

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

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The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 2, 2022



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“WE ARE THE LIVING STONES”, A FAMILY OF FAITH WHICH STRIVES
TO LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS THROUGH THE CHURCH.

*When they saw the star,
they rejoiced exceedingly
with great joy.*

Matthew 2:10

The Liturgical Week

The following Masses are live-streamed & saved to our website:
Daily M-F 8:00am | Saturday 9:00am | 5:15pm Saturday Vigil Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 8:00 am Joseph Mutek, req. by Priscilla Weick
12:10 pm John Sidwa, req. by his dear friend, Joan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 8:00 am Robert Kern, Jr., req. by his Family
12:00 pm Jeanette Rothschild, req. by Pat Capaccione

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

St. John Neumann

- 8:00 am Special Intention for Patricia Blackwood (living),
req. by Mary Blackwood
12:00 pm MaryAnn Distel Helenbrook, req. by Mark and
Carol LaFleur

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH

St. André Bessette

- 8:00 am Joseph Mutek, req. by Carol and Steve Goett
12:00 pm Dorothy Diana O'Keefe, req. Bob Long

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH

First Friday

- 8:00 am Rita Downey, req. by Bernie and Jane McElroy
12:00 pm For the deceased of St. Bernard's Cemetery

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH

- 9:00 am Special Intention for Patricia Blackwood
(living), req. by Mary Blackwood
5:15 pm For the clergy and people of St. Bernard

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

The Baptism of the Lord

- 7:30 am Karl and Jean Konnecke, req. by Bill, Ed and
Sandra Konnecke
9:00 am Joseph Mutek, req. by Mark and Carol LaFleur
10:30 am Phil Brennan, req. by Tom and Judy
Wisniewski
12:00 pm John Mullins, req. by his daughter and
grandchildren

*In your kindness we ask you to remember all the sick
members of our parish. We ask you also to pray for all of
our beloved dead, especially **Linda Marra** and*

Maria Romano.



January 2nd, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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Reflection Question:

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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Stewardship Thoughts...

"Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good."

From the Liturgy of the Hours

Daily Readings:

Visit <https://bible.usccb.org/> for the daily readings.

Today's Readings

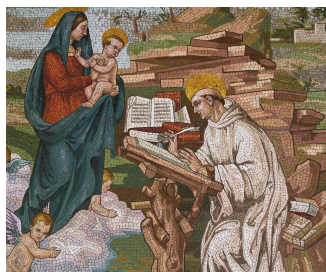
First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*

This Week at St. Bernard

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany of the Lord
No CYM, No BOLD

- 7:30 am - Mass, Church, *(live-streamed)*
9:00 am - Mass, Church, *(live-streamed)*
10:30 am - Mass, Church, *(live-streamed)*
12:00 pm - Mass, Church *(live-streamed)*

Monday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
No CYM

- 8:00 am - Mass, Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*
12:10 am - Mass, Church
4:45 - 6:00 pm - Family Faith Formation Classes,
Church Lower Level and School
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm - Family Faith Formation Classes,
Church Lower Level

Tuesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
No CYM

- 8:00 am - Mass, Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*
12:10 am - Mass, Church
4:45 - 6:00 pm - Family Faith Formation Classes,
Church Lower Level and School

Wednesday, January 5

St. John Neumann
No CYM

- 8:00 am - Mass, Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*
10:00 am - Bible Study, Room C
12:10 am - Mass, Church
4:45 - 6:00 pm - Family Faith Formation Classes,
Church Lower Level and School
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm - New Visions (AA), Cafeteria

Thursday, January 6

St. André Bessette
No CYM

- 8:00 am - Mass, Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*
12:10 am - Mass, Church
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Parish Choir (Adult) Rehearsals
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Women's Prayer Group, Chapel and Room C

Friday, January 7

First Friday
Parish Office Closes at 1:00 PM, No CYM

- 8:00 am - Mass, Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*
12:10 am - Mass, Church
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - First Friday Adoration, Church

Saturday, January 8

No CYM

- 7:30 am - 9:00 am - Men's Ministry Meeting, Cafeteria
9:00 am - Mass, Church
9:30 am - 11:00 am Cursillo Meeting, Room C
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Confessions, Church
5:15 pm - Mass, Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*

Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord
Social Concerns, No CYM

- 7:30 am - Mass, Church, *(live-streamed)*
8:00 am - 12:00 pm - PACT class #4
9:00 am - Mass, Church, *(live-streamed)*
10:30 am - Mass, Church, *(live-streamed)*
12:00 pm - Mass, Church *(live-streamed)*
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Baptism, Church
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Men's Basketball, Gym
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - BOLD, Lighthouse

Please Join us for First Friday Adoration
Friday, January 7th from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the Church

All are welcome to attend.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

The Eucharist is Christ himself. While Jesus Christ is present to us in many ways (i.e., in His Word, in prayer, in the poor and in the sacraments) He is fully and physically present in the Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration is the ancient practice of exposing Jesus in the consecrated host in a monstrance: the gold vessel that displays Jesus. When we come to Adoration, we adore Christ. He gazes directly on us while we gaze directly back at Him.

