

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

500 ROUTE 22 EAST - BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 13, 2026



Served By

Rev. Msgr. Randall J. Vashon----- *Pastor*
Fr. Jay Alquiros-----*Parochial Vicar*
Patryk Dziedzic-----*Seminarian*
Mr. Patrick Cline----- *Deacon*
Mr. Gerard Sims----- *Deacon*
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Mr. Camilo Ramirez----- *Director, St. Bernard Cemetery*

Ms. Paulina Garcia
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, September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8:00 am William & Elizabeth Cihal, req. by their daughter
12:10 pm Maria Dores Fernandes, req. by Maria Rodrigues

Tuesday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8:00 am Paul & Patricia Wiedemann, req. by their family
12:10 pm Howard Sherman Whipkey Jr., req. by the Kirsch Family

Wednesday, September 16th

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

- 8:00 am Robert Klein, req. by Trudy Carrara
12:10 pm Thomas Loughlin, req. by Lisa Henderson

Thursday, September 17th

Saint Robert Bellarmine; Saint Hildegard of Bingen

- 8:00 am Fidel and Sofia Olaveja, req. by Mila
12:10 pm John Casey, req. by Betsy Aulbach

Friday, September 18th

- 8:00 am Arsenio Lima, req. by Trudy Carrara
12:10 pm John Casey, req. by Bernadette Surak

Saturday, September 19th

Saint Januarius

- 9:00 am Janet Halchak, req. by the Pedati Family
5:15 pm Helen Aliprando, req. by the Stephen's Family

Sunday, September 20th

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am Liz Balke, req. by the McElroy's
9:00 am For the People and Clergy of St. Bernard Church
10:30 am Karen Christine Christensen, req. by Pat and David Christensen
12:00 pm Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fagan



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...

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

Nelson Mandela

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026 TWENTY-FOURTH 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

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice, then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?... Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor, remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults..." "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?""

As the Lord speaks in these passages today, I ask: 'Which is more difficult, to ask forgiveness or to forgive?' Forgiveness is an attitude of love and concern to set things right. The adage, 'forgive and forget' is noble, but it is hard to forget. A wise spiritual guide said it another way, 'forgive and remember without bitterness.'

I leave the hurt behind and don't allow the scar to keep me from offering the healing which someone else seeks. How powerful is the gift of forgiveness. May we use it well.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "... not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

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This Week at St. Bernard

Sunday, September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; SHIP and Social Concerns Food Collection

7:30 am - Mass; Church, *(live-streamed)*

9:00 am - Mass; Church, *(live-streamed)*

10:30 am - Mass & Children's Liturgy; Church *(live-streamed)* & Chapel

12:00 pm - Mass; Church *(live-streamed)*

Monday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Virtus Session; Holy Family Room

Tuesday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

Wednesday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Catechist Meeting; St. Bernard of Clairvaux Room

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Contemporary Music Group; Church

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



This Sunday, September 13th after the 10:30 AM mass in the cafeteria for Donut Sunday!

Thursday, September 17

Saint Robert Bellarmine; Saint Hildegard of Bingen

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Baptism Prep Class; Holy Family Room

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Women's Prayer Group; Chapel & St. Bernard of Clairvaux Room

Friday, September 18

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

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Cursillo Women's Group; Holy Family Room

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

2:00 pm - Communion Service at Green Knoll HC

Saturday, September 19

Saint Januarius; HOME Raffle Ticket Sale

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, September 20

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; HOME Raffle Ticket Sale

7:30 am - Mass; Church, *(live-streamed)*

9:00 am - Mass; Church, *(live-streamed)*

10:30 am - Mass & Children's Liturgy; Church *(live-streamed)* & Chapel

12:00 pm - Mass; Church *(live-streamed)*

1:00 pm - Parish Picnic; Parish Parking lot and grounds

Please note

- Please take a look at our new website page "Ministries-at-a-Glance." If you are looking for a way to help, you can find a list of our current ministry needs in our church and community. Go to our website under the Ministries Menu and click "Ministries-at-a-Glance."

Prayer for Our New Bishop

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest and Good Shepherd, we thank you for the many blessings that you have poured on our local Church of Metuchen. We thank you for James, our 5th Bishop, and for his many gifts in shepherding your people. Hear our prayer for the selection of a new Bishop for your local Church of Metuchen.

