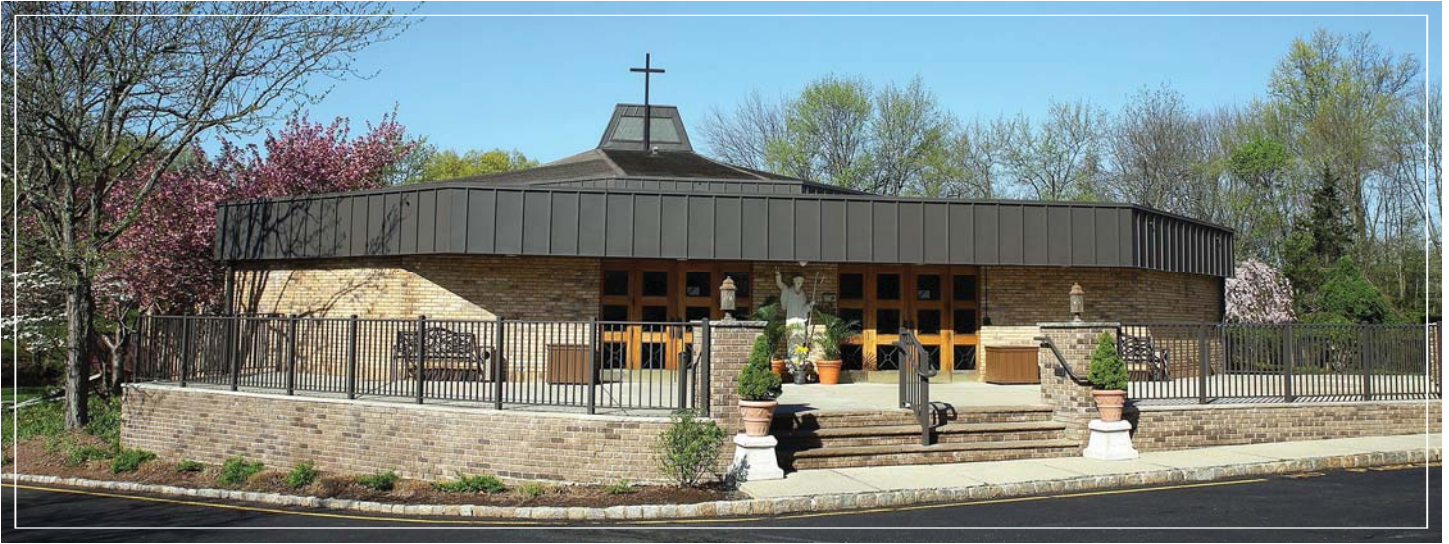


# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

500 ROUTE 22 EAST - BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 28, 2024*



## *Served By*

Rev. Msgr. Randall J. Vashon----- *Pastor*  
Fr. Larrydom Magdasoc-----*Parochial Vicar*  
Luke Fuller-----*Seminarian*  
Mr. Patrick Cline----- *Deacon*  
Mr. Gerard Sims----- *Deacon*  
Mr. Michael Macchiarola----- *Deacon*  
Mrs. Christina Blalock----- *Director of Sacred Music*  
Mrs. Denise Metzgar-----*Director, Office of Catechetical Formation*  
Mr. Camilo Ramirez----- *Director, St. Bernard Cemetery*  
Mr. Erik Schenck  
Mr. Mark Guido  
Mr. Mark Dransfield----- *BOLD Youth Ministry Team*

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

## 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, JULY 29TH

*Saint Martha*

8:00 am For Fr. Sylvester on the Anniversary of his Ordination, req. by Sharon Ambrose

### TUESDAY, JULY 30TH

*Saint Peter Chrysologus*

8:00 am Fr. Henry L. Hemmerling, req. by Msgr. Randy, clergy, staff and parishioners of St. Bernard

