



St. Bernard's Church

88 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church. Thank you for sharing in our worship today. Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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| 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and
salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and
song, sounding in glad adoration. | 2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously
reigneth: borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints
he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth? |
| 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way
and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall
ever attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty can
do, who with his love doth befriend thee. | 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises
before him! Let the amen sound from his people
again; gladly for ever adore him. |

OPENING ACCLAMATION *The Book of Common Prayer 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

BCP p. 355

Celebrant 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

from Revised Lectionary Prayers

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, the strength of those who humbly confess their sin and place their hope in you, save us from vain displays of righteousness, and give us grace to keep faith with the true humility of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

read by Julia Somers

Lector A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-6 *read responsively by the half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.*

BCP pp. 707-708

Led by Julia Somers

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my Sovereign and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * **They will always be praising you.**

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you, * **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way!**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * **and you, the God of gods, will reveal yourself in Zion.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

read by John Smith

Lector

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – *Children (and parents) are welcome to come forward for a brief story*

GRADUAL HYMN 438

Tell out my soul

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age the same;
his holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14 *Please remain standing as you are able for the Gospel.*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for Stewardship Season

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

Led by Frank Curtis

Deacon As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, God's great gift to us and the world. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and spiritual development of laypeople, deacons, priests, and bishops. Tell Out my Soul,

People **The Greatness of our House of Prayer.**

Leader I bid your prayers for our nation and for all nations of this world, for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of goodwill. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice for all. Tell Out my Soul,

People **The Greatness of the Promise of Liberty.**

Leader I ask your prayers for our local community and neighbors, for God's mission through our parish, for our partners in ministry, and the ways we change the world with our gifts. Tell Out my Soul,

People **The Greatness of our Love.**
Leader I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love and those we do not know. Together we pray for those we name now either silently or aloud, and all our parish prayer list (*names are read*). Tell Out my Soul,

People **The Greatness of our Compassion.**
Leader I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, for those who mourn, and for chaplains who accompany them. We pray especially for Mary Lee Waldren. We pray for those we name now with our voices or in our hearts. Tell Out my Soul,

People **The Greatness of our Stories.**
Leader I invite your celebrations, thanksgivings, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with grace. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and St. Bernard's Church as we tell out our Soul,

People **The Greatness of the Lord.**
Deacon Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with you and the world you have made. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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 May the God of love embrace you and bring you back, forgive you your sins, and assure you of eternal and unconditional love in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP: TELL OUT MY SOUL

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

Blest Are They

David Haas

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

All stand as able and sing

Old 100th (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 A, BCP p. 361

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*The Proper Preface is said.*) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-129

found in blue hymnal (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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanks-giving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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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Celebrant Let us stand and pray.

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.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 473

Lift high the cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.

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| 1 | Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. | 2 | Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. |
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Refrain

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| 3 | O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. | 4 | So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. |
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Refrain

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING TODAY AT OUR SERVICE

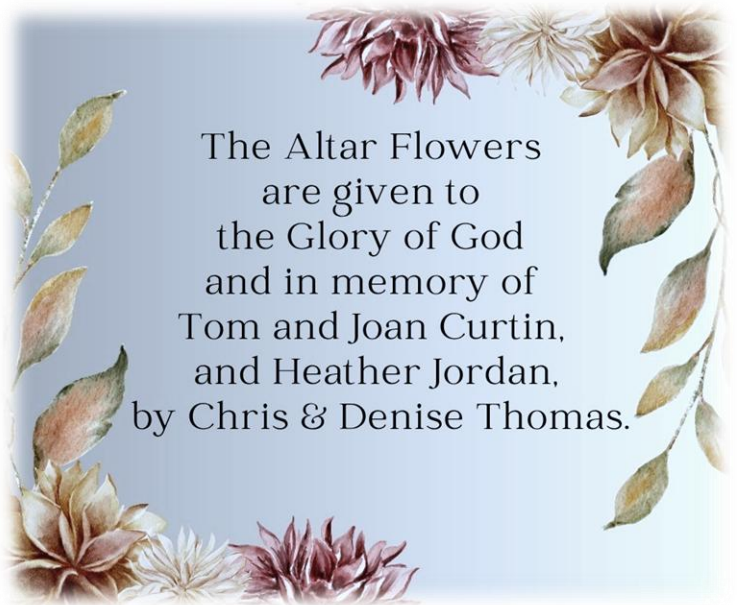
<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Karen B. Lewis
<i>Soloist</i>	Jason Robinette
<i>Lectors</i>	Julia Somers, John Smith, Frank Curtis
<i>Chalicist</i>	Mary Jane Canose
<i>Usher(s)</i>	Greg Canose

ST. BERNARD'S WARDENS AND VESTRY
Christopher Thomas, Valerie McEntee, *Wardens*
Michael Myers, *Treasurer*, Meg McKee, *Clerk*
Anne Fritts, Mindy Kirby, Meg McKee,
Jennifer Moss, Michael Myers, Jason Robinette

FLOWER DEDICATIONS



*The altar flowers are given
to the glory of God
and in celebration
of the wedding
of Christina Dedrick &
Devin McGuire
at St. Bernard's Church
on
Saturday, October 25 2025*



The Altar Flowers
are given to
the Glory of God
and in memory of
Tom and Joan Curtin,
and Heather Jordan,
by Chris & Denise Thomas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 26, 2025

WORSHIP & COMMUNITY



STEWARDSHIP: TELL OUT MY SOUL

This year's annual Stewardship theme invites us to reflect on our own life stories that have brought us to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church where we continue to grow and dream with God. Amidst the ups and downs of life, our gratitude to God helps us sing alongside Mary's words in the Magnificat, "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!" We hope you will prayerfully consider how your participation in the life of St. Bernard's parish helps you to grow in your faith and compassion for the God's world. A letter from Pastor Beth was sent by email the stewardship mailing

went out last week, both are also available in the narthex. We invite giving estimates (pledges) to be returned by mail or in the offering plate by Sunday, Nov. 2. Thank you for being generous with all you have been given.

