



# 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**

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*August 19, 2018 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday August 19, 2018

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 Calvin Benson

10:30 Raquel P. Cuella

Monday August 20, 2018

*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 Martin Jacobsen

Wednesday August 22, 2018

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 People of the Parish

Thursday August 23, 2018

*St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

8:30 Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday August 24, 2018

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

8:30 Richard Wisneski, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday August 25, 2018

*St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

8:30 Evelyn Rizzo

5:00 Miceal McHugh

Sunday August 26, 2018

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 Ron Marra

10:30 Raquel P. Cuella

## The Inner Word

### What's in your heart?

We're learning that it takes wisdom to understand God's simple desire that we love one another. Jesus is telling the people that God is their food, their life, their only hope for

everlasting joy, but they keep wanting more signs, explanations, and clarifications.

- The table of wisdom is laid out and waiting for you. What, if anything, keeps you from accepting the invitation to sit and eat?
- The psalmist extols God's goodness. In what ways do you see that goodness acting in your own life? What are you most grateful for today?
- Like his disciples, do you find Jesus' message about eating his flesh disturbing? In what ways does Jesus allay your fears?

## August 19, 2018 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Most food shoppers know that trips to the supermarket are never a matter of "grab 'n go." Having joined their ranks in my retirement, with doctors and would-be nutritionists ever ready with advice, I know you have to read the labels carefully and consider weights and measures (pardon me) as "weighty matters." I must check the calorie count, and ask the label to tell me all about salt and sugar content. "Is there enough protein in it, I ask myself, "to merit a short descent from shelf to cart"? All this compels me to offer a much-delayed salute to my Mom and every rectory cook I have known for what they went through at the supermarket.

But when it comes to the matter of that most special food and drink that becomes the fore in the gospels, we enter a

different realm entirely, where such checking is out of place. You as a believer know why. It's because of both the divine purveyor and the food itself: Christ Jesus our Lord. He is the content. There is no equal to the excellence of this "product". The "Bread of Life" theme dominates St. John's sixth chapter, and we have for several Sundays so far received a "summertime refresher course" on just what it is we believe and how we should appreciate the gift of the Eucharist as we bring our suntanned selves to the altar.

We begin with the fact that the Eucharist, as a sacrament, is nothing less than a gift from God meant to express His love and His desire to be part of our lives on earth. Later, God willing, in heaven, we won't need it because we will be a part of God's life more directly and joined with Him in bliss.

Meanwhile, here on earth it's a daily challenge to let God live in us. It's all a matter of trial and error, with evil always stalking our moments of joy and shortening them. Sometimes we just can't smile. Sin caused all that, yours and mine, all the way back to that disappointing duo that just couldn't keep their hands off a certain forbidden tree.

What we believe is starkly simple but far from ordinary. What we believe is that on the first Holy Thursday, surrounded by a mere eleven close friends, the real Jesus took simple unleavened bread and a cup of ordinary wine and identified Himself with it.

Note here, for the sake of combatting several misinterpretations that other Christian bodies make, Jesus did not say that this was a symbol of Himself. No, this really is His Body and Blood, His real presence under the appearances of bread and wine. As mysterious as what Jesus

does through His priests really is, I can only wonder how others can't take the simple words "body and blood" at face value. The sad fact is that many Catholics these days are yielding to the same misinterpretation.

Meanwhile, we believe in what Jesus said and did and still does for us. It's the safest food out there, with no human intervention or alteration, and if it's not part of our weekly diet we are spiritually malnourished. The good news is that this greatest meal ever made is here presented by the greatest Host of all, so come to the feast every week. Jesus believes you are worthy of His invitation. Stop by the supermarket later.

**First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom's "house" is her school and the world as a whole, complete with its seven foundational pillars. The "banquet" is her teaching. Everyone is invited to eat and drink at the table.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20**

Paul contrasts the wise with the foolish, and then presents his admonitions for his readers to act as Spirit-filled people. He also urges them to practice gratitude.

**Gospel: John 6:51-58**

The famous "Bread of Life" discourse continues. Here John puts an emphasis on the Jesus' flesh and blood as true and essential food. This eating of this bread guarantees eternal life for all who partake of it.



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, Sandy Chase, Barbara Dietrick, Linda Doshier, Fr. Joe Farias, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, James Matar, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Angela Rios, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Andy Secallus, Sister Thomasine Smith, Frances Spilman, Ralph Sutton, Rob Talmadge and Maureen Tuccio.**

### **SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

**Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30pm.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

### *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, September 7th for this special prayer and devotion.

### *Food Donations*

There is still a great need for food to assist people in our local area. Please continue to bring your donations to church and place them in the containers found in the vestibule. They will be delivered each week to the food pantry at St. Mary's in Dover. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### *RIGHT TO LIFE – CHOOSE LIFE*

#### **Love for the Unborn and Our Eternal Reward**

In Luke Chapter 14:12-14, Jesus tells us that the good we do for those who cannot repay us in this world is the most beneficial, because He assures us that we will "be repaid in the resurrection of the just".

Congressman Henry Hyde, one of the greatest pro-life advocates ever to serve in Congress, expressed this idea when he said: "When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face the awesome moment, the final judgment ..... those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world, but are heard beautifully

and clearly in the next world ...and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him, because he loved us".

The unborn are even less able to repay us than the beggars and the crippled and the lame and the blind (to whom Jesus referred). At least, these poor people know that we love them and are able to say "Thank you".

The child in the mother's womb not only has no voice whatsoever, but cannot even tell you "Thank you", indeed, love and action for the unborn is the most selfless form of love. In this world, nothing comes from them in return.

**August 19 - "We are here to advocate and give witness, advocate for those who cannot yet speak or walk with us, the preborn baby, whose future is in jeopardy and can be ended by a so-called choice by another; to give witness that millions, mostly young people, share a passion that the baby has civil rights." Cardinal Timothy Dolan at the National Vigil for Life, 1/22/18**

### **NOVENA FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE**

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v Wade* to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray)

### **RELICS OF SAINT PADRE PIO ARE COMING TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON**

***St. Peter the Apostle Church,  
Parsippany***

***Thursday, September 20, from 8:30  
AM until 6:30 PM***

Come and venerate the official relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration of his death.

A Mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 PM by Msgr.

Herbert Tillyer, Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle church

The church is located at 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054, just off of Route 46.

For information about the public veneration, please call 973-334-2090 or send an email to

[stpeterpar@optonline.net](mailto:stpeterpar@optonline.net)

### **MISSION COOPERATION PLAN COLLECTION**

This weekend we will welcome Rev. Bernard Viagappan to our parish. He will speak at all the Masses regarding this year's mission appeal. He is from the Diocese of Salem in India. I ask you to be generous in support of the work of evangelization. Please pray for the bishop and people of the Diocese of Salem. The second collection today is for the Mission Coop.

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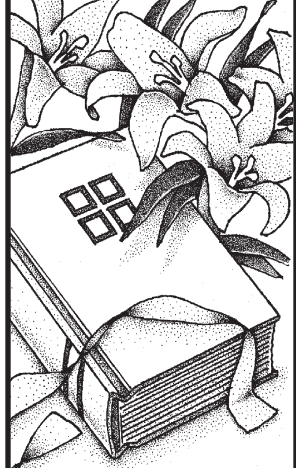


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