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

8:00 am Carole Holloway, req. by Jim and Miriam Laria

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST

*Saint Alphonsis Liguori*

8:00 am Josephine Caldaro, req. by Theresa Colonna

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND

*Saints Eusebius of Vercelli; Saint Peter Julian Eymard*

8:00 am The deceased of St. Bernard Cemetery

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

9:00 am Special Intention for Amado Juarez, req. by Andrea Brito

5:15 pm Christopher Fagan, req. by Theresa Colonna

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Eileen Fagan, req. by Karen Boyle and Mark Horvath

9:00 am For the People and Clergy of St. Bernard Church

10:30 pm Edward P. Traina, req. by Family

12:00 pm Dorothy Rotella, req. by Greg Brothers



*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.*

### Stewardship Thoughts...

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit; whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others.

Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another.”

Romans 14:17-19

# July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

### HIS WORD TODAY

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

*Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ*

“I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit as you were also called to the one hope of your call...”

We often examine our conduct and conscience by examining the ten commandments, the eight beatitudes or seven capital sins. As we strive to grow and maintain a close relationship with Christ, may we see in the words of St. Paul, the bricks we have to live out our call. He cites these same virtues on many occasions, reminding us of their importance for our growth in holiness. Do I find them present in my life at this moment? He continues to call me.

### Daily Readings:

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

## Today's Readings

### First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man brought twenty loaves of bread to Elisha the prophet, who told his servant to distribute it to the people. The servant asked how he could offer twenty loaves to one hundred people. Elisha replied that God had said, “They shall eat and there shall be some left over.” After all the people had eaten, there was bread left over as God had said.

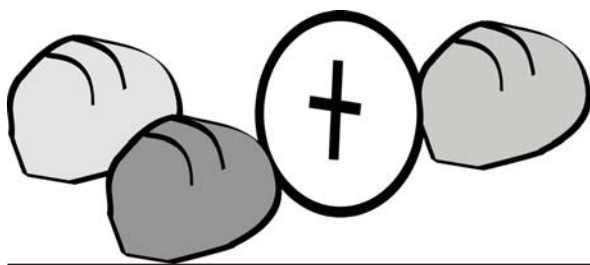
### Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul implores the Ephesians to live a life worthy of their calling by preserving unity among all of Christ's followers. He reminds them that there is one body, one Spirit, and one God who works through all people.

### Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand people with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. After everyone present had enough to eat, twelve baskets of leftover bread were collected. Jesus then realized the people would want to make him king so he fled alone.

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# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 28, 2024

### This Week at St. Bernard

#### Sunday, July 28

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Mission Appeal Weekend*

**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)*

**1:30 pm** - Baptism; Church

#### Monday, July 29

*Saint Martha*

**8:00 am** - Mass; Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*

#### Tuesday, July 30

*Saint Peter Chrysologus*

**8:00 am** - Mass; Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*

#### Wednesday, July 31

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

**8:00 am** - Mass; Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*

**9:00 am - 10:30 am** - Adult Faith Formation: A Letter to the Philippians; Room A/B

**8:00 pm - 9:00 pm** - New Visions (AA); Cafeteria

#### Thursday, August 1

*Saint Alphonsis Liguori*

**8:00 am** - Mass; Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*

**7:30 pm - 9:30 pm** - Women's Prayer Grp; Rm C & Chapel

#### Friday, August 2

*Saints Eusebius of Vercelli; Saint Peter Julian Eymard;*

*First Friday Adoration*

**8:00 am** - Mass; Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*

**2:00 pm** - Mass at Rehab at Green Knoll HC

**7:30 pm** - First Friday Adoration; Church

#### Saturday, August 3

**9:00 am** - Mass; Church

**9:30 am** - Praying the Rosary; Church

**4:00 pm** - Confessions; Church

**5:15 pm** - Mass; Church *(live-streamed & recorded)*

#### Sunday, August 4

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**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)*

### 2025 Mass Intention Book Opening

The 2025 Mass intention book will open on **Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

You may offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of a loved one or a special intention for the living.

