

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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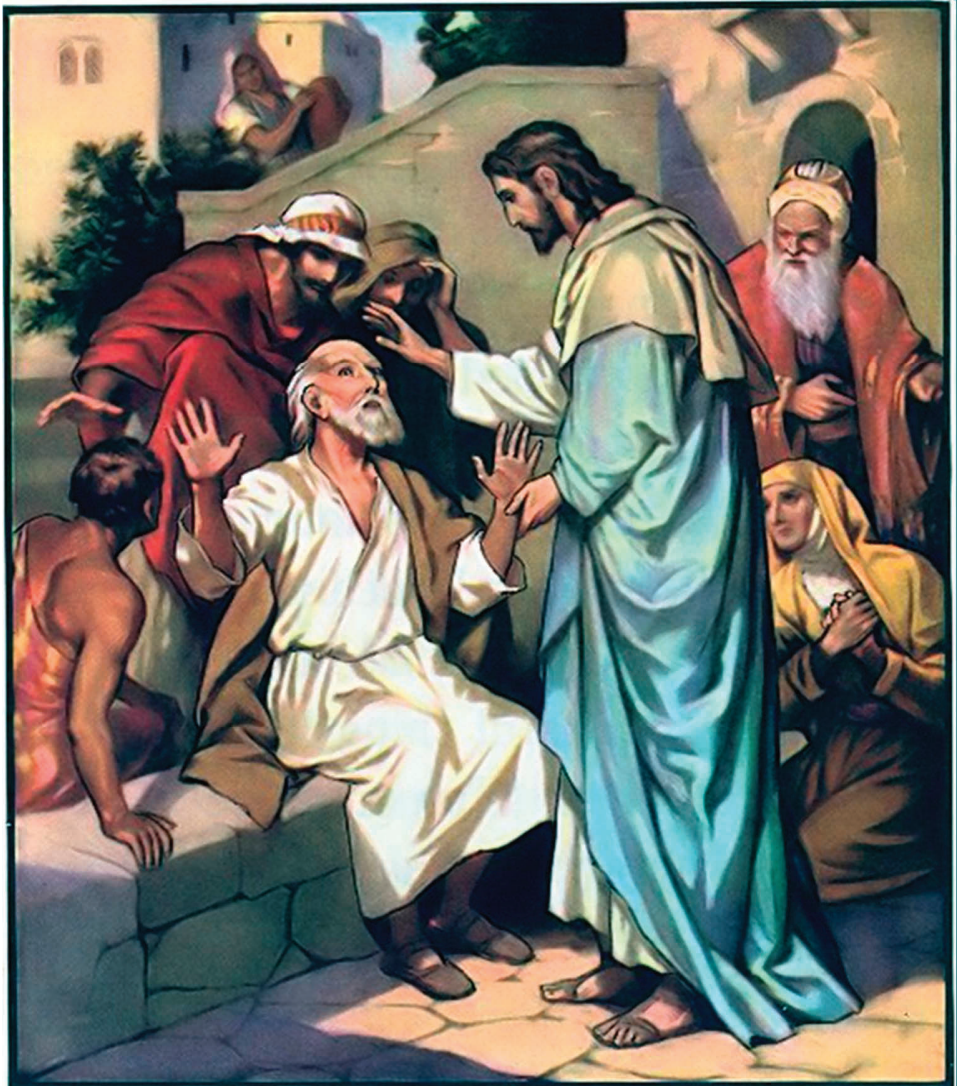
1232 George Street
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OFFICE HOURS

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 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 26... Weekday

9:00AM... Peace and Health for the Ebose Family
req. Family

5:00PM... + Robert Merkle (7th Anniv.) req. Wife Johanna

Sunday – October 27...30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ John Skolka, Jr., req. Zena and Frank Kazmierski

11:00AM...+ Tadeusz Deregowski, req. Żona i Dzieci
...+ Edmund Grzymała, req. rodzina

