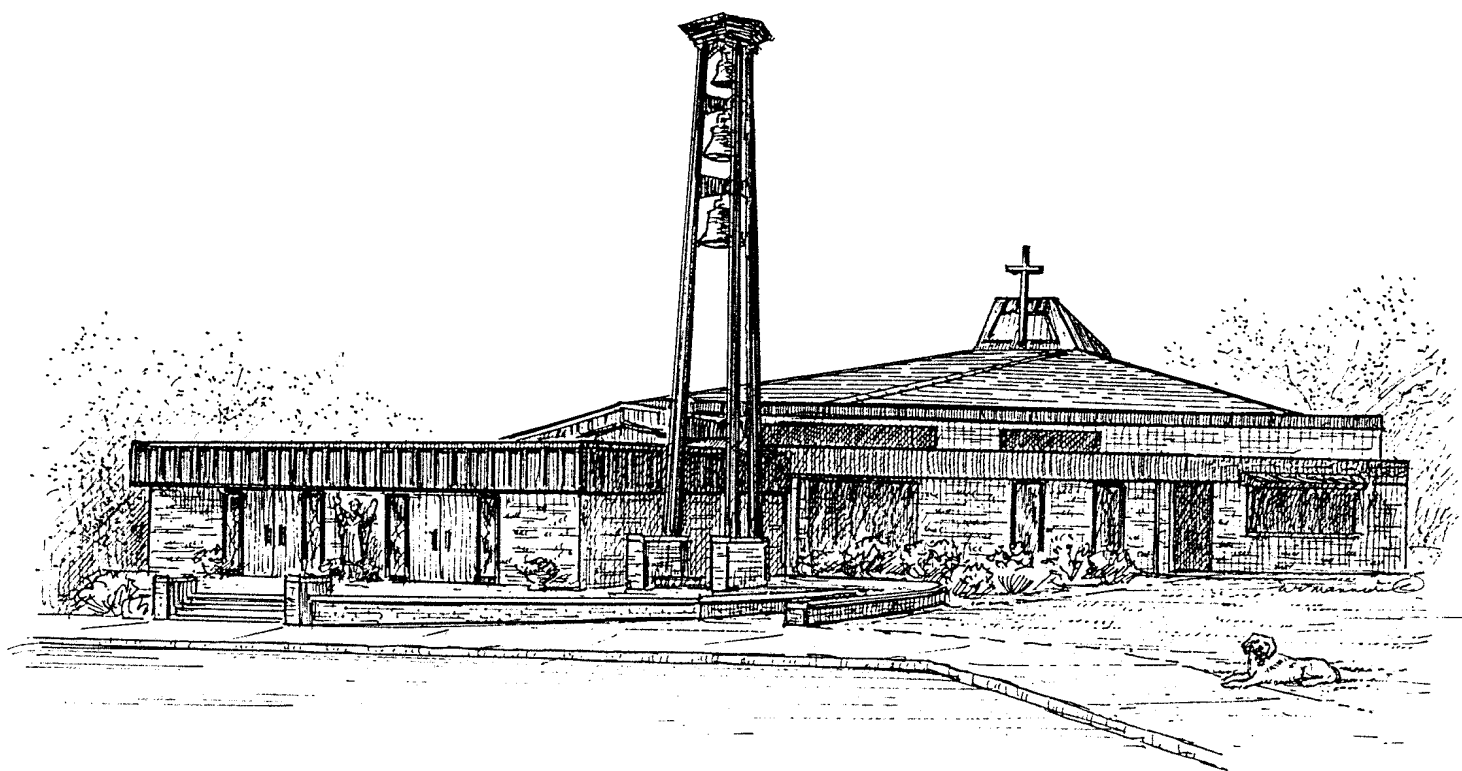


**The Roman Catholic Community of
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater, NJ 08807**

April 19, 2015 - Third Sunday of Easter



Served by:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano, Pastor
Rev. Keith Cervine, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Andrew Smith, O.S.B., Weekend Assistant
Mr. Patrick Cline, Deacon
Mr. Gerard Sims, Deacon
Mr. Michael Wojcik, Deacon
Mr. Paul Anderson, Deacon (Retired)
Mrs. Barbara Sanderman, Director of Sacred Music
Mrs. Karen Dill, Director, Office of Catechetical Formation
Mr. Bryant Morin, Director of Youth Ministry
Mrs. Barbara Turse, Director of St. Bernard Pre-School and Kindergarten
Mr. Mark LaFleur, Director, St. Bernard Cemetery