We pray for Leo, our Pope, that he is given wisdom in discernment and given wise counsel as he selects our next Bishop, who would be ever more conformed to You, the Divine Master. Lord, we pray that our next Bishop will have a heart on fire for you and for your Church. May he be filled with wisdom, faithfulness, holiness, and zeal for reigniting the faith and spreading the Gospel throughout Central New Jersey.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother and ours, draw our new Bishop and the flocks entrusted to his care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.



This Week at St. Bernard

Ministers of the Liturgy

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

Weekend of September 19th and September 20th

5:15 pm Altar Servers: Haelorie Ashllie Dela Paz,
Mass Haelorie Gertrude Dela Paz,
 Hilarion Stephenson Dela Paz
Readers: Payton Longo, Angela Lanfranchi
Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Cinque,
 Mike Cinque, Jacqueline Roccasecca,
 Maureen Shackelton, John Shanagher

7:30 am Altar Servers: Rennita Arun, Jeffrey Rocha
Mass Readers: Barbara Conway,
 Dominick Batkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: Gerard Mutek,
 Greg Bielat, Jane McElroy,
 Chuck Nelson, Priscilla Weick

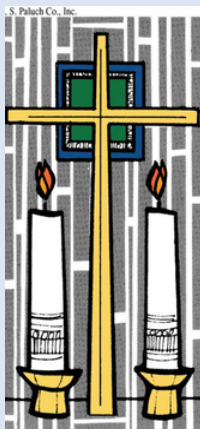
9:00 am Altar Servers: Cynthia O'Connor, Ron Haikes
Mass Readers: Pat Capaccione
Eucharistic Ministers: Marilyn Carney,
 Vivian Cline, Mai Corvi, Rich Corvi,
 Linda Eckert

10:30 am Altar Servers: Charlie Ramsay,
Mass Penelope Ramsay
Readers: Jeevan Lobo, JoAnne Coppola
Children's Liturgy: Carmen Merino
Eucharistic Ministers: Luis Alves,
 Nancy Czarkowski, Nisha Lobo,
 Lisa Rosati, Lori Snyder

12:00 pm Altar Servers: Riaan Pacheco, Aania Kartha
Mass Readers: Gretchen Toolan, John Nestor
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Padavano,
 Janetta Buckmire, Doreen Sekora

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

September 14th, 2026 to September 20th, 2026



The Church's Sanctuary lamp Burns for **Robert Burgo**, req. by the Burgo Family

The Blessed Mother's votive lamp Burns for **the homeless and hungry**

The St. Joseph's votive lamp Burns for **those preparing for marriage**

The Chapel's Sanctuary lamp Burns for **soliders here and aboard**



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

An invitation to learn about becoming a Catholic.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly the RCIA) is the process by which non-Catholics and baptized Catholics who have not received First Eucharist and Confirmation may learn more about the Catholic Church and her teachings and be welcomed into full initiation with the Roman Catholic Faith.

We will begin classes for the OCIA with an inquiry session on **Thursday, September 17, 2026**, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. If you would be interested in learning about the process please contact the Parish Office or email Deacon Patrick at: pjcjr123@yahoo.com.

Parish Picnic—Save-the-Date!

Join us on **September 20th** following the 12 Noon mass

Where: On the parish grounds by the playground

Entertainment, music and games by

Doctor D Entertainment

Food will be provided: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Soft drinks, Water, Coffee, Tea

There is no charge, but RSVP's are helpful for us to plan the menu.

We will also ask families to bring a dessert to share.

We hope to see you there!

RSVP located on our website or scan the code:



4th Annual Save your Sneakers Fundraiser

Did you know that more than 200 million pairs of shoes and sneakers end up in US landfills every year, while more than 600 million people in the world don't own even one pair of shoes? (Gotsneakers.com)

Please join the St. Bernard Green Team to help keep sneakers out of landfills. All donated sneakers will be sent to GotSneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, to be reused or recycled, depending on condition.

Last year, we displaced 360 pairs of sneakers from landfills which reduced 10,800 pounds of Carbon Dioxide into the environment and saved over 813,000 gallons of water!

