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Our priests are available for individual consultation.
Just call the rectory (718 - 837-3400)
to schedule an appointment.*

MASSES:

Saturday: 8:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM & 12:00 P.M.
Daily: 7:00, 9:00 A.M.
Eves of Holydays: 7:30 P.M.
Holydays: 7:00, 9:00 & 10:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS:

Monday to Friday: 6:30-6:50 A.M., 8:30-8:50 A.M.
Saturday: 7:30-7:50 A.M., 1:00 to 2:00 P.M., 4:30-5:20 P.M.

DEVOTIONS:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mon. after the 9:00 A.M.
Mass. Rosary - Mon.-Sat. after the 9:00A.M. Mass.

MARRIAGES:

Please call the Rectory Office at least 6 months in advance of the marriage date to make an appt. with a priest to discuss marriage plans. Please log on to www.pre-cana.org for complete information about marriage preparations in the Diocese.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday.
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Legal Holidays.
Sick Calls Anytime.

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BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are scheduled on the Third Sunday of the month at 2:00 P.M. A Preparation Session is required for parents to attend on the Preceding Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Registration of Baptism is necessary prior to preparation and date of Baptism. A Birth Certificate is also needed at the time of registration. Parents are required to make appointment before both the preparation meeting and the date of Baptism.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith-filled community of St. Bernadette, under the guidance of our Blessed Mother, pass on our Catholic heritage to future generations by following Christ's example of caring for His people. We accomplish this through the loving actions of welcoming and serving one another's spiritual and social needs.



PRAY FOR

Sunday, May 22nd

8:00 For the People of the Parish
 10:00 Umberto D'Agnesi
 12:00 Mary Carabetta

Monday, May 23rd

7:00 Camille Lorina
 9:00 Michele Ruggieri

Tuesday, May 24th

7:00 Dr. Laurence de Fazio
 9:00 Kanul Family & Nonna Albina

Wednesday, 25th

7:00 Marin & Katerina Gergoric Family
 9:00 Tommaso Chieco
 7:30 Vigil Mass The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 26th

7:00 Minnie Maglio
 9:00 Luce Luxama-Philome
 10:00 Angela Rosa Cafiero

Friday, May 27th

7:00 Michael Marchesano
 9:00 Jan Kardasz

Saturday, May 28th

8:00 Tommy DeGnaro
 5:30 Anthony & Gloria Petrocelli

Sunday, May 29th

8:00 For the People of the Parish
 10:00 Michael Ladisa
 12:00 Donna Catanzaro

Michael Albano	Sally Testa
Louis Battaglia	Joseph Trovato
Debbie Bouroudis	Mary Vinci
Sarah Brodine	Weick Family
Cheryl Brown	Marco Wilen
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Pauline Sciarrino	
Nicky Taverniti	

In the event of recovery or improvement, please contact the rectory. A persons name will be removed after several weeks unless notification to remain is received.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Rest In Peace

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 Paul J. Bria



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 Francesca Sanfratello
 Mary Vinci
 Pauline Sciarrino
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Sunday Collection

Weekly Goal:

\$7,500

Amount Received:

\$3,627

Shortfall:

\$3,873

Such recurring deficits continue to be alarming. Please keep up with your weekly giving.

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Msgr. Caserta

May Devotions

Each Wednesday in May at 7:30 pm our parish will honor our **Blessed Mother** in the month dedicated to her. We will pray the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother, have a brief homily and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come to honor our Lady to whom our parish belongs in a special way because of Mary's appearances to St. Bernadette at Lourdes.

REMINDER

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, MAY 26TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD. THE RECTORY WILL REOPEN ON FRIDAY, MAY 27TH.

THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THE LAST MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY, MAY 26TH.

Parish Registration

To our St. Bernadette Community, if you are not already an active and registered parishioner, please stop by the rectory office and speak to Anna to register. If you are not registered, we can not issue any letters of recommendations, or sponsorship certificate, etc.