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

The Liturgical Week

Monday, April 20

8:00 AM Marge O'Brien, req. by the Paparteys family
12:10 PM Nancy Dwyer (1st ann.), req. by Susan Basile

Tuesday, April 21

St. Anselm

8:00 AM Rose Marie Rodin, req. by Amy Budzynski
12:10 PM Alberto Montesinos, req. by the Brito family

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 AM Rose Marie Rodin, req. by M/M J. Mutek
12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Juarez Family, req. by the Brito family

Thursday, April 23

Saint George, Saint Adalbert

8:00 AM John Mahler (1st ann.), req. by John & Jo Casey
12:10 PM Gloria Balas, req. by Helen Boyle

Friday, April 24

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00 AM Clarence F. Hanson, req. by Barbara Sanderman & the Parish Choir
12:10 PM Gerry Blessing (1st ann.), req. by Charlie & Margaret Soffel

Saturday, April 25

Saint Mark

9:00 AM Roy Valdez, req. by Jo & John Casey
5:15 PM *Vigil* Dorothy Manley, req. by Denise Fabiano

Sunday, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Antonio Martins, req. by Teresa Martins & Lurdes Anastacio
10:30 AM Betty Holley, req. by Mai Corvi
12 Noon Joe Filep, Sr., req. by Joe Filep

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Today's Readings

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

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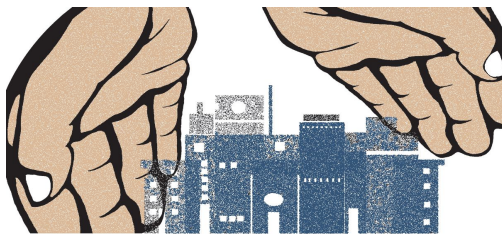
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Savoring The Experience

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us.



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 **Lisa Sanford**.



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Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2015

You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

— Psalm 4:9

This Week at St. Bernard

Sunday, April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

Stewardship Sunday,

Fair Trade Table in Vestibule,

Donut Sunday in Cafeteria after 10:30 am Mass

- 8:30 am - 9:45 am - Catechetical Formation Classes
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Parish Library Open
 10:30 am - Children's Liturgy at Mass, Chapel
 10:30 am - 11:30 am - Preschool Catechetical Formation
 Classes, Rooms D/E
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church
 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - CYM Basketball, Gym
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Men's Basketball, Gym

Monday, April 20

- 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm - Catechetical Formation Classes
 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm - Catechetical Formation Classes

Tuesday, April 21

- 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Mary Biblical Study, Rooms A/B
 2:00 pm - Private Meeting, Room B
 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm - Catechetical Formation Classes
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Prayer Meeting, Room F
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - CYM Basketball, Gym
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Divorce Group, Library
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Youth Group, LH
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Stewardship Meeting, RMR

Wednesday, April 22

- 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm - Catechetical Formation Classes
 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm - CYM Basketball, Gym
 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Open Music Rehearsal, Church
 8:00 pm - New Visions AA, Cafeteria

Thursday, April 23

- 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Eucharist Study, Rooms A/B
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal, Church
 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm - CYM Basketball, Gym
 7:00 pm - Children's RCIA, Room G
 7:30 pm - Women's Prayer Group, Chapel & Room C
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - RCIA Pre-catechumenate, Library
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - RCIA Mystagogy, Rooms D/E
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Cursillo School of Leaders Meeting,
 Rooms A/B
 7:30 pm - 9:15 pm - Parish Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, April 24

- 2:00 pm - Mass at Rehab at Rivers Edge
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - AED Training, Rooms A/B
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Caritas Rehearsal, Church

Saturday, April 25

Golf Fundraiser Table in Narthex, No Basketball

- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Virtus Training, Cafeteria
 10:00 am - Convalidation, Chapel
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Confessions, Church

Sunday, April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Golf Fundraiser Table in Narthex

- 8:30 am - 9:45 am - Catechetical Formation Classes
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Parish Library Open
 10:30 am - Children's Liturgy at Mass, Chapel
 10:30 am - 11:30 am - Preschool Catechetical Formation
 Classes, Rooms D/E
 1:30 pm - Baptisms, Church
 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - CYM Basketball, Gym
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Men's Basketball, Gym

A Stewardship Thought

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things.
 But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."

