

The Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux & St. Stanislaus Kostka

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The people of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka are a "Living Mosaic of God's People," who seek salvation through worship, education, stewardship and service, proclaiming our faith in God and in our heritages.

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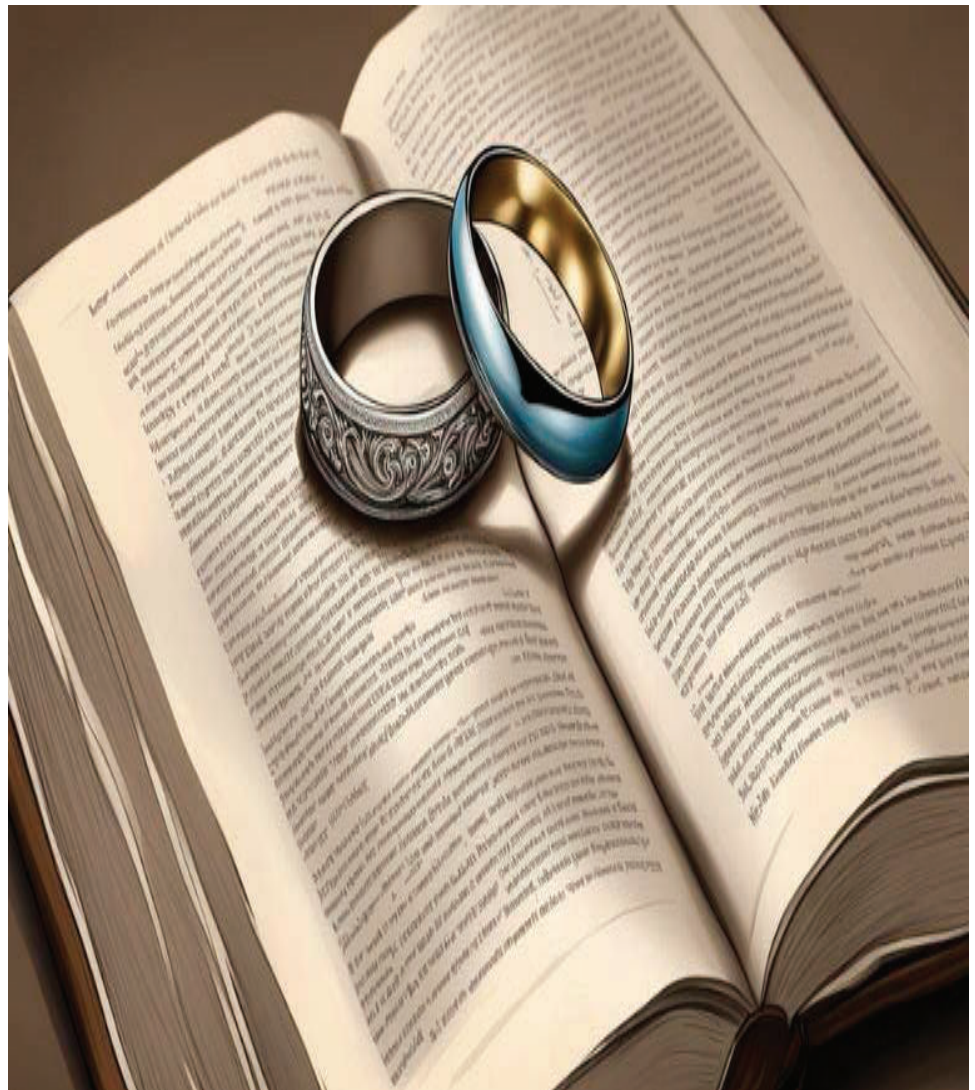
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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: Closed or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Saturday: Closed or by appointment



BAPTISM: Celebrated throughout the year in accordance with the policy of the Archdiocese and to accommodate the needs of our Parish Family. Attendance at a preparation session may be required. You must be a registered and active family for at least 90 days before a date for Baptism will be scheduled. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made with a priest as soon as possible. One year prior to marriage or as soon as engagement is announced is recommended.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Levels 1 - 8: Wednesday,
6:30 - 7:45 pm

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: In the event of serious illness or when someone is hospitalized, the parish office should be notified. The Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated with anyone requesting them. Remember, the Hospital cannot notify us on their own.

CHOIR

We are fortunate enough to have a Parish Choir that has a full multi-lingual repertoire; English, Polish and Spanish. The Choir rehearses on Thursday at 7:00 PM. Instrumentalists are welcomed, either to play solo or with our choir. A parish orchestra made up of adults who rehearse and performs several times during the year. If you are interested in joining or for more information or just to volunteer, contact the office at (908) 756-3393.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to call the parish office and make an appointment to register. When you are moving from the parish, please notify the parish office.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Call the Office during regular hours.

