

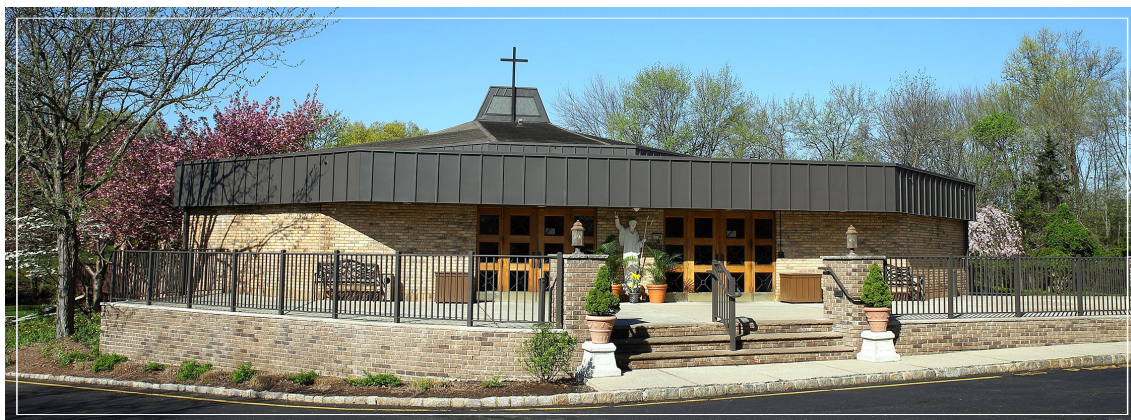
"For it is in
giving that
we receive."

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

500 ROUTE 22 EAST - BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ October 4, 2026



Served By

Rev. Msgr. Randall J. Vashon----- Pastor

Fr. Jay Alquiros-----Parochial Vicar

Patryk Dziezic-----Seminarian

Mr. Patrick Cline----- Deacon

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

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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, October 5th

Saint Faustina Kowalska; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

- 8:00 am **Mary Sweeney**, req. by Connie Melia
 12:10 pm **Evelyn Kimberlin**, req. by Janice Binning

Tuesday, October 6th

Saint Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

- 8:00 am **Patricia Tarnowski**, req. by Judy and Richard Ziets
 12:10 pm **Maria Hernandez**, req. by Jim and Miriam Laria

Wednesday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8:00 am **Marie Horrocks**, req. by Bob and Tracy Long
 12:10 pm **Raymond Elson**, req. by Ethel Elson

Thursday, October 8th

- 8:00 am **Dominick Lore**, req. by Robyn and Dennis Gisonti
 12:10 pm **John Casey**, req. by the Batkowski Family

Friday, October 9th

Saint Deni and Companions; Saint John Leonardi

- 8:00 am **Eduardo Lirag**, req. by Josephine
 12:10 pm **Maria Dores Fernandes**, req. by Maria Rodrigues

Saturday, October 10th

- 9:00 am **Karl and Jean Konnecke**, req. by their family
 5:15 pm **Andrew Fresco**, req. by Patty and Pat Matone

Sunday, October 11th

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am **Jeffrey McKnight**, req. by the Hansen Family
 9:00 am **Ann Mazur**, req. by her daughter, Christina Manners
 10:30 am **Edward P. Traina and Noreen Traina**, req. by their family
 12:00 pm **For the People and Clergy of St. Bernard Church**



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.

the
POWER
 of prayer

OCTOBER 4TH, 2026 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

“Brothers and Sisters; Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God which surpasses all understandings will guard your minds and hearts in Christ Jesus.”

Prayer, petition and thanksgiving, the gifts we all have to offer a loving and listening God. What underlies it all is a desire to be with the Lord and acknowledge my radical dependence upon Him. In fact, my desire to please and praise God begins with His grace inviting me to be with Him.

Take a moment to look at your prayer life. Is it healthy? Does it include these elements, rather than limiting it to my requests only. What do you think the Lord is asking of you?

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, “What more was there to do for my vineyard?”

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that “the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest.

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Stewardship Thoughts...

“Teach us today to recognize your presence in all men,
 --- Especially in the poor and in those who mourn.
 Lord, help your brothers to grow in holiness.”