- Pope St. Gregory the Great

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:

April 25th and 26th

5:15 Mass Cantor: Allison Lim and Zena Karam

Altar Servers: Ashlyn Jess, Kaleigh Jess

Readers: Marie Pierce, John Deley

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Bedi, Karen Brophy, Bruny Carlo, Paula Clark, Marilynn Fabiano, Jo Ann Fabiano

7:30 Mass Altar Servers: Matt Parayil, Jos Parayil

Readers: Dan McDonald, Ron Haikes

Eucharistic Ministers: Rich Brancato, Ian Carmody, Jane McElroy, Sister Margaret

9:00 Mass Cantor: Amy Cosman

Altar Servers: Nick Mattia, Danny McCormick, Alexis Ciarletta

Readers: Meaghan O'Connor, Cynthia O'Connor

Eucharistic Ministers: Rand Jerris, Carol LaFleur, Vince Riello, Marybeth Kolodney, Carol Goett, Marie Harwanko

10:30 Mass

Cantor: Parish Choir and Amy Cosman

Altar Servers: John Grebeck, Sean Kelly, Greg Kelly

Readers: Jim Alaimo, Luis Alves

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Coscia, Margaret Batkowski, John Shanagher, Mary Ann Stevens, Dana Lauducci, Tom Kelly

12:00 Mass

Cantor: Celeste Gibbons

Altar Servers: Aidan Perry, Gabby Mouridy

Readers: Joe Filep, David Gallo

Eucharistic Ministers: Joy Marie Piccinnini, Joyce & Dominick Coppola, Janetta Buckmire, Jeannette Merritt, Denise Pachuta

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY/USHERS NEEDED

These ministers assist and aid parishioners, as well as the priests and other liturgical ministers during regularly scheduled and special Masses. Responsibilities include greeting people as they enter the church, offering assistance with seating, conducting the collection, organizing the presentation of the gifts, facilitating orderly communion lines, and assisting with any needs that arise during Mass.

All are welcome to serve. Instructions will be provided prior to serving and new ministers will be assigned to an experienced team when starting out. Time commitment generally involves assistance at one Mass per week. In addition to regular service needs, we are also looking for an individual who would be interested in serving as the lead coordinator for this group which would involve maintaining a list of group members and organizing the scheduling of ministers.

If interested in assisting in either capacity, please contact Ginny in the parish office at 908-725-0552 x802.



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 231-9545 to initiate your 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 Catechetical Formation Activities***From The Office of Catechetical Formation*****IMPORTANT DATES****Tuesday, April 21st:**

Last day of Tuesday classes

Wednesday, April 22nd:

Last day of Wednesday classes

Sunday, April 26th:

Last day of Sunday classes

Monday, April 27th:

Last day of Monday classes

**Registration for the 2015-2016
Catechetical Formation Classes
are now being accepted.
Forms are available on the parish website.**

**2015 Camp St. Bernard Registration**

Registration for the 2015 Camp St. Bernard is now taking place.

Children who have completed grades 1 through 5 are invited to join

Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th

on the grounds of St. Bernard from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm each day for a fun-filled opportunity to continue to learn more about our faith as they start their summer break.

This year we also welcome back the *Sisters of Jesus Our Hope* who will be assisting with the Camp.

See the parish website for all information and registration forms.

Commission for Catechetical Formation Activities *(Continued)*



REGISTER NOW!

National Catholic Bible Conference 2015
June 19th and 20th

Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

This is the must-attend Bible conference of the year. The theme of this year's conference is "Scripture and the Family of God." There, you will discover how God is calling you to do more than just believe in him. He is calling you to a life-changing and life-giving relationship with him. You will also learn how you can live out your calling as a witness to the Father's unfailing love for each and every person in your life.

You will also have the unique opportunity to glean insight and encouragement from gifted Catholic speakers and biblical scholars, including Jeff Cavins, Mark Hart, Mary Healy, and Edward Sri, Sarah Christmyer, and more!

