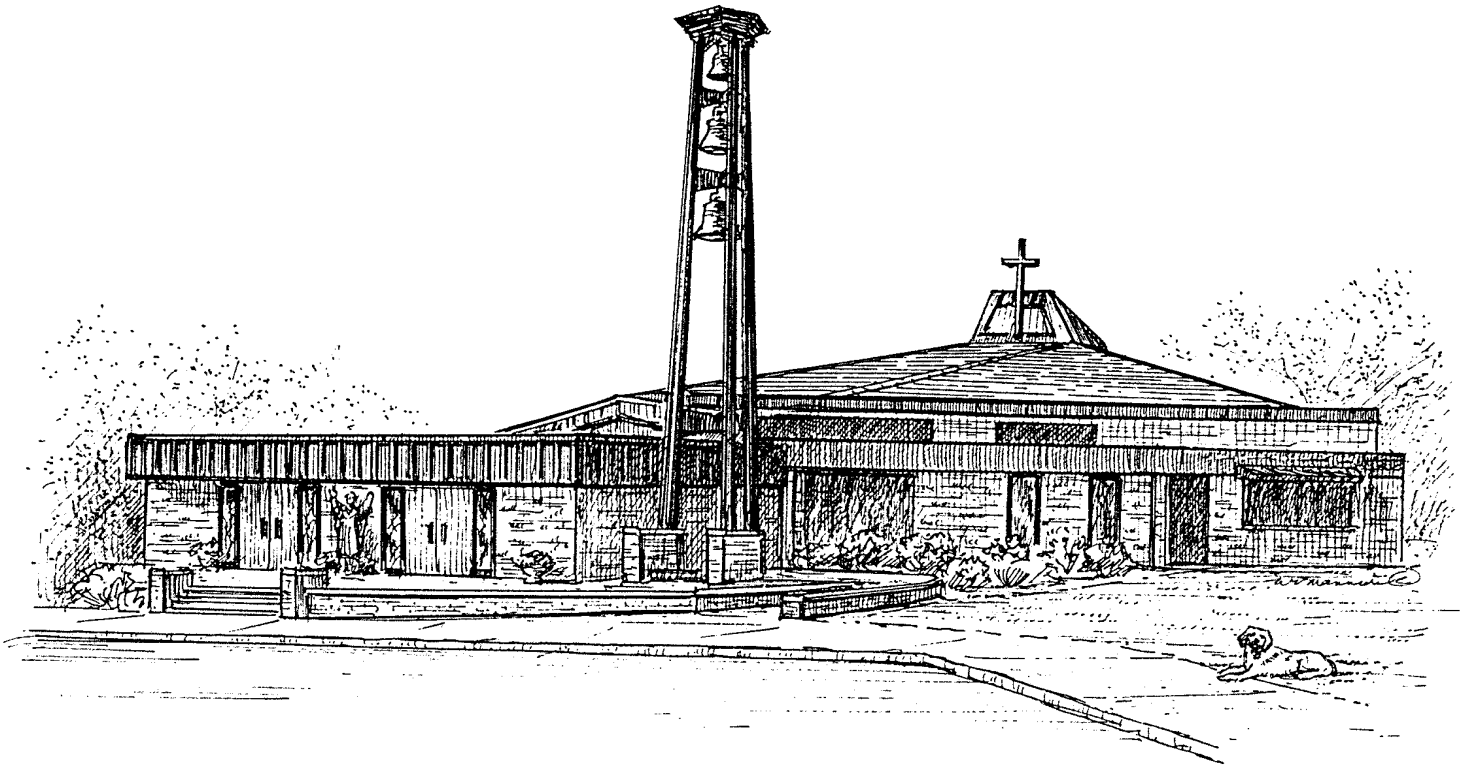


**The Roman Catholic Community of  
St. Bernard of Clairvaux  
500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

**September 14, 2014 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**



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

## The Liturgical Week

### Monday, September 15

*Our Lady of Sorrows, Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Anastasia Wybraniec, req by the Pace family  
12:10 PM Frances Novello, req. by Mary Maggi

### Tuesday, September 16

*Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian*

8:00 AM Sandra Slaydon, req. by the Murphy family  
12:10 PM Joshua Neu, req. by the Holley family