It is said that we become like the company we keep, so why not spend some time with Jesus, in the hopes of becoming more like Him?



Commission for Liturgy and Worship

January 2, 2022



The Epiphany

OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

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WANTED: Cantors, Song Leaders, Choir Members (Young or Seasoned), and Musicians!
After 20 long months, we are forming choirs once again! We sing a blend of traditional sacred music, contemporary praise, and meditative chant!

PARISH CHOIR - Adults of all ages!

Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the church

1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:30 am Masses (Warmups at 10:00 am)

Sing at Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Week, Easter Vigil Mass, Confirmations, Interfaith Thanksgiving, and Holy Day Masses.



YOUTH CHOIR - Children & Teens!

Update! The Youth/Children's Choir will begin after the New Year. Stay tuned for the first Rehearsal date.

Always needed: CANTORS and SONG LEADERS, INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

Please contact Christina, our Music Director, or see her after Mass!
cblalock@stbernardbridgewater.org

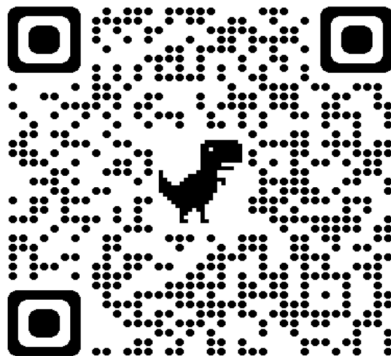
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OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL FORMATION

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WEEKDAY CLASSES RESUME
ON JANUARY 3rd!

PACT CLASSES MEET AGAIN
ON JANUARY 9th!



PRAY FOR OUR 2nd GRADERS!

Please pray for our little ones who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this month!

They have been preparing together in class and at home for this powerful sacrament of courage and great hope. If it's been a while since you've been to confession... make it a priority to return this month!

Check out our website for lots of helpful videos, resources & support for learning more about - and embracing! - the limitless mercy that awaits!

FROM TODAY'S MASS

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord
shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds
cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters
in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant
at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea
shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations
shall be brought to you.

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ISAIAH 60:1-5

Commission for Christian Service

There will be no BOLD Youth Ministry meeting on Sunday, January 2nd



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*HAPPY
New Year*

BOLD starting in the New Year at St. Bernard's...

Be a part of something greater.

A high school experience like no other.

**Contact us @:
StBernard@boldym.com**

Summer Mission Trips



Live Music



Leadership Teams



BOLD = Becoming Our Lord's Disciples

Respect for Life

Building a culture of life in our community through education,  pastoral care, advocacy, and prayer.

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. If the door is locked, please leave the donations by the door. **Thank you!**

Currently, Life Choices in Phillipsburg has a need for:

Diapers size 3-6, pull-up pants, baby wipes, baby gates, and diaper ointment.

Thanks to your generosity, there is no need for formula or newborn diapers at this time, thank you!



“St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!” --- Respect Life Theme 2021-2022

Pro-Life Event

Travelling to DC for the March for Life? Start the day at the National Prayer Service! We will honor Texas for its Heartbeat Law and Mississippi, whose pro-life law led to the Supreme Court case that could reverse Roe vs. Wade! Please join Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, the National Pro-Life Religious Council, and Faith and Liberty at the 27th annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers, the morning of the March, Friday, January 21, 2022 at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, DC, from 8:30-10:30am. It will be a time of prayer, praise, music and inspiring speakers and will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of Roe vs. Wade. Danielle D'Souza Gill will be the emcee for the event. Bishop Coffey will celebrate a Mass at 7:30 a.m. Admission is free. For more information on this and other events surrounding the March, go to <https://cathedral.org/event/national-prayer-service/>

Respect for Life is providing transportation:

Time: 7:00 am sharp

Where: Leave from Immaculate Conception Church, Somerville, NJ

Return: approx. 10pm We will stop for dinner in Maryland

Suggested Donation to defray the cost of the bus: \$30 adults, \$10 Children, Max per family \$50

Rally for Life – Trenton NJ: Two ways to join - January 14, 2022

Respect for Life

Time: Specific Details to follow soon!!

