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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
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US

In his Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius of Loyola writes, "Human beings are created for a certain end; to praise, reverence, and serve God our Lord, and by this means attain salvation. All other things on the face of the earth are created for the benefit of human beings to help them in the pursuit of their final end."

This particular statement from Ignatius is a powerful reminder that every good thing that exists in this world is meant not only to reflect the reality of God but also the grandeur of God. Beyond that every good thing of this world is meant to lead us to God. God feeds us His presence through other people and the love we share with them, through the beauty of nature and creation, in times of prayer, in the Sacraments especially the Eucharist, in His Word in Sacred Scripture, through the life, ministry, and teachings of the Church, in the lives of the Saints, in the ministry of reconciliation.

As we turn to this Sunday's Sacred Scriptures we find in both the second Book of Kings and the Gospel of St. John, incidences of God feeding His people. Through the ministry of the prophet Elisha God feeds a crowd of one hundred people with just twenty barley loaves, with some left over. In the Gospel from St. John we find the miracle of the loaves where Jesus feeds five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish. There are two important aspects of these readings that can be easily overlooked. First, as we see elsewhere in Sacred Scripture, Jesus once again is doing as God did in the Old Testament period, this time feeding the one hundred people (at another time in Exodus with "manna from heaven".) As the Father has done so does the Son in the multiplication of the loaves. He is subtley revealing Himself as God. Second, it is noteworthy that in both incidences there is some left over. This is not just a story about leftovers from a meal. Rather, even though the Lord feeds us continually we can never exhaust our need to be fed. There is always more. In the leftovers our Lord is telling us just that. There is more. Do not become satisfied only with what you have received. Stretch out your hands and your hearts for all that I can feed you with: life, love, truth, true freedom, hope, salvation.

While this all sounds good there is a danger. The danger is something that we can all fall into especially when there is a time of abundance. Some of the good things that God has given us to lead us to our final end which is union with God and salvation, can become ends in themselves. Money for security rather than God; power for our own pride rather than to help others; pleasure as a false god rather than a means to encounter God. We can find other examples besides these. When the goods that God has given us to lead us to Him become ends, and therefore gods unto themselves, we become slaves rather than enjoying the freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

As all Scripture does we are called to reflect on who or what feeds us. Is it the Lord, other things, or a combination of both? How we answer this question will determine how we live our lives in this world and whether we are among the wise who seek that which satisfies the deepest longings of the human heart, or the foolish who seek the passing shadows that satisfy for the moment but leave us interiorly dry. The Lord has a better place for all of us. It is in relationship with Him that we find the joy this world cannot give nor take away. If we let the Lord feed us He will lead us to the better portion.

Fr. John Maduri

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 August 6th, 2024

This Month's Winner of $300.00 is
Mrs. Rose Esposito

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Block Party will be on
Sunday, September 15, 2024
Rain Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024
More Info To Follow!

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Landscaping.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

9:00 am Josephine Patti Gildea by The Fallon Family

5:00 pm Rose Giberti by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino
Edward McGrath by The Tropeano Family
Thomas Quinn by Helen Mercaldo
Clement Pollio by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Berger & Family
Donald Kenna Mrs. Rosemary E. Somma & Family

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

9:00am Giuseppe Liberatore by his Wife, Children Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Rose Scognamiglio by Teresa & Tom Sorrentino

11:00am Michael Marco by The Somma-Berger Family
Donald Kenna by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Berger & Family

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024

8:30 am Happy 8th Anniversary John & Sue DeMarinis Love, Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024

8:30 am Edward Moore by Tina Moore & Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024

8:30 am Josephine Gelardi by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

8:30 am Raymond Marrazzo by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

8:30am Happy Birthday Dotti DeMarinis by Mom & Dad

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

9:00am Patricia Brennan by Carmela Grimaldi (Birthday in Heaven)

5:00pm Louisa Russo by her Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

9:00am Virginia Allegretti Love her Children (3rd Anniversary in Heaven)
Angelo Giovino by The Giovino Family
Zora Polimeni by The DeCrescenza & Polimeni Families
(Happy Heavenly 1st Anniversary)

11:00am Dennis Peterson by The Saladino Family

Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2024/2025

Kindergarten through 7th Grade
$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.