When: Before/After Masses on **September 26th & 27th**

Where: Drop off at the entrance to the Jointure / Parish Center across from the church

What: Paired* pre-loved Sneakers including:

*Paired = 2 matching sneakers with laces or Velcro closure

- Paired running sneakers
- Paired basketball sneakers
- Paired gym / training sneakers
- Paired rubber cleats (rubber only)
- Paired hiking sneakers
- Paired lifestyle sneakers
- Paired designer (Nike, Vans, etc.) sneakers
- Paired slip on or laced sneakers

...in any condition!

Important Note:

- Please donate SNEAKERS ONLY – no shoes please.
- Donations will be collected on the weekend of September 26th and 27th ONLY. Please don't drop off sneakers at any other time.
- Please do not bring sneakers into the sanctuary.

All funds raised through this initiative will help fund future Green Team projects.

Thank you for your support!

SEASON OF CREATION

The **Season of Creation**, which begins on September 1st and ends the **Feast of Saint Francis** on October 4th, unites Christians around the world and is a time to pray and offer thanks and praise for God's creation.

The Saint Bernard Green Team invites individuals and families to pray in nature during this Season of Creation. Take a walk along the ocean, hike in a forest or sit quietly by a stream or a lake. Give thanks and praise to God for all of His creation, which is pure gift. Pray for our Common Home and reflect on life-style changes that you can make to better care for creation.

During this season, consider joining us for **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** (creation-focused) (in the Church) on Friday, October 2nd at 7:30 PM and **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** (in front of the church) on Sunday, October 4th at 2:30 PM (see below).

On Sunday, October 4th at 2:30 PM, Saint Bernard will hold its annual **Blessing of the Animals** in remembrance of Saint Francis and his love for animals. All are welcome to bring their pets for the blessing! At this event, the Green Team will be collecting supplies for St. Hubert's Animal Shelter. Please consider bringing a donation of pet food (cans preferred), treats, collars and leashes, animal toys, paper towels, or clean towels to the event. This event is weather permitting. Please scan this code for a status update on the day of the event if there are concerns about the weather.



Support At-Risk Families and Get a Chance to Win Cash!

For just \$10, you can make a meaningful difference for at-risk families in Somerset County and enter for a chance to win cash prizes. Tickets are on sale for HOME of Somerset County's Annual Calendar Raffle. Throughout November 2026, December 2026, and January 2027, three winners will be drawn each week. Every ticket is re-entered for every drawing, giving participants multiple opportunities to win. Each designated day in the three-month raffle period carries a prize value ranging from \$50 to \$100, and winners will receive their checks by mail after each drawing. To purchase tickets or learn more, please contact Martha Heiner, Development/Administrative Specialist, at martha@homescnj.org or (908) 704-1920. Tickets can also be purchased by stopping by our office located at 98 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ.

Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation

Registration is now open for 2026-2027!

Visit <https://stbernardbridgewater.org/catechetical-registration-1> registration and details

Classes begin the week of September 28th



Adult Faith Formation

Join us for the next study coming out this fall!

The Last Things Are Not the End—They Are the Beginning.

Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment is a **five-session** mini-study designed for today's busy lives. Each session combines clear teaching, meaningful reflection, and practical application—helping you understand what the Church teaches about death, judgment, heaven, and hell, and why these truths are meant to fill you with hope. With powerful videos and easy-to-follow readings, you'll gain lasting insight into the last things and discover how living with eternity in mind gives everyday life deeper meaning and purpose. Excerpt from Ascension Press, www.ascensionpress.com

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM beginning October 7th

Cost \$18

Registration details are available on our website.

Youth and Our Community



BOLD is back!

Attention all middle school and high school teens and parents,

Please stop by in the narthex and meet with Paulina and Mark (your BOLD youth ministry leadership team) after **every mass this weekend, September 12th and 13th**. Get details and a calendar of events for our exciting upcoming youth ministry program for 2026 and 2027.

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Fall Calendar

Save the Dates

BOLD High School: Youth ministry event open to all high school teens.