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Stewardship calls us to freely give of our time, talent, and treasure for the good of our parish family and community. God gives us everything! I give Him back my tithes. Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God – 5% for your parish church and 5 % for other charities.

VOCATIONS

Those who are recognizing the call to the priesthood, diaconate, or the religious life are invited to speak to a priest or contact the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973-497-4365, or on the website www.rcan.org/vocation/index.htm

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Saturday – October 5... St. Faustina Kowalska and St. Francis Xavier

9:00AM... People of the Parish
5:00PM... + Bill and Ruth Sullivan, req. Daughter Gayle

Sunday – October 6...27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Catherine Pellerano, req. Granddaughter and Family
11:00AM...+ Kasimierz Wojewódka, req. Friends from So.Plfd.
1:00PM...+ Catherine Pellerano, req. Doreen Kruse

Monday – October 7...Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00AM.... Health of Luke Lombardi, req. Beverly Cirino

Tuesday – October 8...Weekday

9:00AM...+ Stella Gabruk-Sopko, req. Daughter Karole

Wednesday – October 9...St. Denis and St. John Leonardi

9:00AM... Health of Jerry Signorelli, req. Beverly Cirino

Thursday- October 10...Weekday

9:00AM...+ Rose and Elwood Shaughnessy,
req. Johanna Merkle

Friday – October 11 ...St. John XXIII

9:00AM...+ Blanka Rosales, req. Family

Saturday – October 12... Weekday

9:00AM... + People of the Parish
5:00PM... + John Skolka, Jr., req. John and Theresa Cosmas

Sunday – October 13...28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Special Intention for Peace, req. Ebose Family
11:00AM...+ Grzegorz Grzelak, req. Sister and Family
...+ Janina Książek, req. Książek rodzina
1:00PM...+ Michael Duff, req. Byrne - Kruse Family

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for **All Our Parish Faithful Departed.**

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of **October is in Memory of John Skolka, Jr.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Cathy and Jack Rooney, Marian Parcinski, Frank Kazmierski, Olivia Schiffer, and Al Caraldo.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed especially John Skolka, Jr.**

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus' Father is our Father as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The people began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him

The Saint of the Week

St. John XXIII

(October 11)

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots.

After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City. In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John. Pope John took his work very seriously.

His most famous encyclicals were *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace on Earth* (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the "prophets of doom" who "in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin." Pope John XXIII set a tone for the Council when he said, "The Church has always opposed... errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity."

On his deathbed, Pope John said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have... were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead." He died on June 3, 1963.

 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** 

Religious Classes have begun.

Children will gather in the cafeteria, using the Emerson Entrance of the school building. Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45. All Religious Education children **are required** to attend Sunday Mass every weekend and have their booklet signed.



Liturgy of the Word

will resume on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month for grades K-2, in the Chapel.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Mass is celebrated at the 9:00AM Mass on the First Sunday of the month. The next Rosary Sunday is **October 6th**. After Mass we will have our annual Parish Communion Breakfast.

Parish Communion Breakfast

is this Sunday. Our speaker will be

Sr. Mary Jo Kearns R.S.M.

from Mt. St Mary's.

Tickets are 25.00 pp.



The Rosary is prayed before the 9AM Mass during the week Monday – Saturday. On Thursdays after the 9AM Mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, closing with

Benediction at 11:00AM.

October is the Month of the Rosary

The Rosary is prayed in church every Tuesday in October at 1PM. Everyone is invited to attend and pray together in

Honor of Our Blessed Mother.

Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki



27 NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA B

Z Reguły pasterskiej św. Grzegorza Wielkiego, papieża

Pasterz niech będzie roztropny w milczeniu, a pożyteczny w mówieniu; nie powinien rozgłaszać tego, o czym należałoby milczeć, ani zamilczać tego, co się powinno powiedzieć. Albowiem podobnie jak nierozważne słowo wprowadza w błąd, tak nieroztropne milczenie pozostawia w błędzie tych, którzy mogliby poznać prawdę. A tymczasem nierozważni pasterze w obawie przed utratą ludzkich względów często powstrzymują się od otwartego głoszenia tego, co słuszne. Nie strzegą owczarni - powiada Prawda - z gorliwością dobrych pasterzy, ale postępują jak najemnicy, uciekając w obliczu nadchodzącego wilka i zasłaniając się milczeniem.

Dlatego Pan karci ich przez proroka, mówiąc: "To nieme psy, niezdolne, by zaszczekać". Dlatego też uskarża się dalej w słowach: "Nie stanęliście naprzeciw ani nie budowaliście murów wokół domu Izraela, by się ostać w walce w dniu Pana". Stanąć naprzeciw oznacza odważnym słowem stanąć w obronie owczarni przeciw władcom tego świata. Ostać się w walce w dzień Pana oznacza stawić czoła wojującym bezbożnym ze względu na umiłowanie sprawiedliwości.