1:00PM...+ John Skolka, Jr., req. Mike and Frankie Parise

Monday – October 28...St. Simon and St. Jude

9:00AM...+ Ebose Family, Special Intention for Peace
req. Family

Tuesday – October 29... Weekday

9:00AM... +Thomas Tierno, req. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Barrow

Wednesday – October 30... Weekday

9:00AM ...+ John Skolka, Jr. req. Pat and John Zimmerman

Thursday- October 31... Weekday

9:00AM ...+ Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello

Friday – November 1 ...All Saints Day

9:00AM... Health of Jerry Signorelli,
req. Peter and Beverly Cirino
7:00PM...+ Antoni Miasik, req. Wife and Children

Saturday – November 2... All Souls Day

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

9:00AM...+ Antonio Simeone (9th Anniv.),
req. Lucia Simeone and Family

5:00PM... + Robert Chanda. Req. Hat Lady

Sunday – November 3...31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Ebose Family for Peace

11:00AM...+ Antoni Miasik, req. Żona i Dzieci

1:00PM...+ Frances Schneider, req. Johanna Merkle

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, Al Caraldo, and Margaret Macknowsky.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed.**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah speaks of God reuniting the people of Israel after their exile. He states that although they departed in tears, God will lead them all back and protect them, because he is father to Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Each high priest is taken from among people and offers sacrifices for their sins. High priests do not choose to take on this honor, but are chosen by God. Even Christ did not choose this office, but was chosen by God to be a priest forever.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

A blind beggar approached Jesus and pleaded that Jesus heal him. Jesus called the man over and said, "Your faith has healed you." The man immediately received his sight and proceeded to follow Jesus up the road.

The Saint of the Week

St. Jude Thaddaeus

(October 28)

St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Savior. He was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus and his attribute is a club. Images of St. Jude often include a flame around his head, which represents his presence at Pentecost, when he accepted the Holy Spirit alongside the other apostles. Another attribute is St. Jude holding an image of Christ, in the Image of Edessa.

Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Cleopas, and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem.

Jude was the one who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. Little else is known of his life. Legend claims that he visited Beirut and Edessa and could have been martyred with St. Simon in Persia.

He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, particularly the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics. Though Saint Gregory the Illuminator has been credited as the "Apostle to the Armenians," the Apostles Jude and Bartholomew are believed to have brought Christianity to Armenia, where Jude was rumored to have later been martyred.

There is some debate about where Jude died, though most Biblical scholars agree he was martyred. He is believed to have been martyred either in Armenia or Beirut.

Following his death, St. Jude's body was brought to Rome and left in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica. Today his bones can be found in the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica under the main altar of St. Joseph in a tomb he shares with the remains of the apostle Simon the Zealot.

Roman Catholics invoke St. Jude when in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances -just as their forefathers had done before them; therefore, he is the patron saint of desperate cases.

The Novena to Saint Jude:

"Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor for all who invoke thee, special patron in time of need; to thee I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg thee, to whom God hath given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition. I will never forget thy graces and the favors thou dost obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to thee. Amen."



***Friday, November 1st is
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.***

Masses are:

9:00am - English

7:00pm – Bilingual

No Mass of anticipation on Thursday

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all masses next weekend, November 2nd and 3rd. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

On Saturday, November 2nd, at the 5PM Mass we will remember all those in our parish family who have died this past year. Psalms of evening prayer will be incorporated into Mass and their names will be called.

If anyone who will be attending this Mass has a member of their family who has passed away this year and you would like them included, please be in touch with the office. Those included do not have to be parishioners, just family.

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



30 NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA B

Z Listu św. Klemensa I, papieża, do Koryntian

Patrzmy na Ojca i Stworzyciela całego świata, przyłgnijmy mocno do Jego wspaniałych, niezrównanych darów pokoju i dobrodziejstw. Rozmyślajmy o Nim i oczyma duszy oglądajmy Jego wspaniałomyślność. Zobaczmy, jak niezmiernie łaskawy jest wobec wszystkich swoich stworzeń.