Please note that in fairness to all persons seeking intentions, there will be an initial household limit of ten (10) masses total and no more than five (5) of those masses may be for the Saturday Vigil or Sunday masses. Requests are honored on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mass requests may be made in person or via email to [cmutek@stbernardbridgewater.org](mailto:cmutek@stbernardbridgewater.org) and will not be accepted prior to August 6<sup>th</sup>. For any masses made via email, please stop by the parish office during business hours to drop off the donation and pick up your mass card.

The donation for the mass intention is \$10.00 per Mass, payable by cash or check.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



## 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:*

#### Weekend of August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup>

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| <p><b>5:15 Mass</b> <b>Altar Servers:</b> Juliana Imwalle, Katelynne Imwalle<br/> <b>Readers:</b> Dominick Batkowski, John Shanagher<br/> <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Mila Gaspar, Maureen Shackelton</p>                                | <p><b>10:30 Mass</b> <b>Altar Servers:</b> James Roccanova, Paul Loschiavo<br/> <b>Readers:</b> JoAnne Coppola, Luis Alves<br/> <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Lisa Rosati, Laura Kelly, Tom Kelly, Luiselle Parfitt, Michele Olson</p> |
| <p><b>7:30 Mass</b> <b>Altar Servers:</b> Connor Lynch, Kyla Lynch<br/> <b>Readers:</b> Angela Lanfranchi, Ron Haikes<br/> <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Priscilla Weick, Sean Lynch, Heather Lynch, Jane McElroy, Greg Bielat</p>         | <p><b>12:00 Mass</b> <b>Altar Servers:</b> Jack Czaszynski, Emily Wallace<br/> <b>Readers:</b> Jan Rippas, John Nestor<br/> <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Trina Tesoriero, Doreen Sekora, Laura Felegi, Paul Triozzi</p>               |
| <p><b>9:00 Mass</b> <b>Altar Servers:</b> Nick Seidler, Jordyn Spina, Christopher Seidler<br/> <b>Readers:</b> Stacey Alvey<br/> <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Brandan Kane, Mai Corvi, Rich Corvi, Margaret Batkowski, Lynn Ruezinsky</p> |  |

**If you are mandated and trained for these ministries, please consider volunteering through the *Ministry Scheduler Pro* application.**

#### July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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| The Church's Sanctuary lamp      | Burns for the well-being of cancer patients                     |
| The Blessed Mother's votive lamp | Burns for those suffering from addictions and those in recovery |
| The St. Joseph's votive lamp     | Burns in thanksgiving for the blessings we take for granted     |
| The Chapel's Sanctuary lamp      | Burns for the graces needed but not asked for                   |



**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.



## Commission for Liturgy and Worship

***Congratulations and welcome...***

to the newly baptized members of our parish and Christian family!



<p><i>Delilah Ruth Overeem</i>  <i>Daughter of Brian and Ashley Overeem</i>  <i>Baptized on July 14, 2024</i></p>	<p><i>Eleanor Jean Overeem</i>  <i>Daughter of Brian and Ashley Overeem</i>  <i>Baptized on July 14, 2024</i></p>
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*Congratulations to the newlywed couple recently married at St. Bernard.  
 May they enjoy a life filled with love and happiness through Christ.*

*Megan Fash and Thomas Perkowski*  
*July 19, 2024*



***Please Join us for First Friday Adoration***  
***Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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?



**Somerset County AOH Division 1 hosts its Annual Family Picnic in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus of Somerville**

The Annual Family Picnic will be **Saturday, August 17, 2024** from Noon—6 PM (Rain or Shine). The event will take place at Eagles Aerie located at 350 Woodside Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Ticket price includes hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, sausage with peppers and onions, baked beans, potato salad, corn-on-the cob, watermelon, Irish and domestic beer, wine, soda, and water.