### Wednesday, September 17

*St. Robert Bellarmine*

8:00 AM Lester Nagy, req. by Lucille & Richard Gerlock  
12:10 PM James Carver, req. by Jim Dornbach

### Thursday, September 18

8:00 AM Melvin Griffin, req. by Bill & Deirdre McCarthy  
12:10 PM Julia Backman, req. by the Gonzales family

### Friday, September 19

*St. Januarius*

8:00 AM Frances Saunders, req. by M/M John Kulina  
12:10 PM Ritchie Attenborough, req. by the Holley family

### Saturday, September 20

*Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions*

9:00 AM Brian Crisafulli, req. by the Willigan family  
5:15 PM *Vigil* Deceased Members of the Petronio family,  
req. by family

### Sunday, September 21

*Twenty-fifth Ordinary Sunday*

7:30 AM Phillip J. Piccolo, req. by LouAnn Kwiatek & Carol Kearns  
9:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Antonio Martins, req. by Teresa Martins & Lurdes Anastacio  
12 Noon Frances & Mike Warner, req. by their nephew



In your kindness we ask you to remember all the sick members of our parish, as well as those who reside in nursing homes and senior facilities. We ask you also to pray for our beloved dead, among them *Anthony Yurik*.

## Readings For The Week

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## Today's Readings

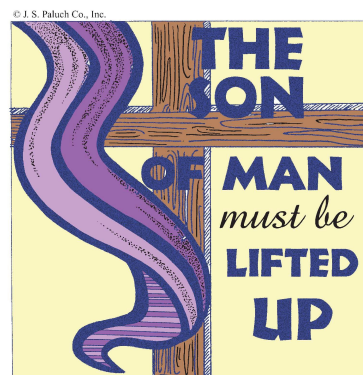
**First Reading** — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

**Psalm** — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

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## Being Lifted Up

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had "lifted up the serpent in the desert." Then Jesus says, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him." The evangelist clearly saw this "lifting up" of Jesus to mean his crucifixion.

That "lifting up" of the serpent by Moses is described in today's first reading. The people were attacked by "saraph serpents," and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His "lifting up" in shame was also his "lifting up" in glory and triumph.

## Faith

Faith is the union of God with the soul.

—St. John of the Cross



## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2014

Christ Jesus emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness.

— *Philippians 2:7*

### This Week at St. Bernard

#### Sunday, September 14 -

#### The Exaltation of the Cross

*Social Concerns Sunday,  
IHN Raffle Tickets on Sale in Narthex After All Masses,  
IHN Guests Arrive*

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Parish Library Open

#### Monday, September 15

*IHN Guests*

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - New Catechist Meeting, Cafeteria

#### Tuesday, September 16

*IHN Guests*

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Divorce Group, Room G

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Bible Timeline Study, Cry Room/  
Narthex

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Youth Group, LH

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Stewardship Council, Library

8:00 pm - Baptism Preparation Class, RMR

#### Wednesday, September 17

*IHN Guests*

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Revelation Study, Library

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Open Music Rehearsal, Church

8:00 pm - New Visions AA, Cafeteria

#### Thursday, September 18

*IHN Guests*

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Walking Towards Eternity II,  
Room C

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal, Church

6:00 pm - 7:15 pm - Children's RCIA, Library

7:00 pm - Children's RCIA, Room G

7:30 pm - Women's Prayer Group, Chapel

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - RCIA Inquiry Session, Library

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Cursillo Secretariat Meeting, Cry Rm.

7:30 pm - 9:15 pm - Parish Choir Rehearsal, Church

#### Friday, September 19

*IHN Guests*

2:00 pm - Communion Service at Green Knoll

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Caritas Rehearsal, Church

#### Saturday, September 20

*IHN Guests*

1:00 am - 4:00 pm - Cursillo Walkathon, Grounds/  
Cafeteria

4:00 pm - Convalidation, Chapel

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Confessions, Church

#### Sunday, September 21 - 25th Ordinary Sunday

*Stewardship Sunday, Catechetical Sunday,  
Peter Pence Second Collection, IHN Guests Depart*

8:30 am - 9:45 am - Catechetical Formation Classes Begin

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Parish Library Open

10:00 am - 1:00 pm - CYM Basketball Registration,  
Room C

### Stewardship Thought

"All of us are born for a reason, but not all of us discover why.  
Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself.  
It's what you do for others." - *Danny Thomas*

