



The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority.

MARK 1:22

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

January 28, 2024

# FOURTH *Sunday* in ORDINARY TIME

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## Mass Schedule

### Sundays

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Spanish-Once a Month on Saturday's at 7:00 p.m.

### Weekdays

Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

### Summer

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Holy Days

8:30 a.m. and Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

### Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus goes to the town of Capernaum. As he enters the town, we are told that it is the sabbath day. In the Jewish tradition, the sabbath is like our Sunday. As a faithful Jew, Jesus would have participated in services at the synagogue where the community would come together for prayer, worship, and hearing God’s word. It is interesting that Jesus goes to the synagogue to teach; even though this is not his home community he has enough authority in his own ministry and identity as the Son of God that he can share God’s word with those in this community. While Jesus is preaching, an evil spirit speaks through one of the men in attendance. Jesus recognizes this wicked spirit instantly and demands that it come out of the man. The miracle that Jesus does in expelling the spirit from the man is yet another example of Jesus’ authority. Jesus heals this man from the evil that has overcome him. Think of those in your life who, while maybe you wouldn’t describe as evil, you might describe as mean, rude, hypocritical, or even a bully. Just as astonished as you would be if someone came up to that person and demanded they were not like that anymore and they listened, that is how shocked the people in this reading are at seeing Jesus demand the evil spirit leave the man. This was a miracle done before their eyes. No one saw it coming. Unexpected events catch us off guard. We aren’t anticipating them so when they happen, they make us stop and pay attention. We might rethink our plans or decide to do something in response to the unexpected event. Even in the face of these different or unexpected situations, teaching at a synagogue in a new city or encountering an evil spirit, Jesus remains firm in his identity as the Son of God, which gives him authority in all things. He teaches with authority. The people listen. He demands the demon leaves the man. The spirit has no choice but to listen. Jesus’ words have power because Jesus is divine. Yet because he is also fully human, people tend to only see that aspect of him and are quite surprised when he teaches with authority and drives out demons with power. Jesus uses his authority to share the Good News and do the work of building up the kingdoms of God. By teaching he is sharing that message, and by casting out evil spirits he is bringing people back to God. He does not use his authority to force people to believe in God but shows them by his actions and confidence in God that following God is the path of life.



**Monthly 50/50 Raffle**

Contribution is \$25 and the proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. Simply drop your entry at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket. The next winner will be picked on February 6th, 2024

This Month’s Winner of \$162.50 is  
Mrs. MaryAnn Viglianti

**Ash Wednesday Schedule**

Following is the schedule for Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten Journey.  
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- 8:30a.m. Mass
- 3:00p.m. Prayer Service
- 6:00p.m. Spanish Service
- 7:30 p.m. Mass
- Ashes will be distributed at all.



**SAVE THE DATE**



**“OFF TO THE RACES!”**

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM

PLACE: ST. BERNARD PARISH HALL

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This weekend’s second collection is a Diocesan Collection for Churches In Need.  
**Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

9:00 am Joe DePaolo by St. Bernard Parish Staff

5:00 pm Michelina Caiati by Dino, Louis & AnneMarie  
(2nd Anniversary in Heaven)  
Joseph Jimenez by The Lamar Family  
Teresa Scissura by Renee & Tom Sorrentino

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

8:30am Camille Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

10:00am Salvatore Scarfogliero by The Zito Family

11:30am Helen Colangelo by John & Maria Piccirillo

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

8:30am For All the Souls in Purgatory by Elizabeth  
People of the Parish

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

8:30 am Joseph Giacobbe Birthday In Loving Memory Mom & Dad

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

8:30 am Tommy Capriola by Tina Moore

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

8:30 am Domenick Puleo by his Wife & Children

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

8:30am Margaret Manning Birthday in Heaven by her great grandchildren  
Isabella, Meagan & John  
Happy Birthday Joe Fallon by his Family

Purgatorial Mass

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

9:00am Alain Ferdinand by Niah Ferdinand  
Gabrielle Louissaint by Daphne Phanord

5:00pm Stephen Ruggiero by Baez & Merrick Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:30am Suze Leonce Mompont by Daphne Phanord

10:00am Jerry Cariello by Nick & Ellie Graziano  
Lorenzo Cascio Rizzo by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

11:30am Tommy Capriola by Mr. & Mrs. John DiBlasi

### The Little Black Lenten Books

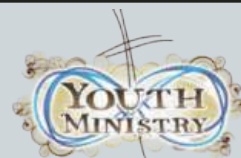
Each year during the season of Lent the parish makes available The Little Black Box of daily reflections for adults and young people.

Each year these books are sponsored by a family in the parish in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one.

Each book will include the name of your loved one and who made the donation.

The donation of the books will also appear in the bulletin.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Lenten Books this year please contact the office 718.763.5533

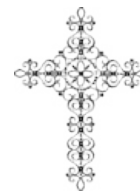


### Diocesan Youth Holy Hour

On Friday, February 2nd, please join us at 7:00 p.m. for a Diocesan Youth Holy Hour with refreshments afterward. This is for all youth, ages 10 - 21. Bring a friend or family member. We have a vibrant Youth Ministry Program including our God Squad, our Confirmation Class, our Teen Ministry, and our College Ministry. Please join us as we host other Youth in the Diocese at our Church as we all come together in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Purgatorial Society

John Baesch  
John Michael Marino



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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## Faith Formation News

First Penance Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 11:00am

Penance Practice both groups Tuesday April 9th and Thursday April 11th 3:30pm in Church Children Only

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 11, 2024

St. Bernard Academy - 11:00 am/St. Bernard School of Religion- 1:00 pm

Communion Practice School of Religion Wednesday May 8th 4:00pm in Church Children Only

Communion Practice Academy Thursday May 9th 3:30pm-4:30pm in Church Children Only

Confirmation Candidate Retreat

Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:45am at St. Columba

All children should be using their Mass intention cards and envelopes at Mass.