From the Divine Office, the Liturgy or the Hours

This Week at St. Bernard

Sunday, October 4

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)*

1:30 pm - Baptisms; Church

2:30 pm - Blessing of the Animals; Front of the Church

Monday, October 5

Saint Faustina Kowalska; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm - Faith Formation Classes; Church Basement and School

Tuesday, October 6

Saint Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm - Faith Formation Classes; Church Basement and School

Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Young Choir; Church

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Faith Formation: Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgement; St. Bernard of Clairvaux Rm

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Lighthouse Ministry; Youth Room and St. Teresa Room

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

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

Thursday, October 8

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - Bereavement Session; Library

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry; Holy Family Room

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm - Adult Choir; Church

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

Friday, October 9

Saint Denis and Companions; Saint John Leonardi

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

12:10 pm - Mass; Chapel

2:00 pm - Communion Service at Waterfront

Saturday, October 10

5th Annual Coats for Kids Collection

7:30 am - 9:00 am - Men's Ministry Meeting; Cafeteria

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, October 11

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time; 5th Annual Coats for Kids Collection;

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)*

Don't Forget

- **SHIP and the Local Food Bank Collection** - The SHIP Collection will be next **Sunday, October 11th**. Please consider taking part in this ministry by making and freezing casseroles to donate to the needy in our area. FROZEN casseroles and other items are collected at a cooler located outside the parish center (school building) main entrance doors before all Sunday Masses. Please see our parish website for casserole recipes and instructions. Click SHIP under the Ministries tab. **Non-perishable food donations are being collected for the local food bank.** Please leave non-perishable food bank donations in the cry room.
- The Parish Office is **closed** on **Monday, October 12th** in observance of Columbus Day. The morning mass will be at 9:00 AM and there will be **no** 12:10 mass.
- The Priest Convocation will be held from Tuesday, October 14th through Thursday, October 16th. Please note the change in mass schedule: **Tuesday, October 13th** - 8:00 AM Mass and **no** 12:10 PM Mass—**Wednesday, October 14th** and **Thursday, October 15th** - 8:00 AM Communion Service and **no** 12:10 PM Mass.
- **Virtus Training** - As a reminder, any individual that is involved in a parish ministry that interacts with children is required to have a background check and attend the "Protecting God's Children" Virtus Session. We currently have a Virtus Session scheduled at St. Bernard on **Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM** in The Holy Family Room in the lower level of the church building. Registration is required and can be done by creating/logging in to your Virtus account at www.virtus.org. Please be aware that no individual is permitted to volunteer within a ministry that interacts with children unless both background checks and the Virtus Session has been completed. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Donna Blanton at x802 in the Parish Office.
- **Christmas Tree Fundraiser** - It's that time of the year when we begin our Christmas Tree Fundraiser. This will be our 5th year to celebrate and remember a loved one or a pet or for peace. Beginning the weekend of October 17th and each weekend going forward we will be selling the trees. This year as in the past each tree will be \$200. We hope you will support this beautiful tradition which supports our many ministries.

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 October 10th and October 11th

5:15 pm Mass **Altar Servers:** Christopher Seidler,
Nick Seidler
Readers: John Shanagher, Payton Longo
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Curcio,
Karen Brophy, Jacqueline Roccasecca,
Bob Nagel, Luiselle Parfitt

7:30 am Mass **Altar Servers:** Rennita Arun, Jeffrey Rocha
Readers: Priscilla Weick, Lenny Rutledge II
Eucharistic Ministers: Greg Bielat,
Patrick Mattia, Jane McElroy,
Gerard Mutek, Dorothy Russell

Altar Servers: McKenna Sasiak, Jonah Ortiz

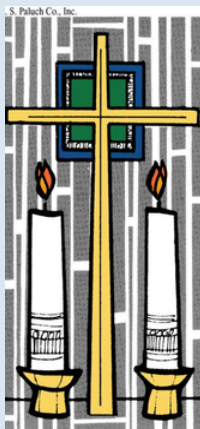
9:00 am Mass **Readers:** Ron Haikes, Pat Capaccione
Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Batkowski,
Dave Eckert, Linda Eckert,
Sharon Rizarri

10:30 am Mass **Altar Servers:** Charlie Ramsay,
Penelope Ramsay
Readers: Jim Alaimo, Jeevan Lobo
Children's Liturgy: Dcn Mike Macchiarola
Eucharistic Ministers: Luis Alves,
Nisha Lobo, Christine Macchiarola,
Carmen Merino, Lori Snyder

12:00 pm Mass **Altar Servers:** Ninad Dsa, Riaan Pacheco
Readers: Ed Fagan, Gretchen Toolan
Eucharistic Ministers: Janetta Buckmire,
Susie Grasso, Doreen Sekora

