



# Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish

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Sunday: The Lord's Day, Vigil Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday, 8:30 AM

**RECONCILIATION**

Confessions every Saturday, 4:00-4:30 PM and also  
at parishioners' convenience by appointment.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements are usually made one year in advance  
to properly prepare for marriage. Contact the Parish  
Office for an appointment.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

Contact Parish Office for pastoral visits in the hospital  
or at home. Eucharist ministers are able to visit the  
sick upon request. The Sacrament of the Sick can be  
celebrated anytime there is a need.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

Registration Forms are located in back of the church  
or at the Parish Office. Please register so that we may  
serve you better.

**PARISH TRUSTEES**

Cecile Cole  
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*September 24, 2017 • Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 24, 2017

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

9:00 Deceased members of the Parish

10:30 Andrew Kroll

Monday, September 25, 2017

8:30 Victime of recent natural disasters

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

*Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

8:30 Sick members of the Parish

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

*St. Vincent DePaul, Priest*

8:30 Gina DeMaio

Thursday, September 28, 2017

*Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint  
Lawrence Ruiz & companions,  
Martyrs*

8:30 Special Intention

Friday, September 29, 2017

*Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,  
Archangels*

8:30 Msgr. Ron Amandolare

Saturday, September 30, 2017

*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

8:30 People of the Parish

5:00 Richard Gregor

Sunday, October 1, 2017

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

9:00 Mary Reynolds

10:30 Olga Grivalsky

## The inner word What's in your heart?

- In the gospel parable, the workers protest—justifiably, it could be argued—against the owner of the vineyard for his unfairness. But as a story about God and God's people, the meaning changes. What could be more "fair" than treating everyone the same, regardless of whether they earned it? Is the generosity you show and encourage in others similarly impartial?
- In addition to being generous without prejudice, this week's gospel says other things about the human response to God's generosity. Are you grateful for the graces and forgiveness God gives us, even when you don't "deserve" them? Do you resent the mercy shown others, even when they don't "deserve" it?

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*September 24, 2017*

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Do you ever imagine yourself among "The Lives of the Rich and Famous" spotlighted on a TV show? Do you imagine hearing your name in the announcement about the latest "Powerball" winner? Ever wanted to live atop Trump Tower? Such is the "stuff" of daydreams, yours and mine. How we ordinary folk can get swept away by them! But what starts out as fun can deteriorate into something called envy and its cousin jealousy when we have the fact that our fate in life is anything but that of the images that highlight our daydreams!

"Why is this?" I wondered. The answer might be understood by thinking about the electrical wiring in your home as analogous to our spiritual selves. Original sin caused all of us except Our Lord Jesus and His Beautiful Mother Mary to have faulty "spiritual wiring."

It wasn't meant to be this way. We as a race were wired correctly according to God's initial plan for our peace and happiness. We know this from the bible book of Genesis.

But since God's great plan for humans included free will, it included the potential for disaster. We have this ability to disconnect from God's generating love by crisscrossing some of our wires, particularly those that involve decision-making.

We believe that God's own Son came to earth to show us how to reconnect entirely. But we are a stubborn lot. We get so used to our own wire arrangement that we resent even His correction suggestions. He respects our free will so much that He will not force a rewiring. Even in this post-resurrection time, we still find His proposals unpleasant and so downright difficult that we say "No." You could say that our "wiring" is so frayed through our inherited inclination that it is easy for us to make the wrong choices in life, to sin. We delight the devil. The devil? isn't he a fiction? Not according to Jesus, who is Truth personified.

One of the big problems that comes with this reality called "creaturehood" is that we can never fully understand our Creator and His ways. Isaiah tells us quite truthfully that "His ways are not our ways." So, we have some trouble understanding the parable of the hired workers presented to us this weekend. It's a fortunate thing that we do not read it on Labor Day weekend!

If you find yourself thinking like the first men hired, you too might be peeved that the last hired men got the same wage. Of course, it's that "faulty wiring" business again. Try to understand that the parable is not about hiring policies, but about God's goodness and generosity. Generosity, even among us, never uses obligation as its measure. So, aren't we really glad that God is God and not us? "Faulty spiritual wiring" often leads to funny incidents, I must admit. Here is one. Mrs. Vandemeer decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, an emerald bracelet, and a ruby pendant." "But,"

the artist protested, "you're not wearing any of those things." "I know," said Mrs.

Vandemeer. "It's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he'd marry right away, and I want her to go nuts looking for the jewelry."

