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*Looking for a Catholic community?
St. Bernadette Church would like to welcome those who are searching for God
and meaning in their lives.
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.
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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

For information and availability options please call:
(718) 894-4888

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, September 4th

8:00 For the People of the Parish
10:00 Irene & Alfred Cardin
12:00 Anna Ladisa

Monday, September 5th

7:00 Gaspare Basano
9:00 Rozalia Matuszewski

Tuesday, September 6th

7:00 Elaine Camerada
9:00 Isabella & Domenico Grieco

Wednesday, September 7th

7:00 Victoria Jordan
9:00 Fortunato & Matuszewski Families

Thursday, September 8th

7:00 Carmen Marie DiRienzo Carmody
9:00 In Honor of the Blessed Mother

Friday, September 9th

7:00 Denis J. McHugh III
9:00 Adriana Laccona

Saturday, September 10th

8:00 Maria Luisa DeGrezia
5:30 Jamal Beyrouti II

Sunday, September 11th

8:00 For the People of the Parish
10:00 William Carestia
12:00 Salvatore Peloro

Purgatorial Society

Amelia Brogna

PRAY FOR

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

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 Gifts for the Week of September 4, 2022

Memorial Gift of Bread

In Memory of: Josephine Virzi
Requested by: The Barbera Family



Memorial Gift of Wine

In Memory of: Josephine Virzi
Requested by: The Barbera Family

Memorial Gift of Flowers

In Memory of: Carmen Marie DiRienzo Carmody
Requested by: The Cutrona & Chieco Families



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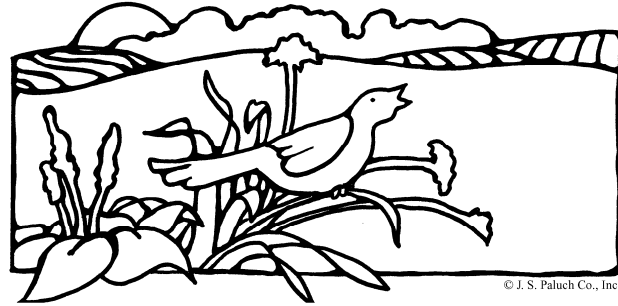
Sunday Collection

Weekly Goal:
\$7,500
Amount Received:
\$2,916
Shortfall:
\$4584

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

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Msgr. Caserta



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days.

— Psalm 90:14

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 Labor Day the rectory will be closed on Monday, September 5th. The rectory will reopen on Tuesday, September 6th.

The church will be closed after the last morning Mass on Monday, September 5th.

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 — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Peter Claver

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.

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Thank You for your participation.



HUMILITY

Today's readings praise the virtue of humility and offer concrete ways for us to become more humble. The Book of Sirach suggests a practical reason for acting with humility: humble people are more likeable than the arrogant. Even God "finds favor" with those who humble themselves. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus provides real-world suggestions for growing in humility and teaches us never to assume we are better than others. His words change our outward behavior and expand our hearts and minds to care about people we might have dismissed before. This practical, almost "folksy" wisdom about humility helps us behave better in daily life and makes our lofty goal of eternal life more accessible. Our reading from Hebrews affirms that heaven is indeed approachable. The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus have opened "the city of the living God" to us. Humility prepares us for paradise.

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Anyone of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

HELP US COMPREHEND

Wisdom asks us “Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends?” If we put this in contemporary language, we might say “You haven’t got a clue!” There are times when none of us knows what is going on. Life is beyond our understanding. We seek loved ones, mentors, friends, spiritual directors, and therapists to help us comprehend. This is a common theme through all of today’s scriptures. Wisdom reminds us, “scarce do we guess these things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty.” Psalm 90 pleads, “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” Saint Paul is speaking on behalf of Onesimus, and begging Philemon to welcome him. Luke’s Gospel is very challenging to hear. Today we see that not all the lessons we need to learn are pleasant or joyful, but they are timely.

MINISTRIES AND CALLS—VOCATIONS AND AVOCATIONS

Prior to this week’s Gospel, great crowds were beginning to follow Jesus. Excitement was building, as there were whispered conversations wondering if this were the long-awaited King that the Hebrews were hoping for. The crowds’ idea of a king was very different, however, from what Jesus was offering. The king they were waiting for was a high priest, a Messiah. This was not the kingdom that Jesus was preaching, but rather one of pain, of carrying one’s cross and burdens—a kingdom that one must not approach lightly, but make serious plans and efforts to help build. Too often we see this passage, thinking it harsh and referring only to those called to religious life. The truth is that we are all called to charity. Taking up our cross is not a call to suffer for the sake of suffering, but to pursue goodness and righteousness.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Cost of Discipleship is the name of the powerful book written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the theologian who was killed in a Nazi death camp. Today we see breakdowns in family relationships over religion and politics. We see those who forget how to forgive, and those who were never taught how to love. Bonhoeffer offered a message that could be applied to any story right out of the evening news. He said that Christian love doesn’t distinguish between enemies, except that those who hate more bitterly are in greater need of love. Indeed, they should expect only unqualified love from a Christian. Bonhoeffer concludes that if one is not willing to love indiscriminately as a disciple of Christ, then one is not a Christian at all. When Jesus asks us today to take up our cross, he is asking us to take up the discipline of Christian love.

TODAY’S READINGS

Wisdom 9:13–18b
Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14 and 17
Philemon 9–10, 12–17
Luke 14:25–33

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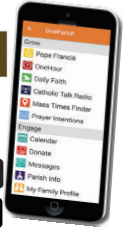
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