

Saint Bernard Church

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

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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
First Sunday of Lent**

Today we hear that Jesus went out into the desert and was tempted by the devil. Does this surprise you? Jesus is, of course, without sin, but he knows what it is like to be tempted. Because he became human, he knows and understands what we go through; because he is still God, he does not sin and we should follow his example in resisting the temptation to fall into sin. The details of Jesus' temptations are not mentioned in today's Gospel passage from Mark, but they are in Matthew (Matthew 4:1-11) and Luke (Luke 4:1-13). We hear them in other years. We'll reflect on these temptations today because they will help us examine our own temptations and overcome them. The first temptation is to turn stone into bread. Jesus had just been fasting for forty days and was hungry, so the devil is tempting him with instant gratification. Another temptation is to jump from the temple and have the angels save him (the second temptation in Matthew and the third one in Luke). This is the temptation to test God. It's like the devil was saying "If God is so powerful, the why wouldn't he keep you from falling and hurting yourself?" In the last temptation (third in Matthew, second in Luke) the devil promises Jesus all the kingdoms on earth if Jesus will worship him. This is the temptation of idolatry. Many people may not be tempted to actually worship the devil, but all of us are tempted all the time to put other people or things before God. When we spend time reflecting on these temptations and the ways they appear in our lives, it can seem like we are constantly in spiritual warfare. Lent is a good time to reflect on what is pulling us away from God and return to him. We are meant to combat the lures of the devil and strive to cling to God. We aren't in it alone. In today's Gospel we heard how the angels ministered to Jesus. God sends us teachers and spiritual guides to help us remain firm in our faith. Our Lenten commitments of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving also help us in this effort. In Matthew and Luke, Jesus responds to the temptations by turning to Scripture. We are called to do the same by becoming familiar with God's Word and read it daily. And in today's reading from mark, we hear Jesus' call to "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Lent is a great time to go to the sacrament of reconciliation. All of these practices can help in our daily battle against temptation.



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

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.



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 Diocesan Collection for Black & Indian Missions.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

9:00 am Richard & Dennis Weisenreider by Stephanie Puleo

5:00 pm 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 Abbate-marco by Joe, Marylou Brusco & Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

8:30am Kacey Janae Eusebio by Anthony & Malou Mozatto & Mike Palisoc
People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

8:30 am Neil Sorrentino by your loving wife Meryl (Happy Birthday)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

8:30 am Charles & Angelina Leo by their daughter Stephanie

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

8:30 am Antonio Grimaldi (Birthday in Heaven)
Rose Franzone (Anniversary in Heaven)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

8:30am Sandra Mohamad by The Consolation Ministry

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

9:00am Jean Fennel Nelson by Daphne Phanord
Mauclair Herald Phanord by Daphne Phanord

5:00pm Antoinette Zarcone by her Family (Birthday in Heaven)
Caterina Pomponio by The Conti Family
Peter Modica by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

8:30am Mary Lyons by Pat Frank

10:00am Rosaria Gambino by Maria Bellantone

11:30am Dennis Weisenreider by Doreen, Buddy, Ginny & Tom Tascone

Stewardship Thought

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” ~ Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



Memorials

Altar Candles:

*In Loving Memory of Giustina Abbate-marco
Donated by Joe, Marylou Brusco & Family*

Church Bells:

*In Loving Memory of The Deceased Members of
The Al Vaccaro Family
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St. Joseph Novena

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



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 February 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 Joan Ford

Loving Sister, Aunt & God-Mother Rest In Peace

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.



OFFER LOVE AND SUPPORT
TO SOMEONE WHO IS
STRUGGLING.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

CHILDREN: Include a new Friend in your game!



Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

at St. Bernard
Catholic Academy
Open House/

Registration in Lobby of Academy Building

Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Saturday, May 4th, 2024

10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Saturday, June 8th, 2024

10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

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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 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.

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!***



This week begins the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

We encourage everyone to view the 2024 ACA Video online at

www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation and Mission. We invite you to stand with St. Bernard's Parish in supporting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

To donate, visit www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.

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 10th & February 11th, 2024

Saturday February 10th 5:00pm
-155

Sunday, February 11th 8:30am
-100

Sunday, February 11th 10:00am
-124

Sunday, February 11th 11:30am
-252

Total Weekend Attendance-631



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

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Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

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Devotions

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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

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