Thank you.
Msgr. Caserta

Announced Mass Book

ST. Bernadette 2023 Mass Book will be open on Monday, May 23rd.
Hours are as follows:
Monday-Friday
9:00 am-11:30 am
and
1:00pm-3:30 pm

NO MASSES TAKEN OVER THE TELEPHONE



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Registration for Religious Education 2022-2023 will be on Tuesday, June 7th from 6:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. at St. Bernadette School on 83rd Street. Needed is a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate along with a check for \$225 per family for the year. If you have a son/daughter in grades 1 thru 6th we welcome you in our Parish Program. Transferring students need to bring proof of participation in their former Religious Education Program/Catholic School. Any further discussion, please feel free to call (718) 232-7733 or email religiusedstbernadette@gmail.com.

Happy Spring!

St. Bernadette Catholic Academy

The mission of St. Bernadette Catholic Academy is to educate the whole child, fostering and stimulating in students an awareness of their Baptismal gift of Faith, recognition of their own God-given talents, and to empower students to mature into successful Catholic Christian adult citizens.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or* Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) *or* John 17:20-26.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: Victoria Day (Canada)
- Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday); St. Philip Neri
- Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

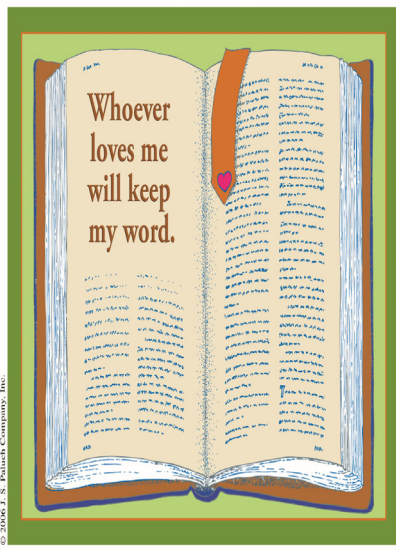
Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

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Attn: Mrs. Maria Cordi

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As always, thank you for your unending support!!*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*



MAY
22
2022

Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and
make our dwelling with him.

John 14:23

PEACE

The sixth Sunday of Easter moves us toward the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Church. Today's Gospel describes Jesus at the Last Supper, foretelling the coming of the Spirit to the community of Jesus. Jesus combines the promise of the Spirit with his gift of peace to his disciples. He foresees that the community must be grounded in his love, which provides peace, to face the tumult of the Crucifixion, and later, the trials of the early Church. Grounded in Jesus, the community can then be open to the Spirit who will continually guide, remind, and renew them in their life together. The gift of peace from Jesus is not a worldly peace through which the powerful crush opposition. It is not a complacent or private peace. The peace of Jesus instead seeks and works toward peace throughout the world, guided by the Spirit.

RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Today's passage from Acts captures the beginning and the conclusion of what became known as the Jerusalem Council. It is well worth studying all of Acts 15, meant to provide an example of responsible leadership for the wider Church. There was substantial conflict within the community over what is necessary for unity in the diverse community of Jews and Gentiles. We can notice some key characteristics of the actions of the leadership.

The leaders acknowledged the reality of a significant conflict without minimizing it. They received and fully honored the diverse experiences of persons of different backgrounds. They worked with an accepted authority structure and a process to move toward resolution. They were committed to discern the action and will of the Spirit, with a deep respect for testimony about how the Spirit was working. They avoided placing unneeded burdens on anyone. And afterward, they continued to observe the ongoing action of the Spirit as the decision was implemented.

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

The issues weighed by the Jerusalem Council in our passage from Acts were related to circumcision as a requirement, and to table fellowship. A strong theological tradition held that traditional practices were essential, and the community genuinely sought to maintain continuity with the roots of their faith. Peter's observation about how the Spirit was actively working in their midst pointed the leaders in a new direction. Then James reminded them that the scriptural tradition also pointed to fully welcoming the Gentiles into God's community.

It is a profound challenge for leaders in our own parishes when encountering issues that can fracture a community. What is essential and what is not? What are we called to embrace, or called to lay down? Acknowledging conflict and working toward resolution is an essential function for our parishes, because Christ calls us to live in unity. We are called to open our hearts, mine our tradition, and observe the activity of the Spirit.

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Acts 15:1–2, 22–29
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23
John 14:23–29

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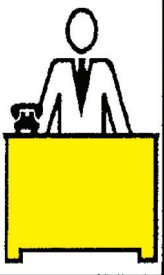
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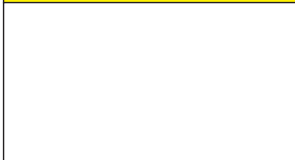


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