Sun 9/27	BOLD Kickoff Night	St. Bernard Youth Room
Sun 10/4	Discipleship Night	Immaculate C. St. Annes
Sun 10/18	Boxes of Joy	Immaculate C. Cafeteria
Sun 11/1	BOLD Movie Night	St. Bernard Youth Room
Sun 11/22	Friendsgiving	St. Bernard Youth Room
Sun 12/6	Discipleship Night	Immaculate C. St. Annes
Sun 12/20	Christmas Party	St. Bernard Youth Room

BOLD Middle: Youth ministry event open to all 6th–8th graders.

Sun 9/27	BOLD Kickoff Night	St. Bernard Youth Room
Sun 10/18	Boxes of Joy	Immaculate C. Cafeteria
Thu 11/19	Layers of Love	Immaculate C. Cafeteria
Thu 12/17	Christmas Posada	Immaculate C. Cafeteria

Want to get more involved with BOLD? Contact Paulina Garcia at BABboldym.com or (908)552-0620

Faith Formation

Bereavement Ministry

For those suffering from the loss of a loved one, we invite you to join us for mutual sharing, and support in a spiritual, caring, strictly confidential setting. The group is led by trained facilitators certified by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Join us for our Fall Sessions, 5 classes offered bi-weekly on Thursdays 1:30 PM ~ 3 PM in the Parish Library

September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5, November 19

Additional opportunities will be offered at 7 PM during the Spring

Pre-registration is required.

Scan the QR Code or contact the Parish Office

Are you being called to serve this ministry?



Are you interested in being a part of the Bereavement Ministry Team? We are currently seeking to train one more Bereavement Ministry Facilitator. The training includes 8 sessions via Zoom on Wednesdays, beginning October 7 from 7 PM - 9 PM. Interested individuals should contact the Faith Formation office for additional information.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Welcomes

Very Reverend Timothy A. Christy

Rector of the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

on

Saturday, October 17

10:00-11:30

Cafeteria

An Inspirational Talk

“The Family As The Native Place For Evangelization”

**It is our responsibility as Catholics to know God
and to make God known**

**Join us for an inspiring morning that deepens
our enthusiasm for the Lord**

**Join us for
Mass at 9 am**

Light refreshments will be offered. Please register for the event by contacting the Parish Office or by clicking the QR code



St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 500 Route 22, Bridgewater

908-725-0552 x825

www.stbernardbridgewater.org

Around Our Diocese

NJ BISHOPS' MASS FOR LIFE

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Cardinal Joseph M. Tobin,
C.S.B., D.D.,
Archdiocese of Newark



VICARIES
Bishop Freda Bonarick,
C.S.B., D.D.,
Archdiocese of Newark



NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral

DIOCESAN BUS TRIP TO TRENTON, DEPARTING FROM PISCATAWAY

Travel as a group to the Mass & March!
Bus registration is \$20 per passenger.
Reserve your spot now! Seating is limited.
Full itinerary available on registration page.

Scan the QR to register for the Bus Trip, or visit:
Escanea el código para registrarte en el viaje en autobús, o visita:
www.diometuchen.org/events/nj-bishops-mass-for-life



40 DAYS FOR LIFE JOIN US

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!



A Special Presentation on Life,
by a former Planned Parenthood
Manager

Wednesday,
September 23, 2026
from 5-7pm

1323 Rt 27 New Brunswick, NJ
(in front of the Planned
Parenthood)

For more information, visit:
<https://www.40daysforlife.com>

FEATURING:

RAMONA TREVIÑO
40 DAYS FOR LIFE, OUTREACH DIRECTOR



Ramona Treviño worked as the manager of a Planned Parenthood abortion referral facility in Sherman, Texas, until 2011, when God used the prayers and public witness of a 40 Days for Life campaign to move her to leave her job and reclaim her walk with Christ. Ramona's resignation from Planned Parenthood resulted in her former center going out of business.

Ramona has shared the miracle of her conversion and the goodness of Christ's mercy throughout the U.S. and internationally through speaking engagements as well as print,

print, broadcast, and online media.
Ramona is a wife, mother, and grandmother. She is the author of *Redeemed by Grace: A Catholic Woman's Journey to Planned Parenthood and Back*.