Make checks payable to:  
 AOH  
 Mail to:  
 Somerset AOH Division 1  
 36 Newland Court  
 Bridgewater, NJ 08807

No cash sales at the gate, checks or Zelle payments only

Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If any questions, email Neil Mahoney at [neilmahoneynyc@yahoo.com](mailto:neilmahoneynyc@yahoo.com), or call or text him at 908-672-3686.

Make Zelle payments to: 908-672-3686 (If paying by Zelle, please still mail the ticket order form to confirm address, phone, email)

Tickets	Price	# of Tickets	Amount Due
1 Adult	\$35/\$40 after August 7th		
1 Child 4-17	\$ 7/\$10 after August 7th		
Children under 3	Free		
Total Amount (If enclosed, mark box)			

## Youth and Our Community

### Office of Catechetical Formation



#### *Calling All Catechists!*

Please join us for an important Catechist meeting to discuss changes and updates to the program. We will hold two meetings to accommodate schedules. You may attend on either Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM OR Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We look forward to seeing you!

***Sign up by August 1st and take advantage of the early discount.***

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF FAITH FORMATION!

Registration is open for  
2024-2025

Visit our website for class registration details

Monday Sessions Grades 1-8

5:00 PM—6:15 PM \* new start time (7<sup>th</sup> Grade is full)  
6:30 PM—7:45 PM

Tuesday Sessions Grades 1-8

5:00 PM—6:15 PM \*new start time (8<sup>th</sup> Grade is full)

PACT Sessions (Open to current families)

Monthly 10:15-11:30 plus four additional Sunday sessions for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

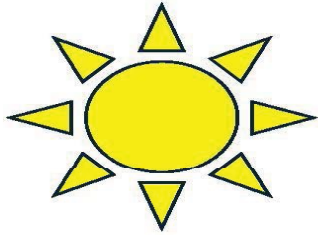
***Are you being called to the Faith Formation  
ministry?***

***Join us in our mission of sharing Christ love.***

Do you have a passion for your faith and love sharing it with others? Do you enjoy working with children? Stop by the Faith Formation Office to learn about all the wonderful things happening in our program. We can answer your questions and help provide guidance to see if this ministry is right for you. You also have options to help as a substitute Catechist. Contact Denise Metzgar at 908-725-0552 x 825 to set up a time to learn more.



# SUMMER CHOIR at SAINT BERNARD



Now through mid-September

10:30 Sunday Mass

All ages, all levels, all voices!

No rehearsals, no commitments

Just sit in the Choir area . . .

. . . and SING TO THE LORD!!!



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BOLD GAME!

# BOLD GOES TO THE SOMERSET PATRIOTS!

All Middle School & High School Students!  
(Incoming 6th - Graduated Seniors)

Wednesday, August 7th | 6:30 pm  
Meet at TD Bank Park  
860 E Main St, Bridgewater Township, NJ 08807  
First pitch at 7:05pm

Cost: \$20.00

**SIGN UP AT [BOLDYM.COM/BAB/EVENTS](http://BOLDYM.COM/BAB/EVENTS)**

Questions? Contact us at [bab@boldym.com](mailto:bab@boldym.com) or text/call  
Paulina Garcia at 908-552-0620 or Erik Schenck at 908-758-3329





## Commissions For Christian Services

### The National Catholic Bioethics Center Bi-weekly Ethics Update July 2024

Go to <https://www.ncbcenter.org/> for additional information and news from NCBC. Below are new articles from NCBC.

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#### Bioethics Public Policy Report—July 16

The Bioethics Public Policy Report is the NCBC’s biweekly update on developments in bioethics and health care that impact the dignity of the human person. The report addresses issues on the federal, state, and international levels. The Reports can be found online at <https://www.ncbcenter.org/public-policy-cms/july16-2024-yewze-lag74>

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#### “Let’s Avoid the Term ‘Vegetative State’”

