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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
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD

I remember many years ago leading a retreat for over 40 teenagers from Regina Pacis at a retreat house that was in Oyster Bay at that time. In the course of one of our discussions, one of the teens made the comment that he didn't think the Church had any more right than anyone or anything else to tell us what is right or wrong, sinful or virtuous. He went on to insist that he can make his own choices and decisions without outside direction. While some of that was obviously the result of youthful rebellion with its individualism, more was at work. In the course of our conversation, I asked him who taught him that he didn't need God nor Church to teach him. He was at first perplexed by the question but soon admitted that he was influenced by friends and media who consistently expressed doubts about God and who rejected the Church. It didn't take him long to realize that others had in fact taught him, that he was taught, albeit at times indirectly, these ideas and ideologies. He didn't come to his conclusions in a vacuum. None of us does. This is why those who push ideologies contrary to both faith and reason want to get to children at the earliest possible ages.

In today's first reading from the first book of Kings we find the prophet Elijah listening attentively to the instruction of the angel. Having grown despondent, he was coming to 'the end of his rope'. Yet wisdom enabled him to have an open ear and heart to God speaking to him through the angel. In the Gospel from St. John, we have Jesus teaching the people both about Himself as the Bread from heaven and also implicitly about the Eucharist who is Christ Himself feeding us. In both cases His audience needed to be willing to listen and hear what our Lord was teaching them. In both cases they were strengthened for the journey ahead.

Our Lord quotes the prophets in today's Gospel, "they shall all be taught by God". This statement, so clear and straightforward, challenges us to ask ourselves who is really teaching us. At the Lord's Baptism, and again at the Transfiguration we celebrated this past Tuesday, we hear the same message, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him". As with so many challenges in Sacred Scripture, we know that there are three ways to answer this question. For some their only teachers are those who reject Christ, His Gospel, and His Church. For others it is compromise, listening the voice of the Lord in Scripture and the Church but also to those voices that are in contradiction to that revelation. For the wise it is attentive listening only to the voice of the Lord in the many ways He comes to us. For the first group, they will never know the freedom of the sons of daughters of God as those who seek after themselves and their wants and desires become slaves to them. For the second group there is a compromise between revealed truths and personal wants that leads to a schizophrenic Christianity that cannot bear the full fruits and witness we are called to bring forth. For the third group, the true inner freedom this world cannot give nor take away is given as a gift from wisdom and from them come good fruits and powerful witness. They are strengthened for the journey ahead and can strengthen others in turn.

How we answer this question, 'who or what is teaching us', will determine how we live our lives and how well we witness to Him Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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 September 3rd, 2024

This Month's Winner of $175.00 is
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Simino

Assumption of Our Blessed Mother

Thursday, August 15th, is the Feast Day on which we celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven, body and soul. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:30am & 7:30pm

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024	
9:00 am	Raymond Marrazzo by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis
5:00 pm	Martin Mulligan by Eileen & Robert Magnavito
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024	
9:00am	Clement Pollio by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
11:00am	Joseph Esposito by your Loving Wife (Happy Birthday) Michelina Caiati by Dino, Louis & Annemarie (Happy Birthday) Alice Cariello by All Officers of KOC
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024	
8:30 am	Joseph Preziosi by his Daughter Amy (Happy Birthday in Heaven)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024	
8:30 am	Dorothy Turano by Martha-Jean Rosiello
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024	
8:30 am	Maria Hinners by Nick & Ellie Graziano
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024	
8:30 am	Mary Grossi & Laura Lamela by Teresa & Tom Sorrentino
7:30 pm	Kaitlyn Bernhardt by The Arcati Family
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024	
8:30am	Maria Hinners by Ted & Maureen DeMarinis
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024	
9:00am	Joseph J. Benvenuto by Stephanie Puleo
5:00pm	Clement Pollio by The Fonte Family Thomas Quinn by Roseann & Peter Tafuri Rose Giberti by Maria Bellantone In Thanksgiving to The Sacred Heart of Jesus by Mary Cooper
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024	
9:00am	Peter Sarni by his daughter Maryann
11:00am	Happy Birthday Danielle Gallagher Love, Mom & Dad DeMarinis

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.

Spanish Mass

The next Spanish Mass will be on
Saturday, August 24, 2024
At 7:00pm.
This Mass is for all Vocations & Blessing of Workers.