Niebiosa poruszane Jego rozkazem poddają się Jego władzy w pokoju. Dzień i noc nie przeszkadzając sobie nawzajem, przemierzają wyznaczoną przezeń drogę. Na Jego rozkaz słońce, księżyc i chóry gwiazd harmonijnie się poruszają w granicach, jakie im nakreślił. Z Jego woli płodna ziemia dostarcza w oznaczonym czasie obfitość pożywienia ludziom, dzikim zwierzętom i wszystkim stworzeniom, które na niej żyją, bez ociągania się ani zmieniania czegokolwiek w tym, co zostało jej polecone.

Tajemne otchłanie i nieprzebyte głębiny posłuszne są tym samym prawom. Niezmierzona przestrzeń wód, zamknięta na Jego rozkaz w zbiornikach, nie przekracza swych granic, ale pilnie przestrzega tego, co jej polecono. Powiedział bowiem: "Aż dotąd dojdiesz, a twoje fale zaginą w tobie". Nieprzebyte dla ludzi Ocean i znajdujące się poza nim światy kierowane są tymi samymi prawami Pana.

Pory roku: wiosna, lato, jesień, zima następują regularnie jedna po drugiej. Wiatry bez przeszkód pełnią swą służbę w oznaczonym czasie. Również stale bijące źródła, stworzone dla przyjemności i zdrowia, nieprzerwanie dostarczają swych bogactw do podtrzymania życia ludzkiego. Najmniejsze nawet zwierzęta żyją razem w pokoju i zgodzie.

Wielki Stwórca i Pan wszystkiego rozporządził, aby wszystko się dokonywało w pokoju i zgodzie. Jest łaskawy dla wszystkich swych stworzeń, nade wszystko zaś dla nas, gdy uciekamy się do Jego miłosierdzia przez naszego Pana Jezusa Chrystusa, któremu niech będzie chwała i majestat na wieki wieków. Amen.

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: polskaszkolaplainfield@outlook.com

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



**Święto
Niepodległości**

11 listopada

„WOLNOŚĆ: KOCHAM I ROZUMIEM”

Polska Szkoła Doksztalająca im. J. U. Niemcewicza
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Uroczystość odbędzie się 10 listopada 2024 roku
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Uczcijmy wspólnie Święto Niepodległości
oraz 80 rocznicę Powstania Warszawskiego

Po uroczystości zapraszamy na poczęstunek

**Polski Apostoł w Archidiecezji Newark
zaprasza na**

**Mszę Świętą
za Polonię**

**Niedziela,
17 listopada
2024 roku
o godz. 3:00PM**

**Mszę Świętą odprawi
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

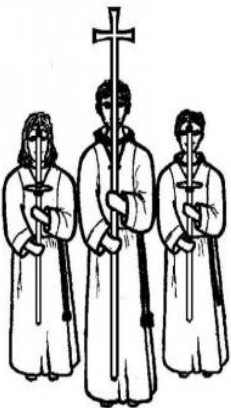
Children gather in the cafeteria, using the Emerson Entrance of the school building. Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45. All Religious Education children **are required** to attend Sunday Mass every weekend and have their booklet signed.

This Wednesday, October 30th, there will be a **Family Faith Formation Meeting** for the parents in the cafeteria at 6:30PM.

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word is at the 9AM Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month for grades K-2, in the Church Chapel.

The Next Liturgy of the Word will be **November 10th**.



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. Bernardo.



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass. On Thursdays, The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after Mass closing with Benediction at 11AM.

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.**

The Living Rosary,

On Tuesday, October 29th at 7:00pm the Living Rosary will be prayed together in the church and can be prayed in any language you prefer. If you are attending, please let us know your Language Preference.