Czymże jest dla pasterza lęk przed mówieniem prawdy, jeśli nie ucieczką w milczenie? Kto zaś staje w obronie owczarni, ten wznosi przeciwko nieprzyjaciołom mur wokół domu Izraela. Dlatego powiedziano popadającemu w grzechy ludowi: "Prorocy twoi miewali dla ciebie widzenia próżne i bezsensowne; nie odsłaniali twej nieprawości, by cię nakłonić do nawrócenia". W Piśmie świętym proroków nazywa się niekiedy nauczycielami, którzy przez ujawnienie przemijalności rzeczy obecnych ukazują przyszłe. Słowo Boże wyrzuca im fałszywe widzenia, bo lękając się wystąpić przeciwko

złu, tchórzliwie schlebiają grzesznikom, obiecując bezpieczeństwo. Nie odsłaniają nieprawości grzeszników, ponieważ powstrzymują się od karcenia.

Słowa skarcenia są jakby kluczem, który odsłania winę, nierzadko nie znaną nawet temu, kto ją popełnił. Stąd święty Paweł powiada: "Aby mógł przekazywać zdrową naukę i przekonywać opornych". Stąd i Malachiasz mówi: "Wargi kapłana powinny strzec wiedzy, a wtedy pouczenia będą u niego szukali, bo jest on wysłannikiem Pana Zastępów". Stąd także Pan upomina przez Izajasza: "Krzycz na całe gardło, nie przestawaj, podnoś twój głos jak trąba".

Tak więc ktokolwiek staje się kapłanem, podejmuje się zadania herolda. Ma on ogłaszać nadejście straszliwego Sędziego, który się zbliża. Jeśli więc kapłan nie umie sprawować posługi głoszenia, jakże będzie wołał ów niemy herold? Dlatego właśnie Duch Święty spoczął nad pierwszymi pasterzami w postaci języków; tych, których napełnił, uczynił natychmiast zdolnymi do głoszenia o Nim.

LG tom IV: XXVII Niedziela Zwykła B, str. 265-266

Szkoła Polska Doksztalająca

Zajęcia w Polskiej Szkole działającej przy naszej Parafii odbywają się w każdy poniedziałek w okresie roku szkolnego od godz. 5:30 do 8:00PM.

Kontakt: polskaszkolainplainfield@outlook.com

Dyrektorka Szkoły: Beata Benewiat
Tel. 732-266-4310

JESIENNA ZBIÓRKA ODZIEŻY

Uczniowie Klasy 2 LO organizują fundraiser na St. Jude Children's Reserarch Hospital i na potrzeby swojej klasy.

Zbieramy używane ubrania, buty, torebki, plecaki, pościele, ręczniki, zasłony, obrusy, zabawki pluszowe i małe plastikowe.

Nie przyjmowane są koce narzuty na łóżka, kołdry, puzzle, klocki, gry planszowe

Zbiórka będzie trwała przez kolejne 4 poniedziałki: 16 września, 23 września i 30 września i 7 października.

Prosimy o dostarczenie rzeczy używanych w workach oraz aby oddzielać buty i zabawki od ubrań.

STEWARDSHIP

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” (GENESIS 2:19) -

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C, Ss. R.

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in the Fall of 2025!

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) will be given on Friday, November 8th.

Registration information for the exam is online at

www.njcoopexam.org. For more information

<https://www.catholicchoolsnj.org/hs-admissions>

Union Catholic High School
1600 Martine Avenue Scotch Plains
Next Fall Open House
October 16th -7:00:PM

Mother Seton Regional High School **1 Valley Road, Clark**

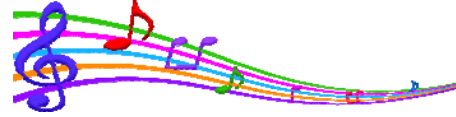
Meet teachers and current students to learn about what a Catholic School education for girls can do for your daughter, Sunday, October 6th 1PM and Monday, November 4th 7PM.

Fifth through eighth grade girls are welcome to register at motherseton.org.

Seventh and Eighth grade girls are welcome to be a **Student for a Day** during October and November. Register at motherseton.org

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St. Bartholomew Academy in Scotch Plains is a perfect place for a Catholic Education founded on learning a true Catholic way of life and achieving excellence in academics. For information, please contact 908-322-4265.



THE CHOIR HAS RETURNED

It's not too late to join...Rehearsals are on Thursdays in the church 7PM.