## Commission for Liturgy and Worship

### Ministers of the Liturgy

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

#### September 20th and 21st

<p><b>5:15 Mass</b>    <b>Cantor:</b> Amy Cosman  <b>Altar Servers:</b> Andrew Dailey, Katie Dailey  <b>Readers:</b> Elisa Flynn, Marie Pierce  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Hugh Johnson, Janet Kasbohn, Monique McKeon, Maureen Shackelton, Fred Winters, Mila Gaspar</p>	<p><b>10:30 Mass</b>    <b>Cantor:</b> Parish Choir &amp; Kristen Kurtz  <b>Altar Servers:</b> John Grebeck, Sean Kelly, Greg Kelly  <b>Readers:</b> Barbara Coscia, Tony Tarullo  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Paula Lindberg, Tinu Batra, Jim Alaimo, Luis Alves, Dominick Batkowski, John Shanagher</p>
<p><b>7:30 Mass</b>    <b>Altar Servers:</b> Matt Parayil, Jos Parayil  <b>Readers:</b> Evelyn Mutek, Priscilla Weick  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Rich Brancato, Sr. Margaret, Elisabeth McConville, Anita Bruno</p>	<p><b>12:00 Mass</b>    <b>Cantor:</b> Megan Fernandez  <b>Altar Servers:</b> Chrissy Mouridy, Gabby Mouridy, Liana Antonella  <b>Readers:</b> Joe Filep, Dan McDonald  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Gemma Thompson, Laura Felegi, Debbie Rano, Pam Rhaesa, Maggie Renna, Joymarie Piccinnini</p>
<p><b>9:00 Mass</b>    <b>Cantor:</b> Kristen Kurtz  <b>Altar Servers:</b> Nick Mattia, Danny McCormick  <b>Readers:</b> David Blood, Jo Casey  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Lynn Ruezinsky, Vince Riello, Cynthia &amp; Tim O'Connor, Mary Haikes</p>	

### Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

We welcome you to attend one of the RCIA inquiry sessions on **Thursday, September 18, 2014, or Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 7:30 pm** in the Library. Members of the team will be available to answer your questions and explain the process. No commitment is necessary.

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA) is open to individuals who are not Baptized, as well as those who already are Baptized and have not received the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are unable to attend an inquiry session but are interested in the RCIA call the parish office for more information or contact Deacon Patrick Cline at [pjcr123@Yahoo.com](mailto:pjcr123@Yahoo.com).



### Music Ministry Rehearsals Begin Again!

**New Members Are Always Welcome**



**Parish Choir:** The Parish Choir is for high school age and adult singers. The Choir rehearses each Thursday from 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm in preparation for singing for Mass each Sunday at 10:30am. *The first Parish Choir rehearsal is Thursday, September 11th at 7:30 pm in the Church.*

**Youth Music Group:** The Youth Music Group is for singers and instrumentalists in 8th grade, high school, college and beyond. It is directed by Christine Spodnick ([chrissycow@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissycow@hotmail.com)). The Youth Music Group plays for the 12 noon Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month and rehearses afterward. *At their first meeting, youth are invited to attend Mass together on Sunday, September 21st at 12 noon, with rehearsal to follow in the Church.*

**Children's Choir:** The Children's Choir is made up of singers in grades 3 through 8. The Choir rehearses each Thursday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and sings for Mass monthly, usually at the 5:15 Saturday evening Mass. *The first rehearsal of the Children's Choir will be Thursday, September 18th at 6:00 pm in the Church.*

For more information on any of the groups or to become involved as a cantor or instrumentalist, please contact Director of Sacred Music, Barbara Sanderman at [bsanderman@stbernardbridgewater.org](mailto:bsanderman@stbernardbridgewater.org) or 908-725-0552 x807.