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

October 5th, 2026 to October 11th, 2026



The Church's Sanctuary lamp	Burns for the Special Intentions of Lynn Rosenfeld , req. by Lucille D'Albero
The Blessed Mother's votive lamp	Burns for the deceased members of the Avitabile-Surak families , requested by Bernadette Surak
The St. Joseph's votive lamp	Burns for parents in difficult pregnancies
The Chapel's Sanctuary lamp	Burns for our first responders



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

Order of Christian Initiation for Adult sessions have started

The OCIA sessions for 2026-2027 have started. But there is still time for non-Catholics or baptized Catholics who have not received both Holy Eucharist and Confirmation to learn about becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please join us on **Thursday evening, October 8th**, at **7:30 PM** in the Parish Library. Ask questions and learn about our Faith.

For more information please call the Parish Office or contact Deacon Patrick at pjcr123@yahoo.com.



Congratulations and welcome...to the newly baptized member of our parish and Christian family!

*Andrew Matthew Lyons
Son of Matthew and Taylor
Baptized September 27, 2026*

YBC is back! All children, ages 3-10+, along with their parents and/or grandparents, are invited to build (and keep) a special K'nex item, display their creation in our Project Parade, and win a Door Prize! Join the fun on **Saturday afternoon, October 17th** at 3:00 PM in the St. Vincent De Paul Room!

New Families are always welcome! Come whenever you can!!!! Please email us at YBCstbernard@yahoo.com to be added to our email list, or for more information about YBC.

Come say hi next weekend **Sunday, October 11th** at the table in the Narthex. Can't wait to see you there!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Attention all knitters and crocheters! Fall is here and we are meeting again!

We will meet on Thursday, October 8, 2025. There will be one meeting this month at 7:00 pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room located in the basement of the Church.

In the future, there will be gatherings from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Father Barton Library and again from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Holy Family Meeting Room located in the basement of the Church.

Please stop by if you would like to hear more about this wonderful ministry.

There are people in our community who will benefit from feeling the warmth of a blanket and heartfelt prayers from our parishioners. We have beautifully crafted shawls on hand for those in need. If you or someone you know would like one, please contact us.

If you would like additional information, please reach out to Marie Cinque at 908-725-0552 x810 or at mcinque@stbernardbridgewater.org.

Parish Children's Clothing Swap – presented by the Family Ministry and Respect Life Ministry

As the seasons change, put aside any children's clothes that won't fit next year but still have life left, donate them, and shop for new-to-you clothes for your family.

When/Where: Sunday, October 18th /TBD

What: Fall/winter children's clothing sizes ranging from preemie/newborn through young adult. Gently used shoes will also be accepted. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center in Raritan and Catholic Charities. **Additional Notes:** Please drop off items prior to the event in the blue bins labeled "Clothing Swap" located in the Cry Room. A table will also be set up after each mass on October 10th and 11th in the narthex to drop off clothes/ask questions about the event.

Visit the Respect Life Ministry website for further detail or reach out to Caroline Clark with any questions at: cclark1641@gmail.com.

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 after all masses **Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th**. 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.

Commission for Liturgy and Worship



5th Annual Coats for Kids Drive Raritan and Somerville Knights

No child should be cold this **Winter** please help share the warmth one coat at a time with our neighboring families.



We will be collecting **NEW** children's coats,
Boys and Girls sizes 2 to young adult . Collections
will be on Saturday 10-10-26
and Sunday 10-11-26

Before each Mass at St Ann's Church, Holy Trinity
Church, St Joseph's Church, Mary Mother of God,
Immaculate Conception, St Bernards and The Shrine

{Containers Will be in the Lobby}

**Both Councils will combine to match donations up to 50
coats / \$1000 in total!**

The KofC is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8million members in 15000 local councils

Youth and Our Community



Youth Ministry Corner

Questions? Contact Paulina Garcia
at BAB@boldym.com or 908-552-0620



Share God's Love through Boxes of Joy!

Join BOLD for our annual Boxes of Joy Service Night
as we pack Christmas gift boxes for children living in
poverty around the world. .

**All in Middle School & High School,
help us pack Boxes of Joy!
Sunday, October 18th | 6:30-8:00PM
Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria**

Join us for a night of Fall Fun with snacks,
games & service. Please RSVP and donate
a small gift or other items, and bring \$10 to
help cover the cost of shipping and to
support the Cross Catholic Outreach
mission.