Rectory Cook Opportunity

Our Lady of the Mount Church is seeking a part-time cook to prepare and serve nutritious and healthy meals for our pastor, priest-in-residence, and guests, as well as clean up after all meals. Duties include meal planning, cooking, and maintaining a clean kitchen. The rectory cook works directly for the pastor. Prior cooking experience and reliability required.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please feel free to use the link to the job posting or the QR code to the right:

<https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/12586177005>



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SURVIVING DIVORCE

"Respect needs to be shown especially for the sufferings of those who have unjustly endured separation, divorce or abandonment" - Pope Francis

FOR MEN AND WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

8 WEEK PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Sept. 30 - Nov. 18, 2026

at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

This program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

"Surviving Divorce" is an 8 week program, featuring a thirty-minute video session each week, which covers the topics of: shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single, and much more.

For information or to register
contact: Rachelle Hanna at
rachelle.hanna@gmail.com
Deadline to register
Sept. 28 2026

limited to 12 participants
Pre-registration by phone is required
Cost \$25 (for book)

The Surviving Divorce program is sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life



Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

October 3-9, 2026

*"My Spirit Rejoices
in God My Savior"*



Saturday, October 3, 2026

National Blue Army Shrine (Morris Canal)
674 Mountain View Road E., Asbury
(908) 689-1700
12:15 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Our Lady of Fatima (Middlebrook)
501 New Market Road, Piscataway
(732) 968-5555
1:00 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Monday, October 5, 2026

Our Lady of Peace (Forsgate)
1730 US Highway Rt. 130, North Brunswick
(732) 297-9680
8:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

St. Jude (Morris Canal)
7 Eisenhower Road, Columbia
(908) 362-6444
9:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Immaculate Conception (Forsgate)

18 South Street, Spotswood
(732) 251-3110
9:30 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

St. John Vianney (Cathedral)
420 Inman Avenue, Colonia
(732) 574-0150
7:00 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Thursday, October 8, 2026

St. John the Evangelist (Middlebrook)
317 First Street, Dunellen
(732) 968-2621
9:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Friday, October 9, 2026

Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament (County Seat)
52 West Somerset Street, Raritan
(908) 722-1489
9:30 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

For more information, please contact
Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication
at acarlisle@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7936

Please scan the QR code to access the Eucharistic Rosary Congresses' website,
and/or to find a complete listing of participating parishes and their Adoration schedules.

St. Bernard's Cemetery

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY - NOW PRE-SELLING!

New Mausoleum V- "Eternal City of Angels"



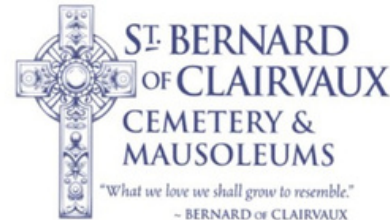
Mausoleum V offers a serene sacred resting place designed to honor faith, family and legacy

Planning ahead is an act of love

Inquire about Memorialization options

**Contact St. Bernard Cemetery
for more information
(908) 725-8305**

Cemetery@StBernardBridgewater.org



St. Bernard's Finance Council Update

Weekly Collections

From 09/06/26

		<i>% to Total</i>
Envelope Contributions:	\$ 8,062.00	25.7%
WeShare Contributions:	\$ 20,413.00	65.0%
Social Concerns:	\$ 1,407.00	4.5%
Other Contributions:	\$ 1,501.00	4.8%
Total Contributions:	\$ 31,383.00	

Cumulative Year-to-date Totals

From 07/01/26 - 09/06/26

		<i>% to Total</i>
Envelope Contributions:	\$ 72,446.00	34.1%
WeShare Contributions:	\$ 110,510.00	52.1%
Social Concerns:	\$ 14,276.00	6.7%
Other Contributions:	\$ 15,004.00	7.1%
Total Contributions:	\$ 212,236.00	

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal One in Christ: Called to Love and Serve

As of September 4, 2026, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$186,694.38 and payments of \$182,026.00 of our \$156,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts!

To sign-up for WeShare, please go to our website to the Ways to support our Parish section at the bottom and click "Online Giving: WeShare"



Parish Directory St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

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 All emails are @stbernardbridgewater.org
 Office hours M-F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 July and August hours M-F 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Please visit website for any updates

The Parish Clergy

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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.

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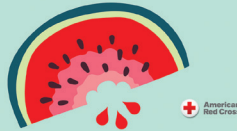
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