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

God's transcendence makes for an entirely different perspective on reality than ours as creatures.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Paul acknowledges that after his baptism he has "died" to his former life and now lives entirely for Christ. Death will intensify his union with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

The parable is really about God's generosity and not about wage distribution. The men hired first feel cheated by the master's decision to give the same pay to those hired late in the day. One thinks of deathbed conversions getting into the same heaven as lifelong believers.



As a community of believers, who trust in God's mercy, healing and strength, it is our duty to pray for those who are ill and infirm. The following parishioners or family members of our parishioners are in need of our prayers. We ask God to grant health and peace to: **Lois Bateson, Jean Birrell, the Budwick family, Barbara Dietrick, Linda Doshier, Kathryn Duch, Helen Dunado, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, Cora Oakley, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Bob Privitera, Angela Rios, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Michael Salagaj, Sister Thomasine Smith, Frances Spilman, Ralph Sutton, Rob Talmadge and Maureen Tuccio.**



The Democratic Republic of Congo has one of the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the world, making pregnant women one of the country's most vulnerable groups. When Gisele Biringanine discovered she was pregnant, she was worried. But thanks to the support of CRS, she now has free access to professional healthcare to assist her throughout and after the delivery of her baby.

Learn more at: [crs.org/you-did-it-for-me](http://crs.org/you-did-it-for-me).

### *GROTTO HOSPITALITY*

Now that the Grotto area has been leveled and the sod is in place, we are able to gather for our summer hospitality. We will get together after the 10:30 A.M. Mass this weekend. In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the rectory, at 446 Mount Hope Road. Hope you can join us.

### *Hurricane Harvey Relief*

Bishop Serratelli has sent a letter to all the parishes of the diocese requesting that a special second collection be taken up next weekend, September 30/October 1 to help the hundreds of thousands suffering from Hurricane Harvey. In his request, he writes: "The devastation caused in the Texas/Louisiana region by Hurricane Harvey is staggering. It will take months and even years for people to recover from the storm. As always, the people of our diocese want to help where their donations will do the most good." The diocese will send these funds directly to Catholic Charities USA. A network has been set up of all the Catholic

Charities agencies in Texas, Louisiana and any other affected areas. They are already in position and getting resources directly to the needy. Please be generous with your contributions and continue to pray for all those struggling in the aftermath of the storm.

## *2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Paterson IN GIVING WE RECEIVE*

The vital work of our Church supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city area schools.

Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that "we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

### *40 DAYS FOR LIFE*

40 Days for Life is Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach Join Morris County Right to Life at: Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown 7AM to 7PM 7 Days a week. Begins September 27, Ends November 5. An estimated average of 3 chemical abortions per day begin at this facility killing about 1,000 fully formed, pain capable, heart beating, brainwave active unborn babies each year. See full description at [www.morriscountyrighttolife.org](http://www.morriscountyrighttolife.org) See what

Planned Parenthood does with fetal baby parts at <http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/> We invite pro-lifers as individuals or groups to participate. Bring signs to hold (except graphic type) or will supply as needed. Please register through 40 Days for Life web site <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/morristown/> Create a Login or test your old one. Suggest picking an hour or two per week. NEW, you can pick the same time slot throughout the campaign in one shot. By your registration online you agree to the "Statement of Peace" terms. Alternatively you may email: [info@morriscountyrighttolife.org](mailto:info@morriscountyrighttolife.org) or call 973-933-2800 or 973- 627-1654 if you have trouble navigating the 40 Days For Life web site. Please agree to the "Statement of Peace" terms by signing with your email address in the form attached. EVENT Cover Planned Parenthood 40 Clinic Hours of Operation: Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun Open 9:00am 1:00pm 9:00am 12:30pm 10:00am 9:00am -- Close 4:30pm 8:00pm 4:30pm 7:30pm 4:00pm 2:00pm -- Your registration in time slots during clinic hours is much preferred and far more likely to save an unborn baby. When YOU sign up YOU make it possible to cover ALL 40 clinic hours! Erratic schedule? Come fill a slot on short notice. Receive daily emails on coverage need.

### *First Friday Adoration*

Everyone is invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration each First Friday beginning after the 8:30 Mass until 6:00pm. There is a signup sheet in the church vestibule for each hour. Please join us on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> for this special prayer and devotion.

### *FREE ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS*

Free vaccines available to eligible Rockaway Township residents are: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Shingles, Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR), Meningitis, Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) and HPV.

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