



# St. BERNARD'S Church

88 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025

Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m.

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*Welcome to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church. Thank you for sharing in our worship today, we are blessed by your presence. We also welcome our Zoom worshippers. Restrooms are in the Parish House next door. Join us today after worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall.*

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## PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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| <p>1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,<br/>in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,<br/>most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,<br/>almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.</p> <p>3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;<br/>in all life thou livest, the true life of all;<br/>we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,<br/>then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.</p> | <p>2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,<br/>nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;<br/>thy justice like mountains high soaring above<br/>thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.</p> <p>4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,<br/>Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;<br/>All laud we would render: O help us to see<br/>'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.</p> |
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### OPENING ACCLAMATION, BCP p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Officiant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### GLORIA S 280

*sung by all*

*found in the blue hymnal (Powell)*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray. God of kindness, interrupting our vicious cycles of resentment and revenge: teach us to walk the way of forgiveness beyond all accounting and to love the gift that has no measure; through Jesus Christ, who died for all. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

*read by Mary Kempen*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42** *sung by the choir with congregational Antiphon*

BCP pp. 633, 636

*Antiphon*



Trust al - ways in the Lord, for He is good.

*Do not fret yourselves because of evil-doers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass, fade away. **Antiphon***

*Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.*

*Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire. **Antiphon***

*Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in Him, and he will bring it to pass.*

*Be still before the Lord; and wait patiently for Him **Antiphon***

*The deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.*

*The Lord will help and rescue them; from the wicked because they seek refuge in Him. **Antiphon***

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

*read by Meg McKee*

*Lector* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear



Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
 People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Tom and Carolyn Ford.  
 People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
 People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for all on our Prayer List  
 (*read names*). *Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions. The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you / in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done, / and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, / have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will, / and walk in your ways, / to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, through Jesus Christ, who gives life in abundance. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*During the Offertory Anthem an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** A New Commandment by William Mundy

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS** *All stand as able and sing Old 100<sup>th</sup> (Hymn 380, stanza 3)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372 (\*see note below)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and,

beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-129**

Powell

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care..... Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People* **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come and meet the Risen Christ.

*You are welcome to say A Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below during Communion.*

**A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*(Diocese of Oxford, England)*

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your Body and unite me in your Blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**

**you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage**

**to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

*Celebrant* May Christ's bright star enlighten your mind and heart as you strive for equity, justice, and kindness in the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 529 In Christ there is no East or West

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| 1 In Christ there is no East or West,<br>in him no South or North,<br>but one great fellowship of love<br>throughout the whole wide earth.   | 2 Join hands, disciples of the faith,<br>What e'er your race may be!<br>Who serves my Father as his child<br>is surely kin to me. |
| 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,<br>All Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth. |   |

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

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*\* Eucharistic Prayer D is the work of an unofficial ecumenical committee of Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist scholars. Its source is the Eucharistic Prayer in the liturgy of St. Basil of Caesarea. This prayer brings to our tradition the richness of the Eastern tradition as well as representing an ecumenical achievement.*

ASSISTING TODAY AT OUR SERVICE	ST. BERNARD'S WARDENS AND VESTRY
<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i> The Rev. Beth Rauen Scaiano	Christopher Thomas, Valerie McEntee, <i>Wardens</i>
<i>Deacon</i> The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon	Michael Myers, <i>Treasurer</i> , Pamela Hull, <i>Clerk</i>
<i>Music Director</i> Dr. Martin Sedek	Anne Fritts, Pamela Hull, Mindy Kirby,
<i>St. Bernard's Choir</i>	Meg McKee, Jennifer Moss,
<i>Lectors</i> Mary Kempen, Meg McKee, Chris Thomas	Michael Myers, Jason Robinette
<i>Chalicer</i> Mary Kempen	
<i>Usher</i> Frank Curtis	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS • February 23, 2025

### COMMUNITY AND WORSHIP



**NEXT SUNDAY! Mar. 2, 10 am: Joint service & Pancake Breakfast at St. Mark's Church, BR** - We will celebrate one joint Sunday 10 am Holy Eucharist at St. Mark's, Basking Ridge, with the churches of St. John on the Mountain and St. Mark's. Music will be led by a combined choir (rehearsal at 9 am). Followed by a Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Youth in middle and high school can help make pancakes during worship, contact Lynn Mitchell to volunteer, [lynnmitchell@sjotm.org](mailto:lynnmitchell@sjotm.org). Parking is available in the Bank of America parking lot across the street.



