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St. Bernadette Church would like to welcome those who are searching for God  
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You are warmly invited to join us for worship in a faith-filled community.  
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.  
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### **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](http://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.

### **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

For information and availability options please call:  
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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.



**Sunday, August 14th**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 Maria Maiorano  
12:00 Peter Balzano

**Monday, August 15th**

7:00 Margaret Johnston  
9:00 Moringiello & Imbriale Families  
10:00 Susan Rubino

**Tuesday, August 16th**

7:00 Rocco Cordi  
9:00 Isabella & Domenico Grieco

**Wednesday, August 17th**

7:00 Richard Dooner  
9:00 Rozalia Matuszewski

**Thursday, August 18th**

7:00 Rita Cappucci  
9:00 Luigi & Luerezia DiGiacomo

**Friday, August 19th**

7:00 The Bastianelli Family  
9:00 Ralph Sangorgio

**Saturday, August 20th**

8:00 Gloria Villella  
5:30 Anne Fascianella

**Sunday, August 21st**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 John Peloro  
12:00 Gary Gilroy

**Purgatorial Society**

Joseph Mattareliano  
Diane Rositano  
Michael T. Mauro

**PRAY FOR**

Michael Albano	Gail Reilly
Anna	Susan Albi Russo
George Anthony Jr.	Mark Sailor
Louis Battaglia	Elizabeth Soto
Debbie Bouroudis	Nicky Taverniti
Sarah Brodine	Sally Testa
Cheryl Brown	Joseph Trovato
Nicholas Campanella	Weick Family
Marylou Chiarello	Marco Wilen
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Brian Dowling	
Ray Gangi	
Josephine Giagnorio	
George Guida	
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Nicola Muriale	
Bernadette O'Neill	
Anthony Pelle	
Jon Raugalas	

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.

**Memorial Gift for the Week of August 14, 2022**

**Memorial Gift of Wine**

In Memory of: Gary Gilroy  
Requested by: The Torre Family



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In Memory of: Santo Zito  
Requested by: His Loving Family



In Memory of: Pietra Trantino  
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**Rest In Peace**

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James Potts



**Sunday Collection**

Weekly Goal:  
\$7,500  
Amount Received:  
\$4,345  
Shortfall:  
\$3,155

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

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Msgr. Caserta



Registration for Religious Education 2022-2023 will be on Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. at St. Bernadette School on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street (please ring buzzer). 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. If you have any further questions regarding our program, please feel free to call (718) 232-7733 or email [religiousedstbernadette@gmail.com](mailto:religiousedstbernadette@gmail.com). Please help spread the word about our program. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 PM. We welcome newcomers!

**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 is now open.  
Hours are as follows:  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
and  
1:00pm-3:30 pm

**\*NO MASSES TAKEN OVER THE TELEPHONE\***

**REMINDER**

**In observance of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary the rectory will be closed on Monday, August 15th. The rectory will reopen on Tuesday, August 16th.**

**The church will be closed after the last morning Mass on Monday.**

**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** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**


Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Friday: St. John Eudes

Saturday: St. Bernard



*The Shrine Church of St. Bernadette*  
*- Invites you to pray the Rosary -*  
**Tuesdays**  
*with Our Lady*  
*in the Grotto*  
**7:00pm - 7:45pm**  
**July 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

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Thank You for your participation.



**PROPHETS**

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

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# Twentieth

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

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I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!

Luke 12:49

### REJECTION AND DIVISION?

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Assumption. Mary stands with the “great cloud of witnesses” described in Hebrews: those who kept their eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. We may not be thinking of Mary when we hear Jesus’ harsh words in today’s Gospel, but when she said “yes” to Gabriel, it carried the risk of the rejection and division that Jesus describes. As the early Christians surely knew, to hold Jesus as the sole leader and perfecter of faith meant that you would likely find yourself divided from those in your household who held other beliefs. This occurrence is not unknown in our own time and place, and many of us surely know a household divided on the issue of religion, even if the divisions are occurring solely through indifference. A life of faith lived to the full will likely eventually call on us to separate ourselves somehow, keeping our gaze firmly on Jesus, so we will also one day join the great cloud of witnesses.

### FIRE IN THE MUD

Prophets have been described as being on fire with God’s message. Today, that fire in Jeremiah has to keep burning in the bottom of a muddy cistern. The rulers of his own people (including Judah’s king, Zedekiah) have placed him there for speaking an unpopular, if truthful, message to them. His own leave him there, mired in the mud, to starve and die. It takes a foreigner, an outsider, to convince Judah’s king that Jeremiah ought to be rescued, his life spared to continue as God’s prophet. As so often happens in the lives of the prophets, the help and saving power of God are shown through unexpected people in unexpected ways. We can often find ourselves mired in mud of one sort or another. Do we truly have the fire of God’s message in us, so that we can look for our rescue from places we might not expect?

### SPIRIT FIRE IN THE SUMMER

A generation or two ago, these Summer Sundays in Ordinary Time would have been known as Sundays “of Pentecost.” That naming convention helped recall that the Spirit’s Pentecost fire was carrying us through all the Sundays until the end of the liturgical year. Though we may no longer use that name for these Sundays, the underlying reality is the same. The fire that Jesus speaks about today is the blaze of the Spirit. The fire he spoke about when he told his followers they were light for the world was the flame of the Spirit lighting the lamp of discipleship. It takes courageous disciples to allow the blazing fire of which Jesus speaks into their lives, to allow its light, warmth, and even cleansing to work in them and through them. Though we may not want to think about the heat of the Spirit’s fire on a summer Sunday, that Spirit is always with us, burning within.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10  
Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18  
Hebrews 12:1–4  
Luke 12:49–53

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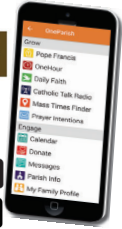
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