**If you are a parishioner and you
want to help us in this project,
please bring a small toy to the box
located in the Narthex or \$10.00 to
help for the shipping of the boxes**

**To RSVP and for more details and gift ideas,
please scan QR Code or visit
boldym.com/BAB/events**



EMBOLDEN WEEKEND RETREAT

All in grades 9-12, get ready for a
weekend you'll never forget!
Enjoy outdoor adventures, epic
games, late-night laughs, and new
friendships. Powerful prayer, deep
discussions, and inspiring talks.
Be **BOLD** this November.

EMBOLDEN: A HIGH SCHOOL WEEKEND RETREAT NOVEMBER 13-15TH, 2026

CAMP TECUMSEH IN PITTSFORD, NJ

Cost: \$190* which includes meals, overnight
accommodations, activities, and give-away!

*We never want finances to get in the way of a great
faith experience! Please let us know if the cost is an
issue.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

SCAN TO REGISTER, FOR
MORE INFO & TO WATCH
OUR PROMO VIDEO WITH
PAST HIGHLIGHTS!



Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation

Our first parent session on The Creed will be held on **Monday, October 19th** and repeated on **Tuesday, October 20th** at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. This session will be led by Monsignor Fell.



St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Welcomes

Very Reverend Timothy A. Christy

Rector of the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

Join us for an inspirational talk

"The Family As the Native Place for Evangelization"

Saturday, October 17

10am-11:30am

Cafeteria

It is our responsibility as Catholics to know God and to make God known. Join us for an inspiring morning that deepens our relationship with the Lord.

Here I am, Lord



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

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Respect Life Month

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life.



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary’s

acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”¹

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1. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

National Life Chain

This year, on Sunday **October 4th**, the pro-life people of Somerset County will again participate in the National Life Chain. The Diocese of Metuchen fully supports our participation in Life Chain.

Life Chain will be in **Somerville, Sunday October 4th, along Somerset St. and Mountain Ave., from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.** At about 1:45 PM an opening prayer will be offered at the flagpole in front of Immaculate Conception Church on Mountain Ave. Signs will be available outside the Immaculate Conception Church and other locations along the Chain location.

Please scan the QR code for additional information on the National Life Chain.



Scan the QR Code for additional details and locations



*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



St. Bernard's Cemetery

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY - NOW PRE-SELLING!

New Mausoleum V- "Eternal City of Angels"



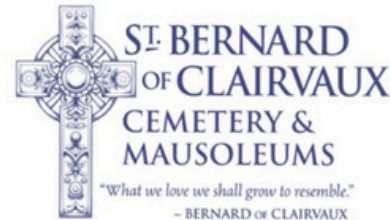
Mausoleum V offers a serene sacred resting place designed to honor faith, family and legacy

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 09/27/26

		<i>% to Total</i>
Envelope Contributions:	\$ 8,051.00	48.6%
WeShare Contributions:	\$ 5,570.00	33.6%
Social Concerns:	\$ 1,117.00	6.7%
Other Contributions:	\$ 1,835.00	11.1%
Total Contributions:	\$ 16,573.00	

Cumulative Year-to-date Totals

From 07/01/26 - 09/27/26

		<i>% to Total</i>
Envelope Contributions:	\$ 92,336.00	35.3%
WeShare Contributions:	\$ 130,265.00	49.8%
Social Concerns:	\$ 20,248.00	7.2%
Other Contributions:	\$ 18,413.00	7.7%
Total Contributions:	\$ 261,598.00	

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

As of September 25, 2026, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$187,694.38 and payments of \$183,188.88 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"

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 Please visit website for any updates

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St. Bernard Cemetery and Mausoleums

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 Visiting hours for fall and winter 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Visiting hours for spring and summer 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 Email: cemetery@stbernardbridgewater.org
 Mr. Camilo Ramirez, Cemetery Director, ext. 840
 Mrs. Mary Beth Hansen, Office Manager, ext. 841
 Mrs. Carla Alves, Administrative Assistant, ext. 839

WELCOME TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

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. ocf@stbernardbridgewater.org

For Young Adults - Lighthouse Ministry: Guided Bible Study and discussions hosted on Wednesdays at 7 PM. Gather with faith-filled peers ages 20 - 30, in a journey that will encourage, support and guide you through today's challenges. ocf@stbernardbridgewater.org

BOLD Youth Ministry

BOLD exposes high school and middle school students to God's love, promotes a life of service, and provides a place for them to enjoy each other's company. Our goal is to help young people build a personal relationship with Christ and delve deeper into their faith through Catholic formation, support, prayer, and the Sacraments.

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.

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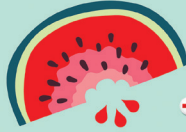
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