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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
Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

BE OPENED

Most of us have heard the expression, "There are none so blind as those who will not see." We can paraphrase that and add, "There are none so deaf as those who will not hear."

I recall two experiences I had in one of my previous parishes with the youth ministry. The youth minister used to hold what he called "hot topic" nights. This monthly event would lead the teens into an understanding of what the Church teaches about some controversial subjects of our time. On one evening the subject was abortion. As soon as the youth minister introduced the topic one of the teens got up to walk out. I asked her why she was leaving and she made it clear that she had no interest in hearing anything that had to do with objections to abortion. I made it known to her that the purpose of the "hot topic" night was not to force anyone to accept anything but to simply give another perspective from Church teaching. Sadly, she had no interest in hearing anything other than what she chose to believe. Similarly, at another evening the subject of same sex marriage was brought up and two of the teens also walked out. When I asked them why they were leaving the group, they made the comment that they could not belong to a church that discriminated against people. I explained to them that the Church does not discriminate against anyone but has its reasons based in Scripture and natural law. They too were not being forced to agree with anything but to hear the other side of the story. They too refused to hear anything other than what they wanted to believe. In both instances they chose to be deaf. They wanted to live life on their own terms and that was it. Truth had no bearing on them just personal opinion and desire.

When we look at the deaf man in today's reading from the Gospel of St. Mark, we see someone who was physically deaf but was faithful enough to believe that Jesus could heal him. It may have been somewhat difficult for him to make that move. What would it be like to hear? What would things sound like? Would he like what he was hearing? He could have become comfortable in his physical deafness just as so many become comfortable in their spiritual and moral deafness and blindness. Instead, he stepped out in faith and trusted that something better was on the other side of his deafness, of his comfort zone. As a result, he could hear the sound of babies crying, hear the chirping of birds in the trees, hear the voices of family and friends, converse with others, and hear the sounds of the natural world and its inhabitants. If he had chosen to remain deaf because he was comfortable in that place, he would have missed out on the new life that Christ and the Gospel could and would give him.

It is difficult for us to step out of our personal opinions, ideologies, and ways of living that we become comfortable with. Our Lord knows this. That is why in the first reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah the Lord says, "be strong, fear not;" "He comes o save you."

We live in an era where respectful dialogue is becoming rarer each day. This takes place in the political and social order and unfortunately even in some corners of the Church. Listening and learning, being opened to the truth, and having a willingness to be changed by those truths, is what will bring us to a newness of life that was offered to the deaf man and that he celebrated once he encountered Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We too are made the same promise by the Lord of this newness of life, and the promises of Christ will not leave us disappointed.

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 October 1st, 2024

This Month's Winner of $262.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Turnbull

Catechetical Sunday

We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Sunday, September 15, 2024
At the 11:30am Mass

Fall Mass Schedule

We are back to our regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Masses on Sunday will be 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

9:00 am In Thanksgiving for Dominique Gerome by Patricia Leriche

5:00 pm Concetta Cintorrino 2nd Anniversary in Heaven Deacon Chris, Melissa & Family
The Giacobbe Family by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Giacobbe
Rose Giberti by Mary Cooper

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

8:30am Anthony (Tony) Evangelista Jr. by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino

10:00am Richard Choquette by Barbara & Karen Johnson

11:30am Alice Cariello by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Rita Hayden by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

8:30 am Michaelina & Alexander Kozakewicz by their grandson Edward

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

8:30 am Maria Hinners by Maria & Jimmy Alberino

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

8:30 am Maria Zito by Charlie & Mary Candela

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

8:30 am Maria Hinners by Connie Carriero

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

8:30am Tara & Tricia by Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

9:00am Vincent Sclafani by Stephanie Puleo

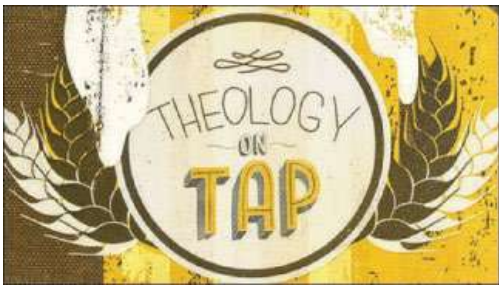
5:00pm Rosetta Grillo by her loving husband Nick, Children & Grandchildren (Anniversary in Heaven)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8:30am Roger Espinal by The Marsella Family
Joseph Mattone by Rita Damato
Joseph Francis Campbell by The Cirrincione Family