Church Decor

Anyone who would like to give a helping hand with the church decorating for the upcoming holidays, you are more than welcome to help - there is plenty to do. Just let us know.

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Daylight-Saving Time Ends

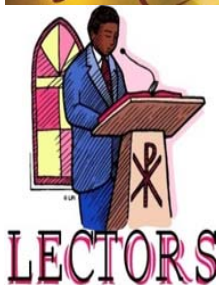
Don't forget to set your clock back one hour on Saturday night, November 2nd. If you don't you will be late for church on Sunday.

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Contact Bill Shlala
wgshlala@gmail.com
or call (908) 755-8560.



CHOIR

Why not become a member?

It's never too late to join...Rehearsals are on Thursdays in the church at 7PM.

The choir is preparing for the upcoming holidays and would like your help to enhance our choir, especially men's voices. If you are interested, please contact the office, or simply just come on a Thursday evening to one of our rehearsals in the church at 7PM.

We would love to see you there!

BestChurch Seniors



Next Senior meeting is November 21st when we will celebrate Thanksgiving

in the Parish Community Room on George Street, using the side entrance.

We will also have a guest speaker on

"Don't Get Scammed!"

And as always ...please feel free to invite someone to come with you.

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

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

www.njcoopexam.org.

For more information

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

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:

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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NON-PERISHABLE FOOD **COLLECTION**

We are continuing to collect food for Starfish to be distributed throughout the Union County area. Food can be left in the open area of the church. Dates should be current and food non-perishable. The staff at Starfish would like to thank you all for your continued support.

A NOTE FROM MERCY HOUSE...

We would like to express our gratitude for your generous donations that were picked up last week. Thanks to your support, we can continue our work in our ministry. Your contribution means a great deal to us and the communities we serve within the Archdiocese of Newark.

STEWARDSHIP

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.”

(MARK 10:52)

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss. R - Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.



ONLINE GIVING

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

Collection for October 20

Online..... \$ 1,108

In Pew..... \$ 2,594

Total Collection Oct. 20.... \$ 3,702

ANNUAL 2024 APPEAL

We made our goal

Thank you so very much!!

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,

The evangelist Mark relates about the itinerant ministry of Jesus, who is about to enter Jerusalem to die and to rise. Bartimaeus is thus the last of those who follow Jesus along the way: from a beggar along the road to Jericho, he becomes a disciple who walks alongside the others on the way to Jerusalem.

Bartimaeus means “son of Timaeus.” Yet, oddly, his father is nowhere to be found. Bartimaeus lies alone on the roadside, far from home and fatherless. He is not loved, but abandoned. He is blind and no one listens to him; when he tried to speak, everyone told him to keep quiet. Jesus hears his plea. When He goes to him, He lets him speak. It was not hard to guess what Bartimaeus wanted: clearly, a blind person wants to see or regain his sight. But Jesus takes His time; He takes time to listen.

After listening, a second step on the journey of faith is to be a neighbor. Jesus goes personally to meet Bartimaeus. He asks him, “What do you want me to do for you?” That is how God operates. He gets personally involved with preferential love for every person. By His actions, He already communicates His message. Being a neighbor means bringing the newness of God into the lives of our brothers and sisters. It serves as an antidote to the temptation of easy answers and fast fixes.

To listen, to be a neighbor, to bear witness. The journey of faith in today's Gospel ends in a beautiful and surprising way when Jesus says “Go; your faith has made you well.” Yet Bartimaeus had made no profession of faith or done any good work; he had only begged for mercy. To feel oneself in need of salvation is the beginning of faith. It is the direct path to encountering Jesus. The faith that saved Bartimaeus did not have to do with his having clear ideas about God, but in his seeking Him and longing to encounter Him. Faith has to do with encounter, not theory. In encounter, Jesus passes by; in encounter, the heart of the Church beats. Then, not our preaching, but our witness of life will prove effective.

In the Love of God,

Fr. Marcin Fuks

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