## Commission for Catechetical Formation Activities

### *From The Office of Catechetical Formation*

*We are still in need of volunteers to serve in the following class sessions:*

#### Sunday

Grade 1 – (1) Catechists  
 Grade 2 – (1) Aide  
 Grade 4 – (1) Catechist  
 Grade 4 – (1) Aide  
 Grade 5 – (1) Catechist  
 Grade 5 – (1) Aide  
 Grade 6 – (2) Aides  
 Grade 7 – (1) Catechists  
 Grade 7 – (2) Aides  
 Grade 8 – (1) Aide  
 Substitute Teachers

#### Monday Aft ernoon

Grade 5 – (1) Aide  
 Substitute Teachers  
 Hall Monitor

#### Tuesday

Grade 1 – (1) Co – Catechist  
 Grade 3 – (1) Catechist  
 Grade 5 – (2) Aides  
 Grade 7 – (1) Catechist  
 Grade 7 – (1) Aide  
 Substitute Teachers  
 Hall Monitor

#### Wednesday

Grade 1 – (1) Catechist  
 Grade 3 – (1) Catechist  
 Grade 3 – (1) Aide  
 Grade 5 – (1) Aide  
 Grade 6 – (1) Catechist  
 Grade 6 – (1) Aide  
 Substitute Teachers  
 Hall Monitor

*Perhaps God is calling you to share yourself and your faith with the children of our parish.*

Please consider this very special calling,  
 you'll be amazed at how much you learn as you teach or assist in a class!

If you feel you may be right for this ministry, contact the Office of Catechetical Formation at 908-725-0552 x825 or [ocf@stbernardbridgewater.org](mailto:ocf@stbernardbridgewater.org) to learn more about sharing your faith with children. Classes begin the week of September 21.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, September 15

**New Catechist Meeting**

7:00 pm –9:00 pm, in the Cafeteria

Sunday, September 21 through Wednesday, September 24

**Catechetical Formation Classes Begin**

### Sunday Morning Pre-School

If your child is a 4- or 5-year-old, we have a wonderful way to introduce her/him to the bountiful love of God for all children – our Sunday Morning Pre-School! Classes are held from 10:30 am to 11:30 am beginning in October and ending in April. We use stories, discussions, songs and games to teach the children about God our Creator, and how He makes each one of the children special. Please call our office or stop by to complete a registration form.

## Commission for Catechetical Formation Activities (Continued)

### Fall Bible Study Classes At St. Bernard

#### **THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION**

This is the foundational study in The Great Adventure Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible. The Bible Timeline is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. (24 sessions)



**A GREAT  
FIRST-TIME  
STUDY!**

#### **PM Sessions**

When: Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 PM-9:00PM

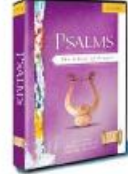
Where: Room A/B

Dates: Sept 9, 16, 23, 30    Oct 7, 14, 21, 28    Nov 4, 11, 18  
           Dec 2, 9, 16        Jan 6, 13, 20, 27    Feb 3, 10, 17, 24  
           Mar 3, 17, 24 (if needed)

Registration Fee: \$45

#### **PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER**

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God. Join Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray and Sarah Christmyer as they show you how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms. (11 sessions)



#### **PM Sessions**

When: Wednesday Evenings, 7:30 PM-9:30PM

Where: Room D/E

Dates: Sept 10, 24        Oct 1, 8, 15, 22  
           Nov 5, 12, 19        Dec 3, 10, 17 (if needed)

Registration Fee: \$27

#### **REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. (10 sessions)



#### **PM Sessions**

When: Wednesday Evenings, 7:30 PM-9:30PM

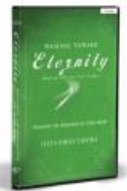
Where: Room C

Dates: Sept 10, 17, 24    Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
           Nov 5, 12, 19 (if needed)

Registration Fee: \$27

#### **WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY – ENGAGING THE STRUGGLES OF YOUR HEART:**

An inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully. Through daily prayer and meditation on Scripture, you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart is a challenging study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk and outlines practical steps for overcoming them. (8 sessions)



#### **AM Sessions**

When: Thursday Mornings, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Where: Room C

Dates: Sept 11, 18, 25    Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
           Nov 6 (if needed)

Registration Fee: \$17

### Registration Deadline: August 24th

(Registrations after this date will be accepted, but class materials cannot be guaranteed in time for the first class.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Study Choice(s):    \_\_\_ The Bible Timeline \_\_\_ Psalms    \_\_\_ Revelation    \_\_\_ Walking Toward Eternity

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (The registration fee covers the cost of the course materials)

Please tear off the registration form and submit it to:

Adult Faith Formation - St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish - 500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
 Checks payable to St Bernard of Clairvaux Church

For more information, send an email to [stbchaff@gmail.com](mailto:stbchaff@gmail.com) or call the Office of Catechetical Formation at 908-725-0552 x825

## Altar Flower Memorialization

### Altar Flowers

Because of budgetary concerns, we will not be adorning the church with flowers until Advent.

