and Sacramental life as a pre-requisite for marriage.

Sacrament of the Sick - Homebound

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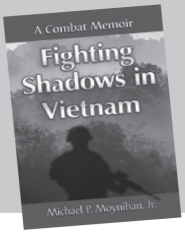

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