Memorials

Altar Bread:
In Loving Memory of Patrick Sorrentino
Donated by Ellie, Nick & Tina

Altar Wine:
In Loving Memory of Patrick Sorrentino
Donated by Ellie, Nick & Tina

Church Bells:
In Loving Memory of Bernard & Jennie Maduri
Donated by Patricia

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Call the person you have been meaning to call, they would love to hear from you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
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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
Danel Cham
Nick & Sarah Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Angela Marie Consenza
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Francine Danza
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Phyllis DeCesare
Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
Maryann DePalma
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Gia Marie Duffy
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Aiden Estrella
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Pat Fallon
Adriana Farrell
Tracy Farrell
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Connor Patrick Geoghagen
Ida Giannettino
Francine Giannotti
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
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Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
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Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
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Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
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Alexandra Smith
Aurora Sorrentino
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Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

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

Robert LoGuidice

St. Bernard 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.

OPPRTUNITIES TO GROW IN OUR FAITH EVENT SCHEDULE **SAVE THE DATES**

September 19th-Theology on Tap for Young Adults
September 13th & 14th-Life in the Spirit Seminar
September 27th-Healing Mass
Every Thursday beginning October 17th-Holy Spirit Prayer Group
November 22nd & 23rd-"Be the Light" Evangelization Workshop
October 16th-November 27th-Catholic Mysticism & The Beautiful Life of Grace
December 2nd, 9th & 16th-Advent Bible Study: The Infancy Narratives of St. Luke
December 14th-Advent Morning of Recollection with Sr. Ave Clark O.P.

FLYERS WITH DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO EACH EVENT

Stewardship Thought

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!"
1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

2025 MASS BOOK

The 2025 Mass Book will open on
Wednesday, September 18th
at 9:00 a.m.
Please wait on line outside the side door of the church and we will be meeting in the chapel in the church.
****PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO MASS TIME CHANGES HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE, WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO BOOK MASSES ON THIS DAY FROM JANUARY 1, 2025-JUNE 30, 2025.****

You can memorialize or honor someone in this special way! Also available will be memorials for Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles, Tabernacle Candles, Bells, and Altar Flowers. All masses will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis. Masses and memorials must be paid for at the time of booking and cannot be reserved in advance or held. Masses will be limited to 12 per person on this date.
Thank you for your cooperation!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast News!

Congratulations to our Feast Raffle Winners!

First Prize: $1500.00 **Rose Lattanzio**

Second Prize: $500.00 **Edward Houston**

Third Prize: $250.00 **Rose Lattanzio**

Our Lucky Feast 50/50 Winners are

Mary Cooper $500.00 **Bob Vito** $500.00

To all our Sponsors, Parishioners, Families & Friends! Without all of you this would not be possible!

We Thank You!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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.
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 to help people and spread the message of God's love throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

For many years now, we have had a donor, who wished to be anonymous, donate a large sum to the ACA. This donation assured that St. Bernard Parish would go over their Diocesan goal. Unfortunately, we can no longer count on this generous donation. We need your help! FOR THOSE THAT HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR ASK, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! You have brought us closer to reaching our goal.

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Amount Pledged: $41, 860 (Last year at this time $53,682.) DOWN $11,822!

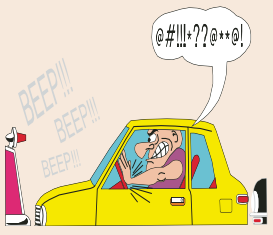
Annual Appeal Goal for 2024: $57,669. **Amount Received:** $35,723.

Donors: 103 THAT ***IS ONLY 10.3% OF OUR FAMILIES***

There are over 1,000 registered families in our Parish!

Imagine If every family gave $100 gift to the Appeal!

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you! If you have not - Please support the
2023 Annual Catholic Appeal



Defensive Driving Class
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Saturday, September 21, 2024
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2030 East 69th Street
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10:00 a.m. $50.00 per person
Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 Ext. 1601
for Information and to Register
Proceeds Benefit Saint Bernard Academy

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, September 7, 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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.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. OCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions. OCIA 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.

Save The Date

Healing Mass

Fr. Anthony Ozele will lead us in Mass & Healing Service
Friday, September 27, 2024

Experience the power of God!

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of August 3 & August 4, 2024

Saturday August 3rd 5:00pm-86
Sunday, August 4th 9:00am-165
Sunday, August 4th 11:00am-233
Total Weekend Attendance-484

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus donated 192 backpacks to Operation Backpack. These backpacks will help many children in need.

Are you a Knight, why not?
For membership information contact Edward McCarthy (917) 681-7936

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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 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

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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