Where: Leave from Diocesan Center, Piscataway, NJ - The Rally at the State House

The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center

To reserve your seat contact: Carolyn Alaimo at cdalaimo@verizon.net or 908-723-1261

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity

Time: 9:30 AM

Where: Diocesan Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

The Rally at the State House will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

The bus will then bring participants back to the Diocesan Center between 2 – 2:30 p.m. The bus ride is free of charge, but registration is required. To reserve a seat, please visit: diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity.

If you have any questions, please email am-arshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629.

Unfortunately, the SHIP frozen food collection on January 9th remains cancelled. SHIP is still working on rebuilding their facilities after hurricane Ida. Construction is still underway in the rooms that hold the freezers for the frozen casserole donations.

As in the past, non-perishable food donations are still being collected for the local food bank. This is a separate food collection from SHIP. Please leave non-perishable food bank donations in the cry room.

Thank you for your generosity!

Commission for Christian Service

Thank you for your donation for the Retirement for the Religious

A sister writes, “Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this possible.”

Thank you for supporting the December 19th, Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

RINGING IN A GREEN NEW YEAR

A Message from the St. Bernard Green Team

“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue.”

- Pope Francis, Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home (217)



“If the simple fact of being moves people to care for the environment,... Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty toward nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith.” - Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Care for our Common Home (64)

Certainly 2021 was a challenging year for planet Earth and all those who live on it. The events seen on the daily news attest to that fact, with wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, and extreme temperatures making constant headlines. In our own community, we experienced devastating flooding from Hurricane Ida, and many of us were able to see firsthand the impacts of global climate change.

As we ring in 2022, it is a good time to think about ways we can do our part to protect God’s creation and ensure a healthy planet for current and future generations. As the words of Pope Francis above remind us, caring for our planet is *essential to the life of a Catholic Christian*.

Accordingly, the Green Team asks you to prayerfully consider making small or large changes this upcoming year to help with the global climate effort. If you are making a New Year’s resolution, we ask that you think about making a resolution that will reduce your household’s overall carbon footprint. Below is a link and QR code to take you to a quick survey to get you started thinking about your habits and ways to make an impact. The survey should take 5 minutes or less and no personal information will be collected.

Let’s all join forces to turn 2022 **GREEN**. Every action, large or small, matters!



SCAN THE CODE TO THE LEFT for our 5 minute CLIMATE IMPACT SURVEY! Survey also available at <https://forms.gle/UUEzKXVYq8vpRrjH9>

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>.

Around our Diocese

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022-2023 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2022**. Applications can also be found on our website on the News page. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Synod 2021 - 2023: Eucharistic Forty Hours and Listening Sessions

The synodal journey is of great significance for the good of both the universal and local Church. During this process, the Diocese of Metuchen invites all the People of God to listen to each other, without exception, and with particular care to involve also those who are further away and are perhaps sometimes not included.

In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Eucharistic Forty Hours will be held, beginning on Sunday, January 23, and ending on Tuesday, January 25, with a Synod Listening Session to follow from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our listening sessions. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.



Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Like, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 25 - 27, 2022. All inquires are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno (732) 236-0671, Annette (732) 672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org

Please Take Note:

Please continue to be vigilant regarding fake email requests for gift cards, Venmo or Zelle transfers of money which look like they come from Msgr. Randy, but which in fact are from scammers. We have also been made aware that scammers are getting email addresses from parish websites or bulletins and then, pretending to be employees, attempting to get bank account information in order to “switch” direct deposit of payroll from one bank to another. Please be on the lookout for these types of emails. Don’t respond to them and if you have any questions, call the Parish Office.

St. Bernard's Finance Council Update

Weekly Collections

From Week Ending: 12/12/21

		<i>% to Total</i>
Envelope Contributions: \$	10,535.00	30.0%*
WeShare Contributions: \$	18,814.64	53.6%*
Social Concerns: \$	3,968.00	11.3%
Other Contributions: \$	<u>1,811.00</u>	5.2%
Total Contributions: \$	35,128.64	

Weekly Collections

From Week Ending: 12/19/21

		<i>% to Total</i>
Envelope Contributions: \$	12,249.00	42.6%*
WeShare Contributions: \$	12,797.00	53.6%*
Social Concerns: \$	1,279.00	4.4%
Other Contributions: \$	<u>2,461.00</u>	8.5%
Total Contributions: \$	28,786.00	

Cumulative Year-to-Date Totals

From 07/01/21 - 12/12/21

		<i>% to Total</i>
Envelope Contributions: \$	184,687.00	36.3%
WeShare Contributions: \$	255,508.59	50.3%
Social Concerns: \$	32,427.00	6.4%
Other Contributions: \$	<u>35,640.00</u>	7.0%
Total Contributions: \$	508,262.59	