The term Persistent Vegetative State (PVS) is commonly used to describe patients who are brain-injured and in a wakeful but unconscious state. Ethically, it is highly problematic and even pejorative to refer to living human beings in a way that makes them seem like “vegetables.” Quite a few scientific experts recommend using different terminology, such as Unresponsive Wakefulness Syndrome (UWS) or post-coma unresponsiveness. St. John Paul II also objected to the term “vegetative” when speaking of patients and noted the danger of not recognizing their inherent human dignity in a 2004 address. For the full article, go to: <https://www.ncbcenter.org/messages-from-presidents/avoidvegetative>

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#### Contextualizing Near-Death Experiences

North Texas Catholic—Reports of near-death experiences occur in about 12–15% of cardiopulmonary resuscitation efforts. Father Tad Pacholczyk evaluates questions surrounding the origins of such experiences, and whether they should be thought of as providing helpful glimpses into the afterlife as potential supernatural occurrences, or whether they are more likely to represent a phenomenon revealing how the human brain processes information and responds to situations of stress and oxygen deprivation as death approaches. For the full brief, go to: <https://northtexascatholic.org/news/contextualizing-near-death-experiences>

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#### Bioethics Public Policy Report

AD Today—What is the position of the Catholic Church on critical issues such as in vitro fertilization (IVF), frozen human embryos, prenatal adoptions, high-risk pregnancies, and end-of-life decisions? These were some of the sensitive issues under consideration at this event For full article, go to: <https://www.ad-today.com/local/staying-faithful-to-the-church-addressing-ethics-in-healthcare-and-biotechnology>

### 15 Week Adult Enrichment Course – Documents of Vatican II

Beginning September 5, 2024 Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D. will present 15 classes on the Documents of Vatican II. Classes will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ on Thursdays from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Attendees will learn about the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: *Lumen Gentium* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church), *Dei Verbum* (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation), *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) and *Gaudium et Spes* (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the modern world). There is a \$35 fee per person for all 15 classes which also includes attendees receiving a copy of the book “The Documents of Vatican II”. To register please visit: [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation). For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.



# Around Our Diocese

Diocese of Metuchen | Office of Religious and Consecrated Life



*A Day of Discernment for Girls*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

*High School Girls Ages 14-17*

**LOCATION:**

St. Bartholomew  
Roman Catholic Church  
470 Ryders Lane,  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

**CONTACT:**

Sr. Anna Nguyen, SCC  
anguyen@diometuchen.org

**INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:**  
[www.diometuchen.org/fiatday](http://www.diometuchen.org/fiatday)

Scan QR Code  
for Information  
and Registration



### Mental Health Navigation Services

Catholic Charities is offering a free service to assist residents of our Diocese in receiving support and education on how to understand and obtain mental health services and help remove the barriers that often exist when trying to figure out where to start. You can access the Mental Health Navigation Services by clicking here and scanning the QR code and a Navigator will contact you within 24 hours or you can contact a confidential voicemail line listed below where leaving your name, number, and a brief description will prompt a call back from a Navigator within 24 hours.

If you or a loved one would benefit from this service, please call:  
732-857-3811 Middlesex County  
908-333-2282 Somerset, Hunterdon, Warren Counties



## Around Our Diocese

### Qua Vadis Adventure Retreat 2024 Where are you going?



This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and begin to think and pray about where God may be calling you in life. It is also an opportunity to take seriously our own gifts, talents, and weaknesses and begin prayerfully processing where God is leading us. This will be an action-packed few days with opportunities to play sports, participate in leadership and teambuilding exercises, pray, share meals, and grow in our faith together. Please visit <https://diometuchen.org/quovadis> for additional information.

### Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi 2024 Summer Choir Camp August 12-16, 2024

The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi is pleased to announce its **2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER CHOIR CAMP** for all rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. **Students from any parishes within or outside of the Diocese are welcome to attend!** Every day, students will participate in choir rehearsals, music theory classes with the Camp's outstanding music faculty, work on composer projects, and sing for the Cathedral's daily 12:10 Mass. There will also be fun outdoor activities (weather permitting), games, and snacks! Plus, each chorister will have an opportunity to play the Cathedral's pipe organ!

