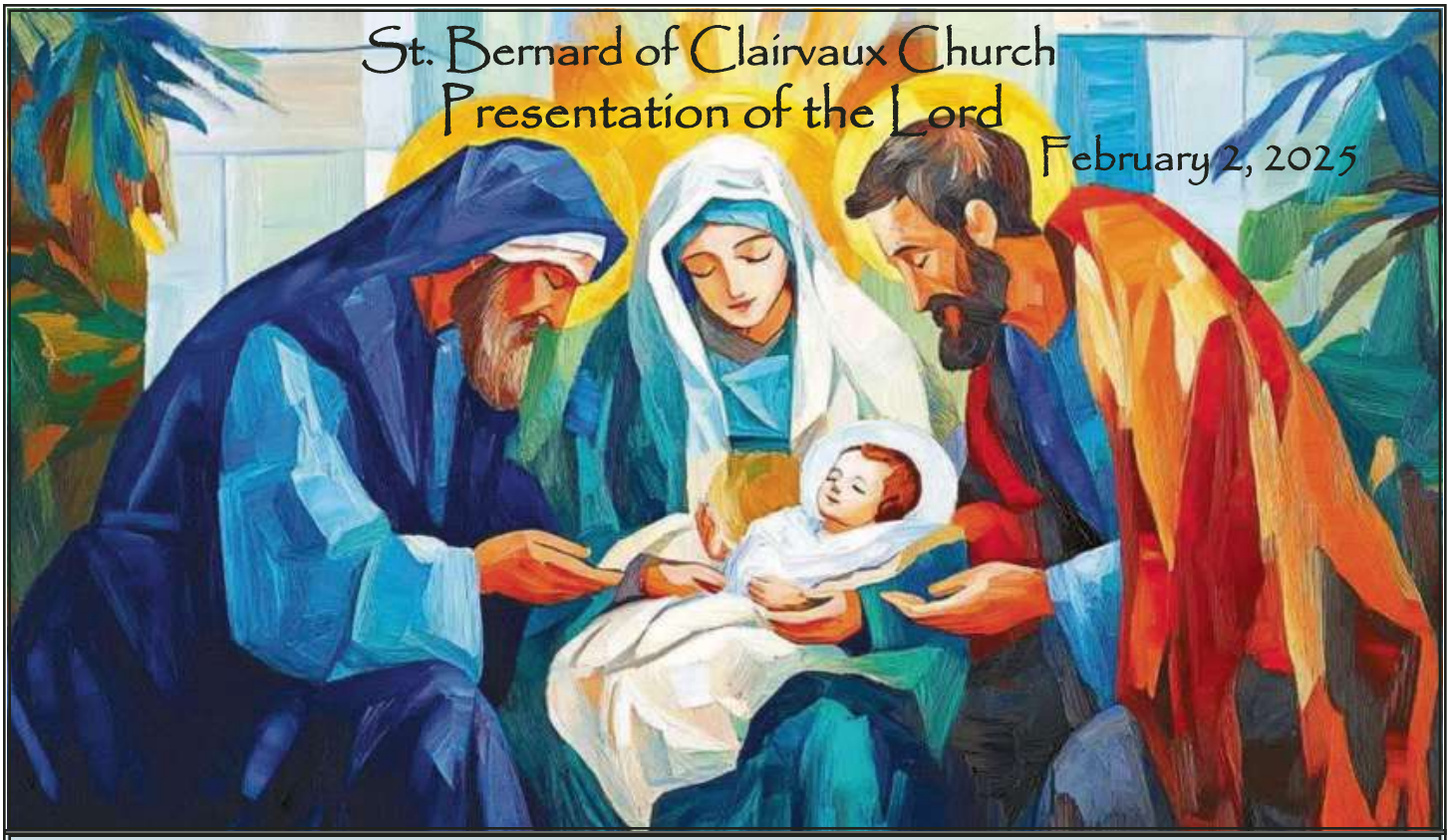

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Sundays

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.-7:00p.m.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

CALLED, CONSECRATED, SENT

When many Christians hear these words, we may think of anyone but ourselves. Yet those three words, called, consecrated, and sent, are all about us. We are called by name (2 Chronicles 7:14, Isaiah 43:1, and Isaiah 49:1). We are consecrated (Joshua 3:5; 2 Chronicles 29:31; Leviticus 20:7; Romans 12:1). We are sent as found in numerous passages of Sacred Scripture including today's first reading from Malachi. The missionary imperative is clearly given, and the tools we need to undertake that work, is present throughout the Old and New Testaments. In the reading from Malachi the Lord God says, "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before Me." This call is given to every Christian at Baptism. The gift of new life we receive in Christ is a gift meant to be shared with others. At the same time our mission is given greater clarity when we hear the words "to prepare the way before Me." We are not just proclaiming the Lord Jesus Christ. We are missioned to prepare others – and ourselves – to receive the Lord. It is here that many find themselves stumped. How can we first prepare ourselves to receive the Lord, and even more so, how do we help others to do the same? We can hear many things but it does not mean we are prepared to make changes in our lives. The first step is to allow the Lord to begin His work within us. Again, we hear in the reading from Malachi, that God 'is refining us like gold or like silver." If we are honest with ourselves, few people find it easy to make changes after we become comfortable where we are and how think, believe, and do things. However, our ongoing conversion can be the catalyst that enables others to seek the same. Seeing a growing inner peace and freedom in us may be the best way to help others prepare themselves to receive the gift of God. As we turn to today's Gospel reading from St. Luke, we see how both Simeon and Anna were sent to the Temple where they would encounter the newborn Savior of the world. They responded to that invitation so that Simeon could proclaim, "now Master, you may let your servant go in peace." Notice how Simeon receives the gift of peace, even in the face of his death, due to the fact that he was sent, responded, and now encountered. His life's prayers are answered, the deepest longings of his heart have been fulfilled, the lifelong work of preparing himself for this moment has now reached its completion. It is no less true for us. The Gospel also tells us that everyone "that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.' We are not thrown to the wolves as it were. We are made sons and daughters of the Father who calls us His own. The Father's protection, the power of the Holy Spirit which is upon us, and the perfect fidelity of the Lord Jesus Christ to His Father's will, are the tools we need to take up the mantle of being called, consecrated, and sent. We cannot look at these teachings in Sacred Scripture and pretend that it is not difficult, for it can be. To witness to Jesus Christ and help others to prepare to receive Him will meet with great resistance at times. Yet we are also living in a period of great social upheaval and confusion. Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, is the antidote. It is easy to go along to get along. Yet it is life-giving to love others with such a self-sacrificial love that we are willing and prepared to do what is necessary that "all may have life and have it to the full." We should also spend some time reflecting on the immense dignity that God has bestowed on us in this triple vocation. We are called, which means we are known; we are consecrated which means we are loved; we are sent which means we become the voice, hands, and feet of the Lord Jesus Christ.
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
February 5, 2025