Registration Options:

Group rate registration: Register no later than April 20th through St. Bernard using the registration form below to receive a \$10 group discount off the regularly priced registration fee.

OR

Individual Registration: Register individually at the regular rate through CatholicBibleConference.com.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIBLE CONFERENCE 2015 GROUP RATE REGISTRATION FORM

Register by April 20th

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St., Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee (Priests/Deacons/Consecrated Religious/Seminarians
FREE!)..... \$ 135

Meal Plan, \$30 (Optional). Includes breakfast & lunch on Friday & Saturday. See event website
for more information) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please tear off the registration form and submit it to:
St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish - Adult Faith Formation
500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
****** All checks payable to St. Bernard of Clairvaux ******

Commission for Catechetical Formation Activities (Continued)

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Programs at St. Bernard Spring 2015

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Have you ever wondered why Mary is so important to our faith as Catholics?

An extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, and presented in a video series by Dr. Edward Sri, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Mary will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

AM Sessions

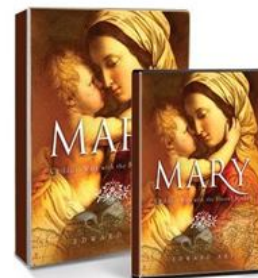
When: Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Room A/B

Dates: April 21 and 28 / May 5, 12, 19 (Library) and 26 / June 2, 9 and 16

Registration Fee: \$28

Registration Deadline: April 10th



EUCCHARIST

Explore the Source and Summit of our Faith

Delve into the central mystery of our faith by taking a deeper look at this most Holy Sacrament. This study program will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's Divine Life that you can receive at each and every Mass. Explore the Catholic belief in the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice and real presence in this study series produced by *Word on Fire Catholic Ministries* with video presentation by Fr. Robert Barron.

AM Sessions

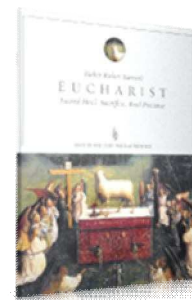
When: Thursdays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Room A/B

Dates: April 23 and 30 / May 7, 21 (Room C) and 28 / June 4

Registration Fee: \$16

Registration Deadline: April 10th



Spring 2015 Adult Faith Formation Program Registration

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Study Selection: _____ **Mary: A Biblical Walk** _____ **Eucharist**

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.

**For more information, send an email to stbchaff@gmail.com or
call the Office of Catechetical Formation at 908-725-0552 x824**

Golf Outing News

Golf Outing!



The Fifth Annual St. Bernard Golf Classic which will be held this year on **Tuesday, May 12, 2015**, at *Fox Hollow Golf Club* in nearby Branchburg. As at our last four outings, it should be a fun day for all.

In support of the outing, **50/50 Raffle tickets** will be sold after all Masses in the next few weeks. For **registration information**, see the parish website.



ST. BERNARD FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

~ **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** ~

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

For the past four years, the St. Bernard Golf Classic has been not only a fun event, but also a successful fundraiser for the parish. This year, the Golf Committee is hoping to build on that success by focusing our efforts on two items:

- 1) additional **corporate support** and
- 2) **items for our raffle and silent auction tables** on the day of the outing.

To accomplish these, we are asking you - our parishioners - for a little help. Please consider whether you or your employer might be interested in supporting this year's Golf Classic with a financial sponsorship or a gift item for the raffle table.

If so, please pass along the proper person's contact information. Once received, a member of the Golf Committee will make contact, but will not use your name, unless permitted. Thank you for your help in this matter.

- Direct **sponsorship information/questions** to Mark LaFleur at 908-725-5566 or via email at cemetery@stbernardbridgewater.org.
- Direct **raffle/silent auction information/questions** to Elisabeth McConville at 908-334-6630 or via email at elisabethmcconville@outlook.com.