We are looking to enhance our Choir. If you are interested in joining our Choir, please contact the office, or simply just come on a Thursday evening to one of our rehearsals in the church at 7PM.



Kick up your heels...Seniors!!!

We are looking forward to welcoming new members to join us. The BestChurch Seniors meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 12:30PM. Our meeting is open to all **seniors** and **almost seniors**. Our kick off Meeting is

A Halloween Themed Celebration on
Thursday, October 17th

in the Parish Community Room in the new office on George Street, **using the side door entrance.** You are invited to join together for programs, socialization and fun as well as reminiscing, and some tasty treats. Call the office to let us know you will be attending.

And...please feel free to invite someone to come with you, we will have a

Hallowing Time!!

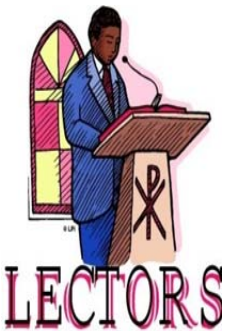
ALTAR SERVERS

Be joyful to serve at the altar, to be closer to Jesus!

Serving God as an altar server is a wonderful way to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. Altar Servers make a difference! If you are interested in participating at Mass as an Altar Server, girls as well as boys, please contact Fr. Marcin or Fr. Bernardo.



- Visit: www.formed.org/signup
- Find St Bernard and Stanislaus by parish name, address, or zip code
- Enter your email – and you are in



Anyone who may be interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please contact Bill Shlala at wgshlala@gmail.com or call (908) 755-8560.

Mercy House Archdiocese of Newark

The Mercy House of our Archdiocese is having a coat giveaway on October 22, 28 & 30. If you have any coats for children, women or men in good condition and clean that you would like to donate, put them aside and let us know what you have.

Also, Mercy House is currently collecting house hold items: small kitchen appliances, gently used sheets, comfortors, quilts (twin, full or queen only), drinking glasses, plates and utensils. We will make the arrangements for the Mercy House pick up.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM INTO THE CHURCH OR THE OFFICE

Contact Karole in the office first. Mercy House will pick up from the office on a specific date, and we will let you know when to bring them in. *Sorry...but we are not able to store them at this time. Thank you.*

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

We are continuing to collect food in the open area of the church for Starfish to be distributed throughout the Union County area. Dates should be current and food non-perishable.

Please Pray for our Parishioners in the Military
SSG Katarzyna Czajka, US Army
Ryan Percy, USN
Declan Cassidy, US Army



Blessing of the Animals will take place next **Sunday, October 13th** in the church courtyard at 2:00pm.



ONLINE GIVING

IT IS POSSIBLE TO AUTOMATE YOUR FAITH GIVING TO OUR PARISH GIVING. SIMPLY GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE.

Collection for September 29

Online..... \$ 1,208

In Pew..... \$ 3,062

Total Collection Sept. 29... \$ 4,270

Collection for Seminarians... \$2,046

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

We made our goal for 2024 Annual Appeal!

Thank you so very much!!

Confía en Dios

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on a regular basis on Saturdays at 4:15PM and on Sunday mornings after Masses as well as after weekday Masses simply by requesting a celebration of the sacrament.

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today Christ offers us words on marriage. The passage opens with the provocation of the Pharisees who ask Jesus if it is "lawful for a man to divorce his wife," as the Law of Moses provides. Jesus firstly, with the wisdom and authority that come to Him from the Father, puts the Mosaic prescription into perspective, saying: "For your hardness of heart he" — that is, the ancient legislator — "wrote you this commandment." Thus, it is a concession that is needed to mend the flaws created by our selfishness, but it does not correspond to the Creator's original intention.

And here, Jesus again takes up the Book of Genesis: "from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.'" And he concludes: "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder". In the Creator's original plan, it is not that a man marries a woman and, if things do not go well, he repudiates her. No. Rather, the man and the woman are called to recognize each other, to complete each other, to help each other in marriage.

This teaching of Jesus is very clear and defends the dignity of marriage as a union of love which implies fidelity. What allows the spouses to remain united in marriage is a love of mutual giving supported by Christ's grace. However, if in the spouses' individual interests, one's own satisfaction prevails, then their union cannot endure.

The Gospel passage itself reminds us, with great realism, that man and woman, called to experience a relationship of love, may regretfully behave in a way that places it in crisis. Jesus does not admit all that can lead to the failure of the relationship. He does so in order to confirm God's plan, in which the power and beauty of the human relationship emerge. The Church, on the one hand, does not tire of confirming the beauty of the family as it was consigned to us by Scripture and by Tradition; at the same time, she strives to make her maternal closeness tangibly felt by those who experience relationships that are broken or that continue in a difficult and trying way.

In the Love of God,

Fr. Marcin Fuks

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