This Month's Winner of $200 is
Francine Danza

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bernard Church
9th Annual
Card Party

LET'S GROOVE TONIGHT

Saturday, March 15, 2025-More info to follow!

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

9:00am Marian Dziewa by Your Family (Gregorianka)

5:00pm Nicky Cosares by Lisa Poggioli

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:30am Margaret Manning Birthday in Heaven by her Great Grandchildren Isabella, Meagan & John
Linda P. Cappiello by The Marino & LaRocca Families
Dr. Crisologo Padilla by Dr. L.G. Lim

10:00am Domenick Puleo by Wife & Children

11:30am Happy Birthday Joe Fallon by his Family
Rose Giberti by Tina Giberti

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

8:30am Michael Moore by Helene & Nick Cirrincione

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY4, 2025

8:30am Daniel Borriello by The Capalbo Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

8:30am Maria Hinners by Miriam Soldyn

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

8:30am Marian Dziewa by Your Family (Gregorianka)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

8:30am Joseph Rosiello by Your Loving Family (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

9:00am Marian Dziewa by Your Family (Gregorianka)

5:00pm Katherine M. Esposito by Michele Esposito

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8:30am Lena Moore & Sheila Ehler by Tina Moore

10:00am Louis Poggioli by Lisa Poggioli
Marian Dziewa by Your Family (Gregorianka)
Rose Flanagan by Nick & Ellie Graziano

11:30am Salvatore Ciccotto Love, your Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren

Purgatorial Society

Margaret DiCara
Catherine Digenova
Frederick Hartman
Carl Hernandez
Alessandro Lentini
Allan Maloney
Patricia McCann
Carmela Oddo
John Palmiero
RoseMarie Reina

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Alessandro Cerciello
Donated by Luigi, Piccolo & Rosa

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Your Loving Daughter

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Lily Lenzini
Donated by The Hinners Family

Altar Flowers:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Tina, Ellie, Nick, Grace & Joanne
1st Anniversary in Heaven

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Debra Antoci
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Marilyn Augello
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Jourdanna Barton
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Phyllis DeCesare
Samantha DiGennaro
Vicky DeGruccio
Maureen DeMarinis
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
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Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
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Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
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Kiera Sophie
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Angelina Larrymore
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Katherine Marra
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Salvatore Ventrice
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Faith Formation News

First Penance

Saturday, March 1, 2025 10:00am

Penance Practice for St. Bernard School of Religion & Academy

Wednesday, February 26th & Thursday, February 27th 3:30pm-4:30pm in Church

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 17, 2025

St. Bernard School of Religion - 11:00 am/ St. Bernard Academy -1:00 pm

Communion Practice School of Religion

Wednesday May 14th 4:00pm-5:30pm in Church Children Only

Communion Practice Academy

Thursday May 15th 3:30pm-4:30pm in Church Children Only

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 5,12,26
Wednesday March 5,12,19,26
Wednesday April 2,9,30,17
(NO CLASS on April 16th & 23rd Winter Recess & Easter Break)
Wednesday May 7,14,21

St. Joseph Novena

begins Tuesday,
January 21st, following the 8:30 a.m. mass. If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one during any of the weeks of this novena please come to the rectory for more information.

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.

Help Wanted

Are you a good baker?
If so, please speak
To Fr. Mike,
thank you.

Love to Sing & Pray?

Share your gift of music with your Family of Faith here at St. Bernard! Speak to Ernest today about joining the Music Ministry! Now is a great time to join as the Choir begins to prepare for Lent & Easter!

St. Bernard Rosarians

The next meeting of the St. Bernard Rosarians will take place after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 2, 2025 in the Parish Hall.
New Members are welcome!
Bring a Spouse – Bring a Friend! ALL MEN, WOMEN, ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS ARE WELCOME to come and say the Rosary with us before Mass at 9:30 a.m. in Church!
Now, more than ever, we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope.

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! Thank You!

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Thank You for Your Generosity Always!

Stewardship Thought

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort is sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief

A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.

Saturday, February 15, 2025

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

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of January 25 & January 26, 2025

Saturday January 25th 5:00pm-118

Sunday, January 26th 8:30am-92

Sunday, January 26th 10:00am-503

Sunday, January 26th 30am-136

Total-849

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)
Michael Gargano Jr. (Navy)
Marcello Gargano (Army)
Andrew-Jude Lao (SPCI Air Force)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Take time to be alone
with God in prayer!

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.

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Novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
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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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