Cumulative Year-to-Date Totals

From 07/01/21 - 12/19/21

		<i>% to Total</i>
Envelope Contributions: \$	196,936.00	36.7%
WeShare Contributions: \$	268,305.59	50.0%
Social Concerns: \$	33,706.00	6.3%
Other Contributions: \$	<u>38,101.00</u>	7.1%
Total Contributions: \$	537,048.59	



WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

Visit our WeShare site or reach out to the WeShare Customer Support team at 877-316-0260
stbernardbridgewater.churchgiving.com

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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 517 (December 12, 2021)

Scrip Income

Current Week:	\$631.46
Current Year(*):	\$3,550.94
Cumulative:	\$114,508.94

* July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Scrip Parish Vendor Contributions

Distinctive Landscaping	\$ 8,071
C&R Construction	\$ 8,001
Accounting Alternatives	\$ 1,870
Wylde Group of Remax	\$ 900
Kerith Brook Financial	\$ 833
Other	\$ 1,548
TOTAL:	\$ 21,223

Scrip

The Scrip Table will not be operating after the January 1st and 2nd weekend masses. If you haven't picked up an order you have placed by then, you can pick it up in the Parish Office during normal business hours. The winners of the Scrip Raffle will be announced in early January.

Thank you for your support of this year's Scrip Christmas Program.



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. If you are interested in joining the growing number of Parish Scrip Vendors, please contact Bernie McElroy at 908-923-4160 or 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.

Thank You C&R Construction

The Parish Finance Council would like to thank C&R Construction for its recent contribution to our Scrip Program based on work performed for a number of our Parish families.

Don't forget to consider using our Parish Scrip Vendors for all your home improvement, landscaping, accounting and investment planning needs. See below for additional information.

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.

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 dwyld@redmax.net.

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

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.

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 Charity of your choice. A WIN-WIN offer!

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.

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.

**Parish Directory
St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church**

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Telephone: (908)725-0552 **Fax:** (908)725-4524

Website: <http://stbernardbridgewater.org> / Also on Facebook

All emails are @stbernardbridgewater.org

The Parish Clergy

Rev. Msgr. Randall J. Vashon, Pastor - ext. 803,
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The Councils and Ministries of St. Bernard

The Finance Council – 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.

The Stewardship Council – 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.

The Pastoral Council – 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. From the Pastoral Council evolved five commissions and their ministries:

Commission for Christian Service

Appalachian Mission	Pro-Life Awareness
Bereavement Ministry	SHIP Mobile Soup Kitchen
Blood Drive	Social Concerns Collections
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Commission for Christian Community

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

Commission for Evangelization

Cursillo Retreat	Ecumenical Board
Women's Prayer Group	Contemplative Prayer Group

Commission for Liturgy and Worship

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

Commission for Catechetical Formation

Adult Spirituality/Scripture Study
Baptism Preparation
Catechetical Formation
BOLD Youth Ministry

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 or visit our parish website.

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

For Children, Grades 1-8: We are *living stones*, a community of disciples committed to sharing the beauty, goodness and truth of our Catholic faith and accompanying our children and families into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the vibrant, sacramental life of His Church. Our dedicated staff and volunteer catechists guide students to grow in knowledge and understanding of Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy, the Sacraments, prayer, works of mercy and the lives of the saints, so that they may grow in holiness and happiness. Please reach out to us to enroll your children in faith formation classes or if you'd like to consider joining our ministry! ocf@stbernardbridgewater.org

For Adults: Our dynamic team of volunteer facilitators host a broad range of opportunities to explore the richness of our Catholic faith and the joy of a lived relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Check in with the Events page of our parish website for more information about small groups forming for Bible studies, book and video series and other enriching programs for adults of all ages. stbchaff@gmail.com

BOLD Youth Ministry

Our youth are an active part of our ministry here at St. Bernard. All high school teens are welcome to attend **Sunday** youth group meetings in The Lighthouse, on the third floor of the Parish Center, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, September -June. Please contact the parish office or Mark Dransfield with inquiries. We hope to see you there!

Young Builder's Club at St. Bernard

As part of our Youth Ministry program, we offer our Young Builder's Club one Sunday 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.

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 (Church):
8:00 AM & 12:10 PM
(12:10 PM suspended in July and August)

Saturday: 9:00 AM (Church); 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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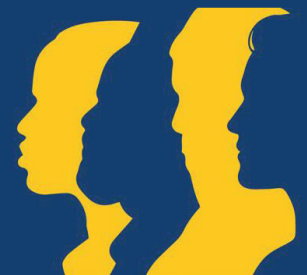
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