However, the opportunity exists for you to memorialize loved ones at any time during the year by donating flowers in their memory, or in acknowledgment of a special anniversary. Call the Parish Office for pricing information and details.



## Commission for Christian Community Activities

### St. Bernard CYM Basketball – Administrators Needed



The St. Bernard Basketball program is seeking an administrator(s) to take over the CYM basketball program. Training will be provided this season.

If you have any questions regarding the administration of the St. Bernard's program, please contact:

Michael Goodberlet, Cell: 732-522-1011, Email: [mngoodberlet@gmail.com](mailto:mngoodberlet@gmail.com)

### St. Bernard CYM Basketball Registration

Open to girls and boys of the parish, registration will be held **Sunday, September 21st, 2014**, from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm** in **Room C**, in the lower level of the Church. The Diocese of Metuchen's program includes grade school and high school teams for girls and boys from the 3rd grade through high school. The registration fee is \$165.00 per child/\$210.00 for a family (2 or more children). *There is also a \$50.00 refundable volunteer work bond per family.*

*Previous participants will receive the registration materials by **email** and may send in their completed registration forms by mail to the address attached to the form no later than September 15th or may drop the form off in Room C, in the lower level of the Church, on the above registration date.*

There is a limited amount of space in this popular ministry. Children of parishioners who submit their registrations prior to the 9/21/14 registration date will receive top priority registration. After the 9/21/14 registration date, it is first-come, first-served.

If you have any questions regarding St. Bernard's program, or cannot make the registration date, please call Michael Goodberlet at 732-522-1011 or email at [mngoodberlet@gmail.com](mailto:mngoodberlet@gmail.com).



## Commission for Christian Service Activities



*Presented by the Nursing Ministry*

### Stroke Prevention Seminar

(about 45 minutes)

**October 4, 2014 ~ at 10:00 am in Room A/B**

**Speaker:** *Kathleen O'Donnell*, APN-C, RN, MSN, CRRN,  
Manager of Msgr. John F. Corr Stroke & Wellness Center

#### Items covered will include:

- Explanation of what stroke is and defining the 2 common types of stroke and their causes
- Signs and symptoms of stroke- will explain FAST acronym and hand out refrigerator magnets to audience to serve as quick reminders
- Current stroke rehabilitation and treatment options
- Stroke prevention education
- Education on the nature and purpose of Msgr. John F. Corr Stroke & Wellness Center
- Q&A / Discussion

**RSVP by September 27th** via email to Marisa Biserna at [Marisa.Biserna@atlantichhealth.org](mailto:Marisa.Biserna@atlantichhealth.org) or Jane McElroy at [janiemcel@gmail.com](mailto:janiemcel@gmail.com).



### Flu Shots and Blood Pressure Clinic

Flu shots and free blood pressure checks are available on

**Sunday, October 12th**

**from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the cafeteria.**

The cost for a flu shot is \$25 but free with Medicare Part B. Participants must be 18 years or older.

***Brought to you by the Parish Nursing Ministry and The Community Visiting Nurses Association.***

Questions? Call Jane McElroy at 908-938-4160

### Social Concerns Update

As your summer comes to its inevitable completion and school routines begin to be put into place, please try to remember those in our community who depend on the local food banks to meet the basic needs for themselves and their families. This month we collected 47 bags of groceries. Marie was so very grateful to see the carts of bags roll in and she continually brags of the generosity of St. Bernard.

**Our next collection is during the weekend of September 13th & 14th.** They can use canned meats, tuna, jelly, peanut butter, juice boxes, etc. Could you put a bag together?

### SHIP Update

St. Bernard collects casseroles and #10 cans of vegetables on the 2nd Sunday of every month in support of SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program). **The next pick up is scheduled for September 14th.**

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

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



## Commission for Christian Service Activities *(Continued)*

### Interfaith Hospitality Network

**Please take the time to read through, we need you!**

**St. Bernard will be hosting the IHN homeless shelter program for the week beginning on September 14th.**

Over the past year some of our long time volunteers for the program have stepped down from their involvement in the program due to moving from the area, work schedules and health issues.

