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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.-4:00p.m.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Easter Sunday

Today's Gospel about the resurrection could be called an "unbelievable" event. In this first part of John's account of the resurrection, it appears to be more about the case of the empty tomb than the resurrection of Jesus. There is no mention of an appearance from the risen Lord; only the empty tomb and burial cloths given us reason to believe. It is easy for us to see these as signs of the resurrection, but for those disciples who were the first to encounter the empty tomb, they didn't quite understand. Even though we hear that the beloved disciple believes, we are left with remark that "they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise form the dead." Because this passage does not state the obvious, nor do the disciples receive a clear message saying, "This is what happened," we are left that with the choice to believe or not. There are many times in our faith journey when we encounter a situation that might confuse us. Is there a hidden reality that the visible signs are pointing to? Are we missing something that God is trying show us? We are unsure how to proceed. Mary invites others into the situation so that she is not journeying alone. Perhaps together they can figure out what is going on. Peter and the beloved disciple investigate things further. The beloved disciple has faith. Each of these reactions helps us to respond in uncertain situations. Even if we understand that the resurrection had taken place when we hear today's Gospel passage, it is important to remember that the resurrection is part of Jesus' paschal mystery. There are many theological works today that help us to understand this, but part of it will always remain a mystery because it is the action of God, and we can never fully know the mind of God. Our whole Christian life is about being more deeply immersed in that saving mystery. The Church spends the next fifty days, the length of the season of Easter, exploring the mystery of Christ's resurrection. Without the resurrection sin prevails, our faith is ineffective, and we are a people without hope. Death, not life, is the end of our story. Through the resurrection our faith is life giving and we are a people of great hope. We are shown that eternal life with God is our ultimate calling.

My Dear Friends, 2024

On behalf of the whole Parish Staff, I want to wish all of you and your families a very blessed Easter Season. You and your loved ones will be remembered at all of my Easter Masses.
I ask all of you to be Easter people who are filled with the risen Christ. People filled with joy, knowing that death has been conquered and salvation won. People filled with the knowledge that the suffering of the cross will always be followed by the joy of Easter. People filled with the spirit of love, knowing that good will always win out over evil.

Happy Easter,
Monsignor Grimaldi

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 April 3rd, 2024

This Month's Winner of $162.50 is
Ms. Josephine DeLuca

Holy Family Society

We are encouraging families to join our Holy Family Society Requirements:

- Come to Mass (ideally every Sunday) but at lest once a month
- Say a Rosary at home once a month
- Have a picture of the Holy Family in your home
- Do one thing a year to help the poor
- Come to a Retreat Day
- Take the parish Holy Family Society Statue once and keep it for a week to pray

If you are interested, see the flyers at the back of church or see Fr. Mike or Melissa Wagner.

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for Easter for Retired Priests.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

9:00am Morning Prayer-No Mass

8:00pm Antoinette & John Zarcone & Larry DeAngelo Jr.
by Their Loving Family
Mary, Mickey & A-Net Damato by Rita

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

8:30am Tony Evangelista by Anthony & Michael Patrizio
Louise Diletto by Daisy Valenti
Angela Solow by Tina Giberti (1st Birthday in Heaven)

10:00am Robert Herinsky by Marie Herinsky

11:30am Barbara Longobardi by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

8:30am Christine Mitra by Edward Houston

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

8:30am Frederick & Josephine Houston by their son Edward

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

8:30am Antoinette Zarcone by her Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

8:30am Louise Castronova by Lena & Ellin

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

8:30am Laura Lamela by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

9:00am Rose Giberti by Judy Lombardo & Family

5:00pm Fred Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

8:30am Teresa Scollo by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Rose Giberti & Thomas Quinn by The Rosarians
Sandra Mohamad y Nick &Ellie Graziano
Jamie Morris by St. Bernard Friends (Birthday in Heaven)

11:30am Fran Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family

Purgatorial Society

Andy Ciafolo
Maria Naham

Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief

A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, April 13, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or Maureen at 347-436-5192

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Antoinette Zarcone
Donated by Her Family

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Antoinette Zarcone
Donated by Her Family

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Patricia Ketchie
Donated by Tina & Rose Giberti

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Stephen Houston
Donated by Uncle Eddie

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Peter Modica
Donated by AnnaMarie & Joe Valenza

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
Arline Brack
Thomas Caliendo
Diane Camacho
Gary Camarda
Mary Campisi
Elaine Capper
Ana Caraballo
Joseph Carone
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Leonard Carriero
Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
Nick & Sarah Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
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
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Ruppert Fontenelle
Marisa Fullam
Alexandra Gagliardi
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Linda Gannon
Courtney James Garrisson Jr.
Thomas Garziniti
Margaret Generoso
Ellen Gentile
Connor Patrick Geoghagen
Francine Giannotti
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
June Honovich
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Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Stella Kinsella
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
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Allan Maloney
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Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
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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
Jason Moll
Brian Morgan
Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
A.Passaro
Sandra Pena
Jo-Ann Piazza
Nicholas Piccio
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
Nikki Russo
Sofia Russo
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
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Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

Happy Easter Greetings!

Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Director
Mrs. Sandra Arcati, Office Manager
Ms. Angela Zito, Receptionist
Mrs. Michele Obdyke, Parent Coordinator
Ms. Amanda Goldberg, Staff

Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2024/2025
Kindergarten through 7th Grade
Early Bird registration will begin April 17th and will continue until Wednesday, June 19.
All fees for 2023-2024 must be paid to re-register.
Early bird fee will be for all who **register in full** from now to June 19th.
We want to ensure that we have the materials we need for next year and to avoid delivery delays and costly fees. Please come to the rectory. Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program.
Early Bird tuition for 2024/2025 term is $225 for 1 child, $275 for 2 children, and $325 for 3 or more children living in the same household **IF PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE** Wednesday, JUNE 19.
AFTER FRIDAY, JUNE 19 $275 for 1 child, $325 for 2 children,
and $375 for 3 or more children living in the same household. **No exceptions.**
*New students registering will need a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates
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 Retreat at St. Columba-Saturday, April 13th 8:45am-12:00pm

A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Mary Tuohy & Dolores DePaolis

Donated by

St. Bernard Rosarians & Friends

If you would like to add a leaf to our Tree of Life "In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

at St. Bernard Catholic Academy
Open House/ Registration in Lobby of Academy Building
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.
July 1st - August 9th, 2024
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For more information, please contact Rosemarie Stern, Camp Manager at 917-442-4967

This Years Paschal Candle is donated by Mom & Dad
in Light and Love of the life of *Larry DeAngelo Jr.*

The matching Altar Candles are donated by Angelina, Nicolette, Adreana, Alessia, Luciana & Aviana
With Love of their Uncle *Larry DeAngelo Jr.*

Personalized Fresh Flowers for Paschal Candle and Mary's Fresh Flower Floral Crown

If you would like to memorialize our Fresh Flowers for the Paschal Candle for the remaining Easter weeks
Or Fresh Floral Crown for The Blessed Mother for the remaining weeks of May
"In Memory of or In Honor of" please call the rectory as soon as possible to do so
as there are minimal weeks remaining.

The Paschal Candle Flowers for the week of March 31-April 6 was donated
In Memory of

Clement Pollio

by St. Bernard Friends

If you would like to memorialize our Fresh Flower for the Paschal Candle
"In Memory of or In Honor of" for any of the remaining weeks to Pentecost
please call the rectory to do so.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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Active Parish Campaign Summary
Amount Pledged: $16,431.
(as of 3/18/24)
Annual Appeal Goal for 2024: $57,669
Amount Received: $10,566.
Donors: 28 (there are over 1,000 families registered in our Parish – Imagine if each family gave something!
Give what you can! Make Giving a Way of Living – It Starts With Us & There is no US Without YOU!
If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!
if you have not -
Please support the
2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Special Needs Mass

Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 2:00pm

St. Bernard Parish welcomes all families with special needs children and adults.
While **all are welcome** to attend, this particular Mass will be a loving and open environment for those with special ministry needs to join us for the greatest Sunday "Family Meal" as we gather together around the table of the Lord.

Join Our Deacons
For an 8-part series on our Faith:
The Liturgy, Precepts of the Church,
Biblical Way to Pray the Mass, The Cardinal Virtues,
Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Works of Mercy,
The Our Father & The Beatitudes
This Tuesday, April 2nd is our seventh part about
The Our Father
7:00 pm in Church
Come one, come all.
Join us each month or whenever the Spirit moves you

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Pray for others

Never underestimate the power of praying for others. This year, as you hunt for eggs, sit down for Easter dinner, or attend a church service, take the time to show someone acts of kindness by praying for them. Let your Easter prayers for others focus on what this season is all about: hope, renewal, and new beginnings. Here's one to get started: Glory and praise to you, Risen Savior, for you bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.

Stewardship Thought

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection?

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance

Weekend of March 23rd & March 24th, 2024

Saturday March 23rd 5:00pm ~154

Spanish Mass~52

Sunday, March 24th 8:30am ~160

Sunday, March 24th 10:00am ~282

Sunday, March 24th 11:30am ~528

Total Weekend Attendance~1,176

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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.**

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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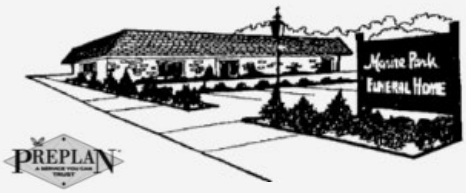

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