10:00am Vincent Patrizio by his sons Anthony & Michael (Birthday in Heaven)

11:30am Thomas Cilia by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis



We invite all young adults ages 18-35 to
Theology On Tap
on Thursday, September 19, 2024
at 6:00pm in the Parish Garden.
Join us for Food, Drink & Fellowship

Memorials

Altar Bread:
In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
Donated by Mom & Dad

Altar Wine:
In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
Donated by Mom & Dad

Altar Candles:
In Loving Memory of Rose & Charles Giberti
Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary in Heaven

Tabernacle Candle:
In Loving Memory of Bernard & Jennie Maduri
Donated by Patricia

Tabernacle Candle:
In Loving Memory of Gus Devlin
Donated by Mary Cooper

Church Bells:
In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
Donated by Mom & Dad

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
V.B.
Christine Alamia
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
Stephen J. Esposito
Aiden Estrella
John 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 Garrisson Jr.
Thomas Garziniti
Odette Gaudard
Margaret Generoso
Ellen Gentile
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
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
Jason Moll
Brian Morgan
Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
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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
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Margaret Romano
Craig Rosen
Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
Nikki Russo
Sofia Russo
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Laura Scattereggia
Carol Schroeder
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Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
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Sue Ann Spotts
Troy Tamburo
Cigdem Tanriverdi
Linda Testagrose
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Jennifer Tortorici
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Stephen Wiegand
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Lily Zemel

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

Barbara Longobardi

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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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN OUR FAITH EVENT SCHEDULE
SAVE THE DATES

September 13th & 14th-Life in the Spirit Seminar
September 19th-Theology on Tap for Young Adults
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

Matthew 25 Ministry

Next weekend, September 7th & 8th, 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!

It comes from Matthew 25: "When I was hungry and you fed me; naked you clothed me; ill and in prison you visited me. Whenever you do this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to Me"

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!

There will be a barbeque for all High School students on Thursday, September 12th 6:00pm-8:00pm in the parish gardens!
Please call the rectory to respond718.763.5533

St. Bernard Good Neighbors

The club will resume weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 1:30pm-4:00pm.
Please use the main doors on East 69th Street.
Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Save The Date

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

Experience the power of God!

Faith Formation NewsIt's Time To Register!

School of Religion Registration 2024/2025. The first day of classes is Wednesday, October Please come to the rectory. K through 7th Grade

Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program. $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.

Visit The Kids Korner

- Mass intention cards for all of the children in our parish community.
- Weekly envelopes as part of a Stewardship effort for the children to understand and participate in the gift of giving.
- Reading material and resources for children and families.

Take a look each week for activities or reading material and other little surprises that will reinforce the message of the Gospel. Imagine the conversation on the way home from church.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Have your grandparents tell you a story about what the world was like for them when they were young.

Adopt A Grandparent for a Day – Visit a Nursing Home!

St. Bernard Sports Program is

excited to announce that their premier Co-ed basketball experience is back for another thrilling season. This In-House program for players of all ability levels in grades 2-8 begins in October, consists of a full game schedule with standings and playoffs, and culminates with a championship game in February. Grades 2-5 play on Saturdays and Grades 6-8 play on Tuesday evenings. Our clinic for grades pre-k, k and 1st grade remain instructional only and no games are played.

Registration will open 8/24 @ 9:00am using the following link : (https://forms.gle/MDysFTZvdhay81ii9)

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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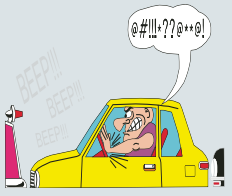
The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process by which a person prepares to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is one of inquiry, evangelization, prayer, study and conversion, leading to one's entrance into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and the 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.

Stewardship Thought

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough, and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.



Defensive Driving Class
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Saturday, September 21, 2024
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10:00 a.m.
$50.00 per person
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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)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of August 31 & September 1, 2024

Saturday August 31st 5:00pm-126
Sunday, September 1st 9:00am-134
Sunday, September 1st 11:00am-223
Total Weekend Attendance-483

Installation of New High School Altar Servers

We will install High School Freshman as High School Altar Servers on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at the 11:30am Mass.

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

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