We are at a point in this community outreach ministry where we need to evaluate if we are committed to continuing to support the shelter program. For the continued viability of this program at St. Bernard's, it is imperative that we enlist new families and individuals to volunteer their time to assist. We have been a part of this program since 1992 from its inception. At that time we had a much smaller congregation to draw volunteers from. **Now in 2014, with a much larger parish, our volunteers have drastically dwindled and our support of this program that serves our local community is in jeopardy.**

Commitments are hard to make given the very busy lives that many find themselves in. So what are we actually looking for from a volunteer in a given year? We currently are scheduled to host the program for five weeks in 2015.

- As an **overnight volunteer** on the 9:00 pm to 6:00 am shift, we would need you no more than five nights in the year, and most likely it would be four nights of the year.
- Overnight Host Coordinator. Bob Craig has organized the overnight hosts for the past several years and is going to step down at the end of 2014. We are in need of a coordinator who is willing to schedule the overnight volunteers.
- As an **evening volunteer** on the 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm shift, we would need you no more than five nights during the year, and most likely it would be three to four nights. Cynthia O'Connor would contact you a week or two before the shelter begins to check on your availability. *This is a good opportunity for families to get their kids involved with volunteerism. Also for students in need of service hours whether it be for their high school, scouts, or for making confirmation, they with a parent can sign up to help host.*
- As a **cook** who helps to prepare the evening meal, the cooking team coordinator, Tracy Liston, would place you on a team (one team for each night Sunday through Thursday) and you would assist with part of the meal for that night four to five nights a year. The team leader for your night would let you know what is needed, you would prepare it and drop it off hot in the classroom near the parish office just before 6:00 pm.
- As a **baker** who is on the dessert team, you would need to bake maybe four times during the year. Our baking team leader, Barbara Landmann, would work with you on which night a dessert is needed.

In 2014 we found a partner in the Garretson Road Church of Christ in Bridgewater. They currently supply the volunteers for the Friday night 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm shift and prepare the evening meal as well. Additionally, one of their parishioners is one of the Saturday night overnight hosts for IHN throughout the entire year with the exception of 2-3 weeks.

#### **IHN Host weeks for St. Bernard are as follows:**

September 14, 2014; October 26, 2014; January 4, 2015; February 22, 2015; May 17, 2015; September 13, 2015; and November 8, 2015

The number one area of concern is with the overnight hosts. At this point we do not have enough volunteers to ensure that we always have two overnight hosts on each night of the week. This puts an unfair burden on the single person who is the overnight host. This would not be considered a "best practice" for any shelter program. If you can donate a handful of overnights in the coming year, please reach out to Bob Craig at: [bbcr@optonline.net](mailto:bbcr@optonline.net). He can tell you more about what it entails and get you added to the volunteer list.

If you are interested in helping with the evening hosting, please contact Cynthia O'Connor via email at [CROConnor@gmail.com](mailto:CROConnor@gmail.com) or by phone at [908 203-0345](tel:9082030345).

If you are interested in filling Bob Craig's shoes as the scheduler of the overnight hosts, please contact Cynthia O'Connor (see above).

We are in desperate need of cooks for the Wednesday night team (currently it is one person) and additional cooks for all other nights. If you are interested in being placed on a cooking team, please contact Tracy Liston via email at [TListon@optonline.net](mailto:TListon@optonline.net) or by phone at [908 393-4456](tel:9083934456).

If you are interested in being placed on the dessert team, please contact Barbara Landmann via email at [Barbara.Landmann@alcatel-lucent.com](mailto:Barbara.Landmann@alcatel-lucent.com) or by phone at [908 403-4634](tel:9084034634).

## Commission for Christian Service Activities *(Continued)*

### About IHN - And How You Can Help!

From the IHN website: "Today's homeless population is diverse and goes beyond the stereotypes of bag ladies and skid row derelicts. The fastest growing segment of the homeless population is families with children, including the 'working poor'. These are parents who are working but cannot afford shelter and basic needs. Homeless families with children are the target population of our agency."

For more information on IHN and to see how you might be able to help them whether it be financial or with gently used donated items, or supplies for the center and their transitional housing, See more at: <http://www.ihnsc.org/> and look under the "How Can I Help?" tab.

### Other Items

#### Ride to Mass Needed

Senior resident who utilizes a wheelchair at Centerbridge II in Bridgewater is seeking a ride to mass at least once a month. If you can assist, please call 908-526-5105.

#### JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

A support group is being formed at Immaculate Conception Church, Somerville, for those who have recently experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, friend, or any loved one.

The group will be meeting on Monday evenings for six weeks.

PLACE: Immaculate Conception, Nazarus House, Somerville  
 DATE: Mondays, Starting September 22, 2014  
 TIME: 4:00 PM  
 CONTACT PERSON: Joan Kopil 908-369-0845

*There is no fee. Pre-registration is required.*

### Finance Council Update

#### Report of Sunday Offerings in Support of our Parish

July, 2013 to June, 2014 Financial Year

##### Weekly Offertory Collection

(September 7; Week 10)

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 22,650.00
Weekly Plate Contributions	\$ 16,912.63
ParishPay/Other Contributions	<u>\$ 8,300.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 2,562.63

##### Year to Date Offertory Collections

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 226,500.00
Actual Weekly Plate Collections	\$ 119,594.40
ParishPay/Other Contributions	<u>\$ 83,000.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (23,905.60)

*Remember that money is a resource for ministry. Thank you for making ministry possible at St. Bernard.*

## Finance Council Update *(Continued)*

### Scrip Update --- Week 200 (August 31, 2014)

#### Scrip Income

**Current Week:**                 \$ 80.98  
**Current Year(\*):**            \$ 1,011.63  
**Cumulative:**                 \$ 50,640.82

\* July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

#### Scrip Parish Vendor Contributions

**C & R Construction**         \$ 6,370.00  
**Mangia Buono Caterers**    \$ 1,323.00  
**Distinctive Landscaping**   \$ 2,078.00  
**Accounting Alternatives**   \$ 165.00  
**Other**                         \$ 280.00  
**TOTAL:**                        \$ 10,216.00

#### *200 Weeks and Counting!*

We just completed our 200th week in the Scrip Program. Thanks to all of our supporting Scrip Families for helping us raise over \$50,642 for our Parish.

#### *It's Back to School Time!*



Don't forget to use Scrip Cards for all your back to school needs.

#### *Thanks to Better Life Management Group!*

The Finance Council thanks Better Life Management Group for its continued support and recent contribution to the Scrip Program for the services they performed for our Parish families.

### Scrip Parish Vendors

**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 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 908-526-8949 or via email at [berniemc@optonline.net](mailto:berniemc@optonline.net). By joining the Scrip Program, your company can increase its exposure for business within the St. Bernard community of over 2,400 families.

#### **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](mailto:crconstruction@comcast.net). Pick up their flier at the Scrip table.

#### **Better Life Wealth Management Group, LLC:**

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?

For a *Free Consult* to help take action and gain peace-of-mind on these questions, contact Greg Elia, CPA, CFP® at 908-642-4197 or via email at [gelia@betterlifeplanning.com](mailto:gelia@betterlifeplanning.com). For more information please take the booklet "Navigating a Course" from the Scrip table in the Narthex.

#### **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.

#### **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 via email at [info@accountingalternatives.biz](mailto:info@accountingalternatives.biz).

#### **Mangia Buono Caterers:**

Contact Mangia Buono for all your family or business catering needs. They specialize in birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, award celebrations, meetings, business outings, family get-togethers, repast services, and just about any other event. Their fresh ingredients and flexibility will guarantee a successful event.

Call Nick Aviccolli to discuss your needs on 347-865-2237.

## Diocesan News

### Peter's Pence Collection

Next week, our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

### METUCHEN CURSILLO WEEKEND FALL 2014

The Metuchen Cursillo Movement will be holding their next Cursillo Weekends very soon!

**The Men's Weekend is scheduled for October 2-5, 2014**

**and the Women's Weekend is scheduled for October 16-19, 2014.**

**Weekends start on Thursday evening and end on Sunday afternoon.**

Cursillo, (pronounced "kur-see-yo,"), is a Spanish word meaning "short course," --- a short course in Christianity. A Cursillo Weekend is an "**Encounter with Christ.**" It is not a retreat. Rather, it is something which will strengthen your faith and bring you closer to Jesus. Bishop Bootkoski supports the Cursillo movement and has also made a Cursillo Weekend.

