



# 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**

Cecile Cole  
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*January 14, 2018 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday January 14, 2018

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 Gene Ricciardi

10:30 Ann Price

Monday, January 15, 2018

8:30 Rev. Jeremiah O’Riordan

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

8:30 Sr. Linda Delgado, Op

Thursday, January 18, 2018

8:30 People of the Parish

Friday, January 19, 2018

8:30 Chet Sesko

Saturday, January 20, 2018

*St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St.*

*Sebastian, Martyr*

8:30 Mary Reynolds

5:00 Olga Grivalsky

Sunday January 21, 2018

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 Denis Hayes Rodimer, Jr.

10:30 Sonny DiGiralamo

## *The inner word* What’s in your heart?

A persistent calling awoke the young Samuel, and it was his mentor, Eli, who recognized it for what it was – a call from God. The Lord awoke Samuel and revealed His presence. Eli helped him know how to respond. As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him.

- Who in my life has been a mentor and helped me hear the voice of God? Who has been instrumental in helping me discern my calling to ministry?
- How is God speaking to me most powerfully in my life today?
- Can I name a time during the past year when I helped someone listen for God’s voice in their life?

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Let’s face facts: some phone calls are annoying, especially when they come at suppertime. You know the type. Somebody trying to sell you something. Or to solicit your opinion. Or to donate to a worthy cause.

But other calls are delightful and most welcome. It could be a family member bringing news of a newborn. Or a close friend whom you’ve been waiting for to chat. Or the doctor’s office calling to tell you there is no trace of cancer on your x-ray.

There is a quite different kind of call referred to in this weekend’s Scriptures that has nothing to do with phones or phonies or clicking computers. It is a call from God.

Right away I can imagine you thinking “What does that kind of thing have to do with me? That’s for saints or holy people! I’m just ‘Joe or Jane Ordinary’ trying to do my best to be a Christian thank you very much.”

Well I have some good news that you might be surprised to hear. Each of us has a call from God! He implants that element, if you will, in all His human creatures. He loves us as unique products of His holy imagination. He knows that we will only be truly happy if we fulfill our destiny. His call matches our minds and is in

sync with our souls. Its nature is particular to us.

It may involve a call to love a certain person for life, for better or for worse until death do you part. It could be a demand for your patience. Or your service. Or any number of other realities. But always linked with a call for your love.

Jesus responded fully, better than any of us. As difficult as answering that call was for Him, by His sharing our weak human nature, He did it out of love for us. Hopefully we will be as eager as young Samuel was to listen and then answer when he finally learned after God's third try that he was being called for a mission of some kind.

Now we have an extra layer of difficulty brought on by our ego-centric culture which asks of nearly everything "What's in it for me?" Or we might just ask the Lord to give our call to somebody else. Here is some apt verse:

*"There's a clever young guy named Somebody Else,*

*There's nothing this guy can't do.*

*He is busy from morning till way late at night,  
Just substituting for you.*

*You're asked to do this or you're asked to do that  
And what is your ready reply?*

*Get Somebody Else to do that job,*

*He'll do it much better than I.*

*So much to do in this weary old world-*

*So much and workers so few,*

*And Somebody Else, all weary and worn,*

*Is still substituting for you.*

*The next time you're asked to do something  
worthwhile*

*Just give this ready reply:*

*If Somebody Else can give time and support,  
My goodness, so can I."*

**First Reading: I Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

The call of young Samuel highlights the reception of God's word. God's will is that Samuel communicate that word to the people.

**Second Reading: I Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Paul teaches that the body is not for

immorality, because it is the temple of God. Casual copulation denies the full union of soul and body which is God's intention for the physical act.

**Gospel: John 1:35-42**

Andrew, responding to Christ's invitation, brings his brother Simon to Jesus. Jesus then confers the nickname "Rock" ("Peter" in Greek) which describes Peter's future role in the Church.



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, Vincent DePalma, Barbara Dietrick, Linda Doshier, Kathryn Duch, Bernice Lawson, Noah Lorencovitz, Sara Maloney, James Matar, Cora Oakley, Nancy Orkin, Kathy Philips, Angela Rios, Michael Salagaj, 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 sign-up sheet in the church vestibule

for each hour. Please join us on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> for this special prayer and devotion.

### *ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE*

Last weekend we said goodbye to Linda Ziembra who gave so much of her time and talent to keep our worship space clean, orderly and beautifully decorated, especially during the Christmas and Easter seasons. A number of other parishioners assisted her throughout the year along with her husband, Ron. We are certainly grateful for her dedicated stewardship as a member of our faith community. Looking to the future, also thankful for those who clean our church each week, we need to establish an Environment Committee. Members of the committee (men, women and young adults) would take on the responsibilities of decorating for the Seasons of the Church Year and maintaining the plants and flowers in the sanctuary, on the doors and in the vestibule. Other jobs could include caring for the altar cloths and funeral pall. Responsibilities would be shared. If you are willing to be part of this committee, please let me know as soon as possible, so a meeting can be scheduled in advance of the Season of Lent.

### *Church Cleaning Teams*

Throughout the year, parishioners volunteer to keep our church clean and welcoming. Our goal is to have at least four teams so that the commitment requires only one day a month. As we begin a new year, we are in need of a few more people to meet that goal. Now I am asking for your help so that a new team and, ideally, one extra, can be added to the new schedule starting in January. The responsibility will only require a couple of hours in one day. Two or

three people would be needed for each team. If you are willing to help out or for more information, please give me a call at 973-627-0066 or see me after Mass.

### *2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL*

#### *In Giving, We Receive*

If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2017 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving His people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org).

### *RACHEL'S VINEYARD*

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held from Friday evening, January 26 through Sunday afternoon, January 28, 2018 in the Stirling area. To register or for more information, contact Marie at (973) 377-1004, ext. 425. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.

## *CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLOTHING DONATION BOXES*

At this time of the year, the saying “out with the old, and in with the new” gets repeated again and again. Think of that saying as you start to put away all the new clothes, shoes, and accessories you received this Christmas and perhaps place the old ones they will replace into the Catholic Charities clothing donations bins located at the side of our church parking lot and on the property near the rectory on Mount Hope Road. The revenues from the clothing boxes help to feed thousands of people every month in our pantries as well as fund other emergency services for the poor.

### *Reminder*

During the winter months, when we can experience snow and ice, we need to give extra attention to protecting the hardwood floor in our church. Please be sure to wipe your feet on the mat in the vestibule or the rug as you enter the church. It is important that we try to keep the floor dry and free of ice melt and dirty snow that can easily be tracked into the church.

### *PRO LIFE*

#### *Fundamental Right*

Some call the right-to-life movement "divisive." Our country was founded on the recognition of certain basic moral principles, the most important of which is that the right to life is unalienable, is bestowed by the Creator, and is to be protected by the government.

The very greatness of America depends on her adherence to this truth. How, then, can

one consider "divisive" the very principle on which our unity as a nation stands? Some speak of "a pluralistic society." What holds this "pluralistic society" together, keeping it from becoming a disconnected chaos? Clearly, there needs to be certain basic, foundational principles to which everyone in the society adheres if it is to survive. The right to life is the first among them.

### *NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH*

There are millions of slaves on the earth today, including millions of children who will never see the inside of a classroom. Plan to learn something this month about Modern Day Slavery. Visit: [sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org), website of U.S. **Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.**

### *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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