All Saints' Sunday Service, November 2, 11 am: Names for Necrology List & Music Fund Donations

Join us on *Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11 am* as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints' where we include a Necrology in the bulletin, and the names are read out during the service. You are also welcome to bring a photo for the altar. Names for the necrology can be any family members who have passed, and/or friends/family who have passed in the past year. Please submit the names for the Necrology list to Alison Davidson, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, Oct. 29. You can submit names: via email:

Admin@StBernardsNJ.org; or by completing the form in this bulletin or print from e-Nouncements and other email campaigns.

Music Fund Donations: You are also welcome to make a donation to the Music Fund for All Saints' Day, Music Fund donations can either be mailed or placed in the collection plate on Sundays.

If donating by check, please write "Music Fund" on the memo line.

Games Night! Thurs., Nov. 20, 6 – 8 pm at St. Bernard's

Join us for games, fun, and pizza on Thursday, Nov., 20 from 6-8 pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall. Fun for all ages, held once a month. Thanks to Jason Robinette for leading us.

Evening Prayer continues Nov. 5, 5:30 pm. via Zoom

Join us for Evening Prayer services via Zoom on Wed., Nov. 5, at 5:30 pm running every other week until Advent. Services will be weekly during the Advent season. Service resources available online or via slides during the Zoom service. All are welcome.

Volunteers needed for either Reading or Ushering at our 11 am Sunday Services

We are in need of more parishioners to volunteer to either read or usher at our 11 am Sunday services. Our Parish Administrator sends out a monthly email to volunteers to find out your availability and then assigns the readings and who will be ushering each week. Each lector reads one of the readings, and/or leads the Psalm when it is spoken, and the Prayers of the People which also includes reading out the Prayer List. Ushers hand out the service bulletins, collect the offering before Holy Communion, and welcome parishioners to receive during Holy Communion. They then count and record the cash from the offering after the service. If you are interested in either or both of these roles, please email Alison, our Parish Administrator, to be added to the distribution email list, and/or sign up on the sign-up sheet available in the Parish Hall. New ushers will shadow our more experienced ushers before taking on the role independently.

Signing up to host Coffee hour

We invite you to sign up to host coffee hour on a fall Sunday after worship and are partner with other parishioners in support of our fellowship. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall.

OUTREACH

Homework Helpers Program - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Homework Help Program held in St. Bernard's Parish Hall and run in partnership with the YMCA, Basking Ridge is in need of volunteers. The program started up again on October 15 and will run through May 27, 2026. It provides support for 1st-8th grader students across various subject areas and is provided in either 1-on-1 or small group settings. The cost for the students is FREE! If you, or anyone you know would like to volunteer (High School students and adults welcome) registration is required through the Y by contacting Beth Bolen at Tel: 908-766-7898 x403; or Email: bbolen@gscymca.org; or through their website: <https://gscymca.volunteermatters.org/project-catalog/454>

Angels' Closet, November 15-16 at Bedwell Elementary School

Angels' Closet donations can be dropped off at the Parish House at St. John on the Mountain, 379 Mount Harmony Drive. St. John's is now only accepting brand new clothing: underwear (all sizes); socks (all sizes); children's clothing (all sizes); children's coats (all sizes); adult coats (all sizes); toiletries - soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs; diapers (all sizes); and baby wipes. We need volunteers for set up day on Nov. 15, and distribution day on Nov. 16. This year the event is at Bedwell Elementary School.

God's Giving Garden: Work sessions every Tues, Thurs, and Sat mornings

Join us at God's Giving Garden either Tues., Thurs., or Sat. mornings from 9 am to noon, weather-permitting, straight through the Fall. If you would like to volunteer for this very rewarding ministry contact Cathy Ferrara: cathyhf2@gmail.com or just come down to the garden during our work sessions! Ross Farm, 135 N. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge.

Food Bank of Somerset County Donations

Donations can be brought to church on Sundays or placed in our food donation tote outside the church. Thank you!

Help Retire Medical Debt, sponsored by the Watchung Convocation:

One of the leading causes of bankruptcy in the US is medical debt. Existing medical debt also prevents people from seeking the help they need to stay healthy. Our Convocation (Episcopal churches in our region) has taken on the challenge to help retire medical debt. In NJ, the state has used leftover federal Covid relief funds to work with Undue Medical Debt to retire the debt of NJ residents. Looking to another state in need, we will pool our resources to buy medical debt for pennies on the dollar to give relief to people in Navajoland after learning that West Virginia's medical debt is spoken for. A donation of \$1 retires \$100 of medical debt. (Debt is bundled and there are income restrictions.) We hope you can contribute to St. Bernard's Church's effort during the first 2 weeks of October to raise a portion of the Convocation's \$10,000 goal. Perhaps you can give one dollar for each year of your life; give ten dollars (or some other amount) for each child in your family; or just choose an amount that seems right to you. Once we have pooled our resources, we will challenge other Convocations in the Diocese of NJ to match what we have done. Let's see how many people we can free from medical debt. There will be an online giving option, or you can make checks to **St. Bernard's Church** and designate "*Retire Medical Debt*" on the memo line. Learn more at <https://unduemedicaldebt.org>.