For more information and to register, use our QR Code!  
Deadline is July 30, 2024!



### Bus Trip NJ State Mass & March For Life in Trenton – Thursday, September 26, 2024

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the NJ State Mass for Life and March for Life in Trenton on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Bus seats are \$20 per person. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 7:45 AM and then attend the 9:30 AM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. After Mass it is a short walk to the 11:00 AM Rally at the State House Annex which will be followed by a 1 mile walk through Trenton beginning at 12:00 Noon. The bus will depart Trenton at 1:15 PM to bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center. If you have any questions and/or would like to reserve a bus seat please visit [www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity](http://www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity) or email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

### 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. Currently, there is a need for formula, baby cereal, diapers (**size 5 & 6**) and wipes, baby lotion, baby shampoo and layette items are always appreciated. Gently used clothing (**especially toddler size!**), toys and children's books are always welcome!

*"Called to Serve Moms in Need" --- Respect Life Theme 2022-2023*

### New Jersey Safe Haven Law

Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline - 1-877-839-2339 - and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.

**How to Report Sexual Abuse:** If you were sexually abused 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 local law enforcement, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 1-877-NJ-ABUSE (652-2873) or 1-800-835-5510 (TTY/TDD for the deaf), and also 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: [diometuchen.org/healing](http://diometuchen.org/healing).


# St. Bernard's Finance Council Update

*\* Due to the publishing deadline, the 07/21 and 07/28 weekend collection numbers will be posted in 08/04 weekend's bulletin.*

**2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
*STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission*

As of July 19, 2024, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 176,766.68 and payments of \$ 170,774.67 of our \$ 149,000 goal.

Thank you for your efforts!



**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](http://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 (877) 316-0260, Select Opt 1 and the Opt 2  
**Hours:** 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM





## Scrip Update --- Week 566 (June 2, 2024)

### Scrip Income

Current Period:	\$463.86
Current Year(*):	\$3,348.10
Cumulative:	\$127,712.53

\* July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

### Scrip Parish Vendor Contributions

C&R Construction	\$ 9,751
Distinctive Landscaping	\$ 8,614
Accounting Alternatives	\$ 3,141
Wylde Realtors with Coldwell Bankers	\$ 900
Kerith Brook Financial	\$ 833
Other	\$ 1,548
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 24,787</b>

## Scrip Cards Available for Sale

A selection of your favorite Scrip cards is available for sale in the Parish Office during normal working hours. Stop by and pick up a ShopRite, Panera, Starbucks, Macys, Chilis, Maggiano's, Barnes & Noble or other available cards.

Please remember to consider using our Parish Scrip Vendors for all your landscaping, accounting, investing, home remodeling/repairs, and real estate needs. Additional information on these vendors is provided below.

**Thanks for all your continued support!**

**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](mailto: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.

**Don't forget to consider using one of our Parish Scrip Vendors for your home improvement/maintenance, landscaping, accounting, financial planning, or real estate needs.**

#### **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](http://info@accountingalternatives.biz).

#### **C&R Construction:**

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



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**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
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**Commission for Christian Community**

Doughnut Sunday	Youth Basketball
Art & Gardening Ministry	
Men's Ministry	
Young Builder's Club	
Prayer Shawl Ministry	

**Commission for Evangelization**

Cursillo Retreat	Contemplative prayer Group
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Altar Servers	
Care Facility Visitation Ministry	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	
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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.

**Bulletin articles are due no later than Noon Sunday** for publication in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin. Please submit article requests to Lauren Loftus via email at [editor@...](mailto:editor@...) or drop off in 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](mailto: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. [ocf@stbernardbridgewater.org](mailto:ocf@stbernardbridgewater.org)

#### 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 inquires. 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

Monday - Friday (Chapel): 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

We encourage you to call the Parish Office to make arrangements for either the Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick or for the Eucharist to be brought to the sick, the elderly, and the homebound.



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