Extra cards and envelopes can be found in the Kids Korner.

**School of Religion Calendar:** Use the dates below to plan accordingly.

Wednesday January 31

Wednesday February 7,14,28, (NO CLASS on February 21st Winter Recess)

Wednesday March 6,13,20 (NO CLASS on March 27th Easter Break)

Wednesday April 17 (NO CLASS on April 3, 10, 24 Spring Break)

Wednesday May 1, 8, 15



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# Lent



## Preparing For Lent

The Lenten Season provides a great opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through prayer, penitential practices and works of charity. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the following:**

**Stations of the Cross** will be said on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Church beginning Friday, February 17th. You can also watch on our website and Facebook page.

### **Parish Mission: SAVE THE DATES!**

Our Annual Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday March 4, 5 & 6 at 7:00pm

Msgr. Tom Caserta will be our presenter this Lenten season. He has given many retreats. In this time of Eucharistic Revival, the theme will be on the Eucharist.

You can also watch on our website and Facebook page.

**Spanish Retreat Night:** On Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00pm, our Deanery will have the 1st Lenten Retreat Night in Spanish at St. Thomas Aquinas. Deacon Jorge Gonzalez, the coordinator of the Diaconate Formation Program will be the presenter.

## Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence** from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by Catholics 14 years of age and older.

**Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal, with two smaller meals permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted.

### **HOLY FAMILY SHRINE**

If you are interested in reserving a Block or Heart, on the Holy Family Shrine in Honor or in Memory of a loved one, or if you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.



### **Blessing of the Throats**

On Saturday, February 3rd we will celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, the patron Saint of throat ailments.

To celebrate this feast day, we will have a general blessing of the throats at the 9:00a.m. morning Mass.



## Ways to Give to Your Parish

Winter weather is here and that means ice and snow may make it difficult for some people to get to church and many "Snowbirds" take flight to Florida for the winter months. But parish bills keep growing during the winter, including increased heating costs and snow removal expenses. You can make sure your parish support doesn't stop just when we need it the most. Check out our simple, safe and secure online giving program at SAINTBERNARDBROOKLYN.COM then click on the DONATE button and you will be guided through the giving process. You can donate from your Cell Phone. Simply text SUNDAY to 516-400-4140 and you will be guided through the giving process. Envelope users can just place their envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish. We are truly grateful for your vision and your commitment to maintaining our Parish as a beacon of faith and hope for others. Thank you for your support and prayers throughout these challenging times.



***Thank You!***  
***Thank You!***  
***Thank You!***



*St. Joseph Novena*

Every Tuesday  
following the  
8:30 a.m. mass.



**Rosary Society News**

The next meeting of the St. Bernard Rosarians will take place after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 4th in the Parish Hall.

New Members are welcome! Come recite the Rosary with us before Mass at 9:30am in Church. ALL MEN, WOMEN, ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS ARE WELCOME to come and say the Rosary! Now, more than ever we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope.

**Stewardship Thought**

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 Corinthians 7:32  
How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won’t necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

**Perform a Random Act of Kindness**

Call the first person that comes to mind and let them know you’re thinking about them.  
TEENS: Offer to help someone set up and navigate their phone, social media or communication apps.

**St. Bernard  
Weekly Mass Attendance**

Weekend of January 20th & January 21st, 2024  
Saturday January 20th 5:00pm  
-112  
Sunday, January 21st 8:30am  
-90  
Sunday, January 21st 10:00am  
-270  
Sunday, January 21st 11:30am  
-151  
Total Weekend Attendance-623



**Parish Phone Numbers**

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**Gift Shop Hours**

Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

**Devotions**

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA  
MONDAYS**

Novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

**ROSARY**

Monday - Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday after 9:00 a.m. Mass

**FIRST FRIDAYS**

Exposition: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Chapel

**Baptisms**

Scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.  
Parents are required to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Deacon at least six weeks prior to Baptism.

**Marriages**

Arrangements must be made with a Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the wedding.

Pre-Cana information can be found at [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org).

**Sick Calls**

Please call the Rectory to arrange a Communion call to the sick or elderly, or a pastoral visit to a hospitalized loved one.

**Vocations**

Anyone seeking information regarding the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, Religious Life or to serve in our Parish as a Lay Minister should speak to Msgr. Grimaldi, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank. or Dcn. Chris.

**Parish Membership**

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

**Catholics Come Home**

Please feel free to invite those who have been away from our parish to attend Mass with you. If there is anyone you know of that is upset with the church and feels that my speaking to them would be of help, please let me know so that I may speak with them. Msgr. Grimaldi.

**Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith**

**Remember Our Parish in Your Will**

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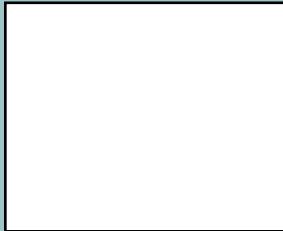
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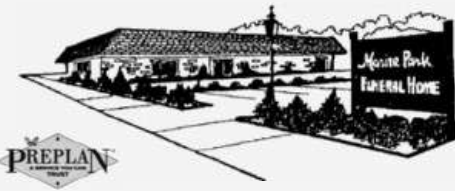
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