If you are interested in making a Cursillo Weekend, you may obtain an application from our website at [www.metcursillo.org](http://www.metcursillo.org) or you may contact the Pre-Cursillo Chairperson, Lorri DeNoyelles at, [lpdrn@aol.com](mailto:lpdrn@aol.com) or (732) 738-1796. You may also contact Dr. Tony Tangorra, Lay Director, at [drtangorra@gmail.com](mailto:drtangorra@gmail.com) or call 908-766-1900.

Early registration is advisable, as space is limited. Also, any Cursillistas that would like to help or assist for these weekends should contact Dr. Tony Tangorra at [drtangorra@gmail.com](mailto:drtangorra@gmail.com). Thank you.

### Cursillo Walkathon

The Fifth Annual Cursillo Walkathon will be held on St Bernard Church grounds in Bridgewater on **Saturday, September 20th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. It will be a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family. In addition to the Walkathon there will be food, music, a silent auction, plus some activities for the children. For more information and RSVP, please contact Marianne Kharé 908-552-8173 or [metcursilloevents@aol.com](mailto:metcursilloevents@aol.com).

## Other Area Events

### YOUTH CONCERT

*Array of Hope Presents*

An evening of faith, hope and love!

A musical multimedia experience!

**Featuring Matt Maher**

**September 19th at 8:00 pm**

The Strand Theater, 400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood Twp.

For tickets call 800-965-9324 or visit [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com)

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**The Parish Clergy**

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**Rev. Jason Pavich**, Parochial Vicar - ext. 806,  
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**The Office of Youth Ministry**

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ext. 804, **Lighthouse** - ext. 816, *Email: bmorin@...*

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**Clergy Residence (For Emergency Only):** 908-526-6859

**Bulletin articles are due no later than Noon Sunday for publication in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin.**

Please submit article requests to Christine Yarwood at [cyarwood@stbernardbridgewater.org](mailto:cyarwood@stbernardbridgewater.org) or drop off in the Parish Office.

**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
Crop Walk	Peace, Education and Action
Guatemala Partnership	
Interfaith Hospitality Network	

**Commission for Christian Community**

Christian Word Ministry	
Doughnut Sunday	
Divorced/Separated Support Group	
Golden Stewards	
Hospitality Committee	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Men's Breakfast Club	Singles Alive in Christ
Mom's Group	Small Faith Community
Parish Dinner Dance	Young Builder's Club
Parish Events Committee	Youth Basketball

**Commission for Evangelization**

Cursillo Retreat	Public Relations Committee
Ecumenical Board	Women's Cornerstone
Parish Retreat (Beloved)	Women's 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
Fr. Barton Parish Library
Senior High Youth Group

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

## Welcome to the Parish Community of St. Bernard of Clairvaux

### Parish Life at St. Bernard

#### Parish Membership

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

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

#### Catechetical Formation

Students in grades Pre-K through 8 are provided Catholic instruction and sacramental preparation by our Catechetical Formation staff and parent volunteers. Parish membership is required for enrollment in our program. Please call our Office of Catechetical Formation to register your child for classes.

#### Youth Ministry

Our youth are an active part of our ministry here at St. Bernard. Our parish Senior High Youth Group welcomes all high school youth to our Sunday events and youth friendly Mass. Those who are looking to go deeper can join our Service and Leadership Team (SALT) which meets weekly for Bible study and planning. Meetings are held in The Lighthouse, our very own room on the third floor of the Parish Center. Please call the Youth Ministry Office for details. Join Us!

#### Young Builder's Club at St. Bernard

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

#### Pre-School and Kindergarten at St. Bernard

Welcome to St. Bernard Pre-School and Kindergarten! Our programs are available to all! We are licensed by the state of NJ and offer a 3 half-day, a 5 half-day, or a 5 full-day program, which includes extended care. Our hours of operation are 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for Extended Care and 9:00 am – 11:30 am for our half-day programs. Children must be 3 years old by December 31st of the school year in which they are enrolled to be eligible for our pre-school program.

We offer a challenging and exciting full-day Kindergarten Program. Our school is open from September through June.

Please call the Pre-School / Kindergarten Office for further information and watch the bulletin for open-house, registration and enrollment information!

### Sacramental Life at St. Bernard

#### Baptism

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

#### The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

#### The Celebration of the Eucharist

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

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

Sunday: REGULAR SCHEDULE: 7:30 AM,  
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and NOON

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and  
7:30 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.