Memorials

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Patrick Sorrentino
Donated by Rita Damato

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Vincenza & Salvatore Campitiello
Donated by Stephanie Puleo

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Maria Hinners
Donated by Ilene & Frank Salerno

Purgatorial Society

Maria Casamassima
Adelene Matteo

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Marilyn Augello
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Christine Palumbo Beck
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Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
Margaret Bracco
Arline Brack
Thomas Caliendo
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Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
Danel Cham
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June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
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Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
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Allan Maloney
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Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
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A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

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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.

Summer Rosary

We are happy to announce that we will once again be reciting the Rosary on Tuesday evenings in our Parish Gardens starting at 6:00 PM. Please enter through the Gardens' gate on East 69th Street. There will be NO ENTRANCE through the Rectory. If there is RAIN OR THREAT OF RAIN, we will recite the Rosary 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.

Operation Backpack

Hosted by Matthew 25

Think it's too early to think about *back-to-school?*

Not for Operation Backpack! Thousands of school-age children in New York City are homeless and one of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it can have on a child's education. Frequent school transfers and the stigma associated with living in a shelter add up to great hardship for these children.

Saint Bernard Parish will be participating this year to help thousands of homeless children on their first day of classes.

We will have a collection box in the vestibule of the Church in the coming weeks.

Won't you please consider donating a new backpack? We will not be collecting school supplies

ONLY BACKPACKS

We will be collecting through the end of July.

For the Military

If you would like to add a loved one that is in active duty in the military, please call the rectory with their name and branch of service and we will add them to a list of military members to pray for.

Thank you.

Almighty & eternal God, protect these men & women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Shane Cawthon (Army)
Frank Gargano (Army)
Marcello Gargano (Army)
Michael Gargano Jr (Navy)
Joseph Milone (Marines)

Music Ministry Notes

Have you ever wanted to join our Choir but did not have the time? Now is your chance! Consider joining our Summer Choir which will sing at the 11am Sunday Mass throughout the Summer. We will rehearse every Sunday 20 minutes before the 11am Mass. This is a great opportunity to serve our Parish with your time and talent during the slower summer months.

If interested, please see our Director of Music Ernest Buckley after Mass or call: 718.809.7666.

Summer Mass Schedule

Please note that our Summer Mass Schedule Sunday Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. throughout July and August.

Saturday evening Mass remains at 5:00 p.m.

Summer Rectory Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD

This year the Feast of St. Bernard falls on Tuesday, August 20th. We will have a special Mass at 7:30pm followed by refreshments.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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The work through the Annual Catholic Appeal is NOW more important than ever. We are responding to the needs of our community by:

Supporting our young people as they struggle to remain grounded in their faith, including those considering a call to the priesthood or religious life.
Offering food distribution sites across the diocese.
Providing tuition help for families enrolling their children in our Catholic Schools.
Supporting hospital chaplains who are comforting the sick, dying, and our healthcare workers.
Caring for our senior and elderly priests.

We want you to know that the church is doing great things o help people and spread the message of God's love throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

For many years now, we have had a donor, who wishes to be anonymous, donate a large sum to the ACA. This donation has assured that St. Bernard Parish would go over their Diocesan goal. Unfortunately, we believe, we can no longer count on this generous donation. We need your help!

To date we have only 89 Donors. ***THAT IS ONLY 8.9% OF OUR FAMILIES***

There are over 1,000 registered families in our Parish! Imagine if each Family gave something! Please consider making a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Only you know what you can do!

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!

If you have not - Please support the

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

The Church observes the *World Day for Grandparents and Elderly* each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."

The Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on 28 July and will have "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71: 9) as its theme.

Call your Grandparents.
Be kind to an Elderly neighbor.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process by which a person prepares to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is one of inquiry, evangelization, prayer, study and conversion, leading to one's entrance into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. RCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions. RCIA also welcomes those who have been baptized Catholic but who have not completed their sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this program is asked to call the Rectory now and speak to Deacon Frank.

.Matthew 25 Ministry

On the 3rd Sunday of every month we will have a food collection of non-perishable foods. We will alternate giving the food to food pantries at Mary Queen of Heaven & St. Athanasius. Please be as generous as possible!

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of July 20 & July 21, 2024

Saturday July 21st 5:00pm-117
Spanish-119
Sunday, July 22nd 9:00am-148
Sunday, July 22nd 11:00am-211
Total Weekend Attendance-595

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Gift Shop Hours

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 Fr. Maduri, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank, Dcn. Chris or Dcn. Herb.

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. Fr. Maduri.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

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