

Saint Bernard Church

February 11, 2024
Sixth 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.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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

The leper in today's Gospel approaches Jesus and before saying a word kneels down before him. This first detail of the Gospel passage might be often overlooked because we focus more on the miraculous healing that takes place. However, the posture and attitude the leper takes before Jesus can teach us many things. In general, the posture of kneeling communicates an attitude of respect and honor toward the person or object we are kneeling before. It can also signify humility and deference. The posture of kneeling is also commonly associated with praying. As Catholics, we are familiar with kneeling because we kneel during certain parts of the Mass. In today's Gospel, the leper's posture before Jesus signifies his respect for Jesus and his humility before him. It also can signify his deference to Jesus since he is begging him to be healed. When someone had leprosy, they were isolated from the community. This practice was practical- it prevented others from contracting the disease. However, it also set these people apart socially from their families and faith communities, no contact allowed. They were stigmatized and looked down upon. It makes sense that the leper would approach Jesus with this posture. He knew he was an outcast, yet he still dared to approach Jesus. The leper's request to Jesus also shows this attitude of humility and reverence for the power of Christ. Rather than demanding to be healed, he simply says, "If you wish, you can make me clean." This can be a powerful prayer that anyone can use as we approach Jesus in prayer. It is an attitude that we also hear in other prayers in our tradition. For example, the beginning of the leper's request, "If you wish," reminds us of the part in the Our Father where we say, "thy will be done." Trusting and embracing God's will, and not relying solely on our own, is an essential and fundamental part of our Christian life, but it is not always easy for us. Only after making this statement of faith does the leper ask to be made clean (if it is God's will.) When Jesus heard the leper's request he was moved with pity and cured him of the disease. Jesus wants to do the same for the situations we face. He wants to enter into our situation and express his compassion and love for us. When we experience this love and compassion of Christ, we should be like the leper and share the news of Jesus' work in our lives with the world!



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 March 5th, 2024

This Month's Winner of \$112.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Spangen

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



ST. BERNARD PARISH CARD PARTY



"OFF TO THE RACES!"

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM

PLACE: ST. BERNARD PARISH HALL

ST. BERNARD PARISH 7TH ANNUAL CARD PARTY!

GET YOUR RAFFLES & TICKETS NOW!

RAFFLE TICKETS, 50/50 BOARDS, CALENDAR BOARDS & BETTING SLIP SCRATCH OFFS (\$1 EACH) ARE AVAILABLE NOW IN THE RECTORY!

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Snow Removal.

Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

9:00 am Edward Bannan by The Concepcion Family
5:00 pm Stephen Ruggiero by The Baez & Merrick Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

8:30am Suze Leonce Mompoint 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

8:30am Remigio & Concetta Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

8:30 am Grace Simoes by Ron & Peggy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

8:30 am Joseph Giacobbe by Mom & Dad
3:00pm Service
7:30pm Annette & Nunzio Mastromarino by Matthew, Christopher & Natalie

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

8:30 am Buddy Ferraro by Amy & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

8:30am Happy 9th Birthday Jack Gallagher by Grandma & Grandpa DeMarinis

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

9:00am Richard & Dennis Weisenreider by Stephanie Puleo
5:00pm Edward Romano by your loving wife Linda

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

8:30am Robert Rokose by Emily Schiralli
10:00am Giovanna Bosi by Lisa Cama
11:30am Carol Pino by Mrs. Rosemary Somma & Family
Barbara C. Longobardi by Mr. & Mrs. John DiBlasi
Giustina Abbatemarco by Joe, Marylou Brusco & Family

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



Memorials

Altar Bread:

*In Loving Memory of Annette & Gaetano Camoia
Donated by Thomas & Rosemary Camoia*

Altar Wine:

*In Loving Memory of Annette & Gaetano Camoia
Donated by Thomas & Rosemary Camoia*

Altar Candles:

*In Loving Memory of Alice Cariello
Donated by Janine Barbera & Barbara Horan*

Church Bells:

*In Loving Memory of Tommy Capriola
Donated by Kathy Buscemi*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B. V.B. Jack Albin Rosa Andreani Francis Arcati Marilyn Augello Anna Barone Christine Palumbo Beck Nicholas Berlingieri Lizette Borquero Paul Brienza Margaret Bracco Thomas Caliendo Diane Camacho Gary Camarda Elaine Capper Ana Caraballo Joseph Carone Carmine Carriero, Jr. Leonard Carriero Domenic Carriero Clare Cawthon Nick & Sarah Codella Julia Comer Sheila Connors Daniel Commisso Janet Commisso Angela Marie Cosenza Irma Cruz Samantha Curreri John Curte Gabriella Cutrone Josephine Dai Joan Darragh Tania Davis Pamela DeCesare Phyllis DeCesare Vicky DeGruccio Frances DePace Ed Desantis Diane DiAngelo Rosa Diaz Rosa DiBerardino Mildred Diel Donna Donzella James Donzella Gia Marie Duffy Stephen J. Esposito Aiden Estrella	John Fahey Kevin Fahey Pat Fallon Adriana Farrell Tracy Farrell Natalie Ferber Anthony Filippazzo Ruppert Fontenelle Marisa Fullam Alexandra Gagliardi Karen Gallagher Patricia Gallagher Peter J. Gallagher Linda Gannon Courtney James Garrison Jr. Thomas Garziniti Margaret Generoso Ellen Gentile Connor Patrick Geoghagen Francine Giannotti Rose Giberti Tina Giberti Mark Gottlieb Robin Gottlieb Nicholas Grillo John Gullo Cindy Guzzo Ken Healy Gregoria Hernandez Maria Hinners June Honovich CarolAnn Howe Gianni Incandela Laura Johnson William Kenney Ann Klauss Kiera Sophie Stella Kinsella Annette Kyle Angelina Larrymore Roberto Lastra Salvatore Leone Greyson Livia Barbara Lopez Ariana Lore Joseph Malk Allan Maloney Baby Salvatore Manniello Yolanda Maranga Steven Marinelli Joseph Marino Andrea Martin Lurline Martineau Matthew Mason Nicole McCallion Mackenzie McCallion	Eddie Boy McCarthy Christine McCartney Kelsey McCartney Nancy McCormick Edna McGuinness Matt McMahon Donald Merone Debbie Miller Brian Morgan Joseph Mosiello Tanya Ortiz A. Passaro Sandra Pena Jo-Ann Piazza Nicholas Piccio Clement Pollio Jerry Pottak William Prussing Corinne Ramaglia Alexa Ramos Phillip Ramos Antonio Reda Vito Rita Jacob and Jaxson Rivera Antonio Romano Margaret Romano Craig Rosen Aida Rosiello Sal Rubino Gasper Sacco Joseph Sanfratello Robert Sansone Joanne Sarnicola Laura Scattereggia Carol Schroeder Aiden Seazer Erik Seidel Gloria Serewitz Michael Skody Alexandra Smith Aurora Sorrentino Sue Ann Spotts Troy Tamburo Cigdem Tanriverdi Linda Testagrose William A. Thomas Ryan Torgerson Jennifer Tortorici Geraldine Ventrice Salvatore Ventrice Stephen Wiegand Thomas Yorke Lily Zemel
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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 February 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



Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph We Entrust Our Families To Your Sacred Heart

In Memory of Tommy Capriola

Love Your St. Bernard Friends

If you would like to add to any of our Holy Family Memorials “In Memory of” or “In honor of” your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.



Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefits...and potentially even a source of income? If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone.

With a planned gift, like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family.

If you are interested in learning more contact your financial advisor. Thank You for your support and prayers throughout these challenging times.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief

A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.

Saturday, February 17, 2024

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory

For more information, call

Barbara at 917-686-5444 or

Maureen at 347-436-5192

Stewardship Thought

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus’ entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father’s mission – the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

St. Joseph Novena

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



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 16th. 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.



Be willing to forgive those who didn't know better.



*Perform a
Random
Act of Kindness*

CHILDREN:
Make a Valentine Card for your Favorite Teacher!



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!*



GIVING UP SOCIAL MEDIA FOR LENT



Lent, the 40-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, is considered an opportunity to give up worldly luxuries as a form of penance and an act of devotion to Jesus.

Lent is a time to step away from indulgences and instead focus deeper on the Lord. We can't think of a better way to do this than to give up social media for 40 days or at least cut down!

Get comfortable putting your phone aside. It may be uncomfortable at first, but humans thrived since the dawn of time without iPhones. Making a sacrifice for lent is *supposed* to feel a bit uncomfortable. The idea is that by putting aside a dependence on a daily comfort, you can then use that extra energy to pray and connect deeper with God.

The best way to stick to this commitment is to find alternative (more uplifting) ways to use your phone to entertain you. We aren't advocating for giving up your phone completely. *(Although, we won't stop you if you're up for it. There are brain benefits to stepping away from your phone altogether).* If you find yourself looking at your phone while bored, here are some healthier ways to pass time with your smartphone.

- ◆ **Read the Bible.** Download the YouVersion app and dive into the Word
- ◆ **Read a book, for free!** Download the Libby app and access Kindle and audiobooks for *free* on your phone simply by putting in your library card number.
- ◆ **Play a brain game.** Download games like Luminosity, which are designed to sharpen your mind.
- ◆ **Call a friend.** Old school, right?! But a phone conversation will make you feel much more connected than text based chats (regardless of if they're on social media or via text message).

St. Bernard

Weekly Mass Attendance

Weekend of February 3rd & February 4th, 2024

Saturday February 3rd 5:00pm
-117

Sunday, February 4th 8:30am
-96

Sunday, February 4th 10:00am
-152

Sunday, February 4th 11:30am
-207

Total Weekend Attendance-572



Parish Phone Numbers

RECTORY OFFICE: 718-763-5533 FAX:718-763-0224

EMAIL: sbchurchbrooklyn@aol.com

ACADEMY OFFICE: 718-241-6040

SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 718-763-5533

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.

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 Deaconate, 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

When you next update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to St. Bernard. For more information please see Msgr. Grimaldi.

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