Commission For Christian Service Activities

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Nursing Ministry Presents

STROKE PREVENTION SEMINAR

Who?	Parishioners, Family, and Friends Most Welcomed
What?	STROKE or "BRAIN ATTACK"
When?	Saturday, June 20, 2015
Time?	10:00 am to 11:00 am
Where?	Rooms A & B
Why?	Time Lost is Brain Lost
Speaker?	Dana DeAngelis, BSN, RN -- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset
How?	Program includes:



Defining a Stroke
Signs / Symptoms of a Stroke and acting *FAST*
Current Rehabilitation and Treatment Options
Stroke Prevention Education
Stroke brochures, Support Group Info, Stroke Centers

Minimum Accommodation? 20 Participants

Bonus Features? Light Refreshments and Blood Pressure Clinic following the seminar

Please **RSVP** no later than Friday, June 6th
Marisa Biserna RN marisa.biserna@atlantichhealth.org
Jane McElroy RN janemcel@gmail.com or 908-923-4160



Fair Trade Sale in the vestibule this weekend after all Masses

Items for sale include hand-knitted "Minions", coffee, tea, chocolate, hot Cocoa, Guatemalan scarves, purses and assorted Fair Trade goods from other countries

Thank you to everyone who continues to support both the Fair Trade sales and the Guatemala Scholarship program, by shopping at our Fair Trade table. Some of the reasons we support Fair Trade include:

1. **Fair Trade means fair pay and working conditions for farmers and producers.** Fair Trade products are made in safe and healthy working conditions, where farmers and producers receive a fair price and have a voice in how their workplace is run.
2. **Fair Trade is better for the environment.** Fair Trade supports sustainable practices that minimize our environmental footprint.
3. **Fair Trade means high quality goods.** Artisans take pride in their work. Crafts are often handmade, which translates into closer attention to detail and in the end higher-quality products.
4. **Fair Trade means better tasting food.** Farmers are involved and invested in the entire production process, and crops are grown and harvested in smaller quantities. As a result, Fair Trade food is fresher and tastier.
5. **Fair Trade is safe.** Fair Trade actively promotes integrated farm management systems that improve soil fertility and preserve valuable ecosystems, and limit the use of harmful agrochemicals that present dangers to farmers' health. That means food that's safer for you and for the people who grow it.



Commission for Christian Community Activities

St. Bernard Young Builder's Club (YBC)

Saturday, April 18th from 1:45 pm to 4:00 pm

YBC provides a faith-based learning environment for our parish children, where they practice creative thinking, problem solving and life-long social skills. Sessions are held one Saturday per month and all children must be accompanied by an adult, who stays and works with their young builder(s) on the K'Nex project of their choice.

All children, ages 3-10+, along with their parents and/or grandparents, are invited to work together to build (and keep) a special K'nex item, display their creation in our Project Parade, and win a Door Prize! Come join the fun at our final building session of the season on Saturday, April 18th at 1:45 PM in the Parish Center Cafeteria. **This is our Annual PIZZA Meeting!** So that we might have enough Pizza for everyone, please let us know that you are coming and how many family members will attend. Attendees are also invited to bring and share a nut-free dessert, such as brownies, cookies or cupcakes.

Adult volunteers are always appreciated, especially for set-up at 1:00 pm, registration at 1:45 pm, and clean-up from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Confirmation candidates and scouts are eligible to earn service hours at YBC, but they must register in advance with Debra Kurtz by e-mail or Martha Eckert by telephone at 908-704-6749. Are you a YBC graduate? Come back and help us build cool, coveted door prizes!

Please email Debra at ybcinfo@verizon.net to RSVP for the April meeting, to be added to our YBC e-mail list, or for more information.

Finance Council Update

Report of Sunday Offerings in Support of our Parish

July, 2013 to June, 2014 Financial Year

Weekly Offertory Collection

(April 12; Week 40)

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 22,650.00
Weekly Plate Contributions	\$ 12,427.46
ParishPay/Other Contributions	\$ 8,300.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,922.54)

Year to Date Offertory Collections

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 906,000.00
Actual Weekly Plate Collections	\$ 566,053.48
ParishPay/Other Contributions	\$ 332,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (7,946.52)

Remember that money is a resource for ministry.

Thank you for making ministry possible at St. Bernard.

Finance Council Update (Continued)

Scrip Update --- Week 231 (April 12, 2015)

Scrip Income

Current Week:	\$193.59
Current Year(*):	\$ 7,163.85
Cumulative:	\$ 56,793.04
* July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015	

Scrip Program Exceeds \$1,000,000 in Card Sales!

As of this past weekend, our Scrip Program has processed a total of 4,322 orders for 21,553 Scrip Cards worth \$1,007,913.75 over the past 231 weeks the program has been in operation. Thank you to all of our participating Scrip families who have made this possible.