**JOY! service for families with young children on Sunday, April 6 at St. John's at 4:30 pm**

The next JOY! service will be the first Sunday in April. On the first Sunday in March, March 2, we invite everyone to come to the joint 10 am service at St. Mark's and Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast. On April 6, the JOY! service for families with young kids will be held in St. John's Chapel, followed by a fellowship meal. The May 4 JOY! service will be at St. Bernard's.

**Zoom Evening Prayer continues on Wednesday, March 12, 5:30 pm**

Evening Prayer services will continue every Wed. at 5:30 pm via Zoom from March 12 through April 9. All welcome. The liturgy is on slides, so you can just show up on Zoom. Resources also available via email and our website. All are welcome. [www.stbernardsnj.org/worship-services-via-zoom](http://www.stbernardsnj.org/worship-services-via-zoom)

**Wed. Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday Services at St. Mark's, St. John's, and St. Bernard's**

Come begin the Season of Lent together. Ashes to Go will also be available from 3-6 pm at St. Bernard's.

**9 am** Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at St. Mark's Chapel

**12 pm** Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at St. John's Chapel

**7:30 pm** Ash Wednesday Evensong and Imposition of Ashes at St. Bernard's with combined choir

**Lent Madness - vote for your favorite Saints for the coveted Golden Halo!**

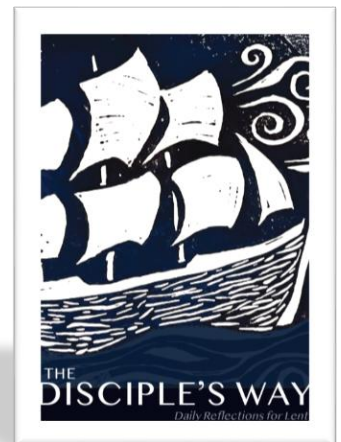
Lent Madness brackets available from the Narthex. How it works: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo. Join in the fun!

**Games Night! - Thur. March, 6- 8 pm**

Join us for another fun Games Night on the evening of Mar. 6, from 6 pm onwards in our Parish Hall. Food and snacks will be provided. All ages are welcome.

**The Disciple's Way Lenten resource from Forward Movement**

Pick up a copy of *The Disciple's Way: Daily Reflections for Lent* in the Narthex from Forward Movement, which celebrates its 90th anniversary this year. This book revisits call to discipleship found in the original Lenten resource of 1935 and expands it with new contemporary daily reflections. Text in gray boxes with a weekly theme and Scripture passages, are from the original. (Contemporary translations of the same passages are in the back of the book.) This resource calls us more fully into the seven steps of discipleship: turn, follow, learn, pray, serve, worship, and share. Forward Movement was founded on this premise, "If we want the Episcopal Church to be strong, we need our congregations to be strong. And if we want our congregations to be strong, we need them to be filled not with habitual Christians, but with disciples of Jesus Christ."



**STEWARDSHIP - CREATED FOR RELATIONSHIP**

Thank you for submitting your giving estimate for St. Bernard's annual stewardship campaign - *Created for Relationship*. The parish is grateful for your generosity. There is still time to pledge if you haven't already. Forms are available in the Narthex.



## OUTREACH

**Homework Helpers - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. Contact Cindy McWilliams to volunteer. More volunteers will allow us to sign up more students in need of academic assistance. All volunteers (adult/teens) must register with the Somerset Hills Y through this link: <https://gscymca.volunteermatters.org/project-catalog/330>. **Note: You must log-in to the YMCA site in order for our volunteer sign-up page to appear. It is listed as "Learning Lab".**

### **Food Bank Donations/Feeding America Backpack Program-Current List of Needs**

The Somerset County Food Bank is requesting specific items in current need:

**Spaghetti sauce (in plastic jars only; please no glass); cans of diced tomatoes; cans of tomato paste; bags of dried black beans; maple syrup; spam.** Other non-perishable items are also always welcome. Donations can be brought to church on Sundays or placed in our food donation tote outside the church. Thank you!

