



# Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish

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**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

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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*June 24, 2018 • The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 24, 2018

*The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist*

9:00 Katherine Herda

10:30 Dolores Byrnes

Monday, June 25, 2018

8:30 Christina Lipari

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

*St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church*

8:30 Josephine and Philip Sabatino

Thursday, June 28, 2018

*St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*

8:30 Ed Fletcher

Friday, June 29, 2018

*Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8:30 Sandra Spillane

Saturday, June 30, 2018

*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman  
Church*

8:30 People of the Parish

5:00 Clara Donatiello

Sunday July 1, 2018

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 Mary Specht

10:30 Deceased members of the Parish

### The Inner Word What's in your heart?

Where does God or your faith  
“amaze” you? The neighbors and  
relatives of Elizabeth were amazed  
not only at the fact that the new

baby was going to have a name  
different from his ancestors but  
also that Zechariah confirmed it by  
being released from his  
muteness—and the first thing  
Zechariah did was to burst forth  
blessing God. So, again: Where  
has God amazed you, or helped  
you to say something? What do  
you bless God for today?

## June 24, 2018 – The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

An old joke, ever ready for new  
audiences, is about a proud Jewish  
mother describing her twins to a friend  
she comes upon while pushing the  
double wide stroller. Responding to her  
friend’s compliment about the boys, she  
says “Thanks so much. You know, Josh  
there will be the doctor and Jake will be  
the lawyer.” Talk about  
predetermination, today’s First Reading  
from Isaiah finds the mature prophet  
proudly declaring the fact that he was  
given his special role while still in the  
womb! We also read the same about St.  
John the Baptist. Not only does his very  
existence display God’s miraculous power  
acting in Elizabeth long after her child-  
bearing years, but also in the conferring  
of a name and a life’s mission.

John the Baptist does indeed grow into the man who stands at the end of the long line of prophets of the Old Testament; but he also is at the start of the New Testament when he announces the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah. On that fateful day he will point to the adult Jesus walking on the Jordan riverbank and shout to the crowd gathered, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Six chapters later, Luke will record Jesus saying of John that, "Of all those born of women none is greater than John the Baptist, but that he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than John." (7:28) A great compliment indeed, but tempered by a comparison that I believe John himself would welcome! Meanwhile we can ponder this man John as we celebrate today his birthday, noting that the Church does this for only two other persons: Christ Himself and Our Blessed Mother. I admire John for what has always been so outstanding in his life: his humility. After all, the man had crowds of people following him and hanging on his every word. (Dare I say he anticipated people the likes of Bishop Sheen, Billy Graham and even Joel Osteen?) All that could have inflated John's ego beyond help, but listen to him declare: "There is one among you whose sandal strap I am unworthy to loosen." Not a shabby attitude of mind and heart for any of us to have. This feast, coming precisely six months before Christmas, divides the calendar year. St. Augustine once seized upon that fact and stated that this feast, so

close to the summer solstice, makes it possible for us to say that "after John's birth, the days slowly grow shorter, but after Christ's birth they grow longer." More importantly, I think John's lifestyle divides the phonies from the faithful. He is the true-blue man of God, someone we can all strive to be, man and woman. There is so much talk these days about the need for transparency, among individuals and groups, including the Church; but talk is not needed as much as action. St. John the Baptist could well be at the front of the line of saints who show us how it's done. Humility is truth. Transparency is truth exposed. Sometimes humility comes at us whether we like it or not. When George H. Bush was president, he was doing his public relations "thing" by visiting a nursing home. He came upon a wizened old man hobbling down the corridor. President Bush took the man by the hand and said, "Sir, do you know who I am?" The man replied, "No, but if you ask one of the nurses, she'll tell you."

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6**

The prophet declares that he was called right from his mother's womb. His mission is to preach to outsiders. His word is really the Lord's.

**Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26**

This sermon of Paul's includes a tribute to John the Baptist wherein he is described as Jesus' herald, "proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all Israel."

**Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80**

Both Elizabeth and Zechariah declare their son's name in obedience to the

angel. With his speech restored immediately after, Zechariah praises God. Luke prepares his readers for John's future role by stating that the future saint became strong in the Spirit.



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, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, James Matar, Cora Oakley, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Angela Rios, Andy Secallus, Sister Thomasine Smith, Frances Spilman, Ralph Sutton, Rob Talmadge and Maureen Tuccio.**

### *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, July 6th for this special prayer and devotion.

### *TOUR OF ALPINE COUNTRIES*

Bishop Serratelli will be the spiritual director for a tour of the Alpine countries of Switzerland, Austria and Germany from July 8-17. Bishop will celebrate Mass each day. The cost per person is \$4,400 for double occupancy and \$5,200 for single occupancy. **For a brochure and information, contact Great Experiences at (201) 825-3725 or by e-mail, [Anne@greatexperiencesnj.com](mailto:Anne@greatexperiencesnj.com)**

### *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*

June 24 – Noted euthanasia specialist Wesley J. Smith noted in a 1993 Newsweek article that eventually “medicalized killing/suicide would be conjoined with organ harvesting as a ‘plum to society.’” Critics termed this statement a “slippery slope argument” and “alarmist,” but this prediction is now a reality in Belgium and

the Netherlands where doctors kill disabled and mentally ill people and then harvest their organs (with the now dead patient's consent). This is justified by the argument that since these people want to die, society should benefit from their death. (National Review Online 1/5/15)

*Procedures to Follow for Any Persons  
Who Have a Suspicion About Child  
Sex Abuse*

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site:  
[www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org) .

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, are looking for part-time help at the Motherhouse Reception Desk on weekends. The position includes welcoming guests, signing in guests, answering the telephone and directing calls to sisters or

staff. Orientation will be provided. Competitive salary. For further information, contact Paul Guida, Director of Physical Plant, at 973-290-5355.

*Vacation Time?*

Before leaving on that much-deserved vacation, please help **Catholic Charities** continue its mission by donating **clothing, Shoes, and Household items** in our donation bin located in the parking lot. We also have a donation bin near the Rectory, off of Mount Hope Road. Your continued generosity is appreciated. If you have a **large pick up**, need a receipt, or have a question please call our toll-free number @ **877-343-3651**.

**Parish Registration**

It is important that we keep the parish census updated. If you are new to the parish, attend Mass regularly here at St. Bernard's, or consider yourself a member of the parish, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, I ask that you please fill out a parish registration form. Once completed, you can put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory, or mail it to the parish office. Forms can be found on the credenza in the vestibule. We will be glad to mail the form out to you if you call the rectory to request one. On the registration form, you can specify whether or not you wish to receive envelopes for your contributions to support your parish. Using church envelopes, with the assigned number and amount of your sacrificial giving on it, is the only way we can provide a statement of your yearly contributions for tax purposes. I ask all those who are currently registered to please keep us informed of any updated information Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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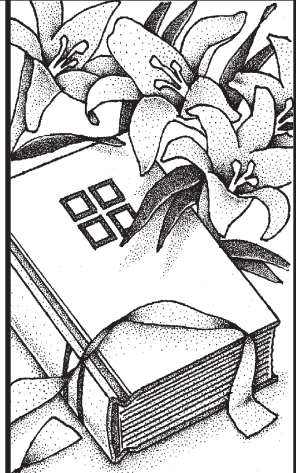


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