Scrip Parish Vendor Contributions

C & R Construction	\$ 6,370.00
Mangia Buono Caterers	\$ 1,323.00
Distinctive Landscaping	\$ 2,331.00
Accounting Alternatives	\$ 200.00
Other	\$ 355.00
TOTAL:	\$ 10,579.00

Thank You Better Life Wealth Management Group!

The Saint Bernard Finance Council wishes to thank the Better Life Wealth Management Group for its recent contribution to our Scrip Program based upon services provided to our Parishioners. Please continue to consider using Better Life Wealth Management Group, LLC when you are in need of the financial services they provide.

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-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 bernimec@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.

General Scrip Information

Don't forget that cards ordered by noon on Sunday are generally available for pick-up starting the following Thursday.

Order forms are available in the Parish Office, at the Scrip Table in the Narthex after masses, and on the Parish web-site.

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

Accounting Alternatives:

Need accounting or tax assistance or services? Accounting Alternatives provides comprehensive and solution oriented accounting and tax services to small businesses and individuals. We're an ally to our clients. We're located in downtown Raritan. Contact Michael Di Bianco, CPA at 908-707-8733 or visit their website at info@accountingalternatives.biz.

C&R Construction:

Contact C&R for all your construction and home repair needs. From the simplest repair to the most complicated job, C&R can do the job. Numerous Parishioners have used their services and have been very satisfied with the work performed. To get a quick quote on your job contact C&R at 908-927-0744 or via email at crconstruction@comcast.net. You can also pick up their flier at the Scrip table.

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, repas services, and just about any other event. Their fresh ingredients and flexibility will guarantee a successful event. Call Nick Avicolli to discuss your needs on 347-865-2237.

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.

LMS Marketing LLC:

LMS Marketing, LLC is a boutique marketing and strategy firm with expertise in Digital, Strategic, Communications/PR, and Branding. With their innovative *surround approach*, they can help you develop a message that resonates with existing and new clients. Their strategy will help you map out new areas of growth by identifying opportunities and how to capitalize on them. Their goal is simple, to help you accelerate your growth. If you want to have a record breaking 2015, find them on the web at <http://www.lsmmarketingllc.com> or call Jim DeMaiores at 908-872-1315.

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 email gelia@betterlifeplanning.com. For more information please take the booklet "Navigating a Course" from the Scrip table in the Narthex.

Other Area Happenings

Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 84 will host their **Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 am - 11:00 am** at **Immaculata High School Cafeteria, 240 Mountain Ave., Somerville.**

The scouts will prepare and serve plain and chocolate chip pancakes, sausage - all you care to eat - plus tea, coffee, juice and milk! Tickets cost \$5 for adults & \$4 for children under 6. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any Troop 84 scout. For further information, please email: troop84pancakebreakfast@yahoo.com

BSA Troop 84, chartered by the First United Methodist Church in Somerville, is a service and adventure oriented troop of over 70 scouts and young adult leaders in grades 5-12 from Somerville, Bridgewater, Raritan, Branchburg, Hillsborough and other nearby towns.

Acquire the Fire

Acquire the Fire, the combined **young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John Neumann**, will be having their next meeting on **Sunday, April 19th at 7:00 pm** in the Old Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes (390 County Road 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889).

One of the parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes will be speaking on "*Close Encounters of the Christ Kind.*"

Save the date for the **next meeting** which will take place on **Sunday, May 3rd at 7:00** at Our Lady of Lourdes. To join the list serve please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.



Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a night of Jazz!

Immaculata High School hosts its second Annual

Spartan Jazz Supper Club

Be transported back to a time when "high-class supper clubs" were the hottest spot in town on a Saturday night. We'll have great food catered by *Mangia Buono* of Raritan and music by our own talented young jazz musicians. Bring your own wine or take a chance on some special bottles we'll have just for the night.

Save the date:

Saturday May 9th

The music starts at 6:00 pm and dinner is served at 7:00 pm. Don't miss a minute-reserve your tickets now! Cost is \$30 per person. (MUST BE OVER 21 TO ATTEND.)

Reservation information: <http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/page.cfm?p=531>

Or email: spartanjazzsupperclub@gmail.com or call: (908) 722-0200 x132

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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 cvarwood@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.