For a list of items to donate go to: <https://www.somersetfoodbank.org/about/give-supplies/>

## BEYOND ST. BERNARD'S



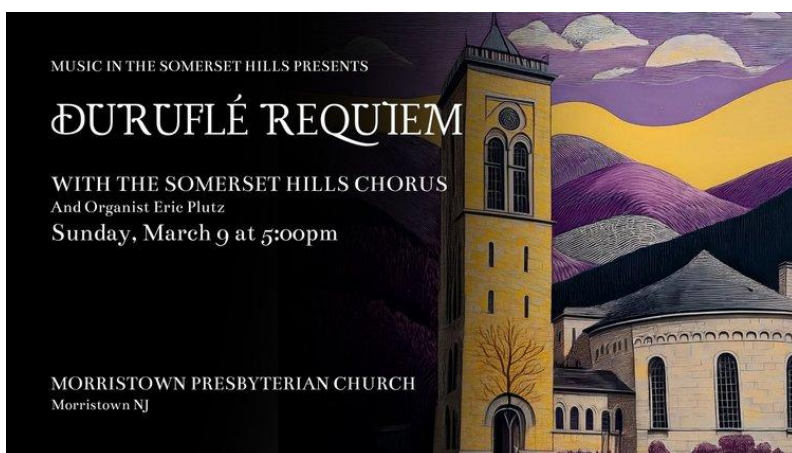
### **Icon Writing Workshop, March 13-15\*, 2025, No experience required**

Byzantine Iconography is a disciplined art form combining prayer and painting techniques to create serene images of Christ, Mary, the angels and the saints following centuries old guidelines. Peter Pearson has been studying and painting icons for more than fifty years and teaching others to do so for over half that time. He's authored three books and painted hundreds of icons for locations all over the world. No previous experience or natural talent is required. We paint, pray, and follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Please join us to write (paint) a simple image of The Good Shepherd. Cost: \$175 for first 15 participants\*\* \$275 thereafter. Includes all supplies. At St. Francis Church, 400 New Market Road, Dunellen, NJ. Send Name, email, telephone and registration fee to: Fr. Daniel Gunn, 419 South Street, New Providence, NJ 07974. Email: [rector@standrewschurch.org](mailto:rector@standrewschurch.org) \*Note: Thursday and Friday are evening hours; Saturday is morning and afternoon.

### **Music in the Somerset Hills presents** **Durufle Requiem with the Somerset Hills** **Chorus and organist Eric Plutz** **Sunday, March 9, 5 pm, Morristown**

Tickets now available for the Durufle Requiem sung by the Somerset Hills Chorus (St. B's Valerie McEntee & Alison Davidson sing in the chorus) on Sun. Mar. 9 at 5 pm at the Morristown Presbyterian Church. For tickets and more info. go to: <https://www.musicsh.org/events-and-concert-info/durufle-requiem-shc>

To get \$5 off your General Admission Tickets email Alison at [admin@stbernardsnj.org](mailto:admin@stbernardsnj.org) and let her know how many tickets you would like.



## DONATIONS VIA PAYPAL



Donations to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church can be made via PayPal. Please use this QR Code.



## **CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP**

**June 23-27**

**9 am-3 pm**

**Week cost:**

**\$125 per child**

*scholarships available*



For children entering grades K-6.  
Held at the Church of St. John on the Mountain,  
379 Mount Harmony Rd., Bernardsville NJ.

**Registration details coming soon!**  
**Reserve a spot by emailing [office@sjotm.org](mailto:office@sjotm.org).**

*Sponsored by St. John's, St. Bernard's, and  
St. Mark's, Basking Ridge.*