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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.-7:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

CALLED AND CONSECRATED

As I have noted in the past, many live their lives questioning their identity. Questions like "who am I", "why am I here", what purpose or meaning does my life have", "am I just a product of chance", "does my life – or life itself – have any intrinsic value", are pervasive. In a period where the Christian faith in the West dominated most peoples' lives these questions were rare. People found their identity in their relationship with God, with family, and within their communities. As many sociologists point out, all three are severely wanting in much of our contemporary society. Rejection of God for some esoteric 'spirituality', an unwillingness on the part of many to want to get married and have a family, and a growing isolationism from the world around us all lead to this 'identity crisis' many find themselves struggling with. Some ignore the questions altogether and escape into fantasy lands of entertainment, sensual pleasure, and other modes of unreality. Others attempt to change their gender identity; still others attempt to find their identity in accumulating wealth, power, and prestige. The fact that the many who take this road find themselves still dissatisfied is a clear sign that something is missing. That these things sooner or later ring hollow is a pointed sign that something greater is awaiting us.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday, we are reminded that we are "called and consecrated". We are called by God and consecrated in His love. The Baptism fount that God called us to is not mere water or some nice ritual. It is an immersion into the life of the Holy Trinity. It is a true becoming sons and daughters of God through the cleansing of sin and being clothed in the new life of Christ. Our consecration is a union of love that conquers even death itself.

The loss of understanding of this great gift has led countless Christians to demean their own dignity. We see this in abortion, chemical addictions, crime and violence, bullying, war and genocide, promiscuity and pornography, a general disrespect for one's own body and that of others.

As we celebrate this feast, the first of the Sacraments of Initiation, where we find our true identity and dignity as sons and daughters of God, we are reminded that we have eminent dignity, value, and worth. This is not some prideful meandering that we puff up ourselves with. This is a gift from God freely given and that we are called to freely share with others.

The call of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is to remember the words of Sacred Scripture, "The glory of God is man and woman fully alive". We become fully alive in God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in our baptismal consecration. The challenge is to not only live this gift ourselves but to remind every Christian we meet of the gift bestowed upon them, a gift that carries the faithful through time and eternity.

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
8th 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 Electric/Heat.

Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

9:00am Catalina High by Your Loving Family
Romeo Agtarap by Your Loving Family

5:00pm James B. Wagner 5th Anniversary In loving memory by his son Christopher

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

8:30am Gerald J. Cawthon In loving memory by his daughter Missy
Jane Bahnsen 2nd Anniversary in heaven by The Wagner Family

10:00am Fred Magnavito by Ilene & Robert Magnavito & Family
Salvatore Ciccotto Happy Anniversary in Heaven Love, your Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren
Michael Moore by Grace Adragna
Anthony J. Vigliante by MaryAnn Vigliante

11:30am Theresa & Michael Cetta by Roseann & Anthony Cetta

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

8:30am Tommy Camoia by Mom & Dad

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

8:30am Nicky D'Avanzo by Penny & Stanley Nieberg

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

8:30am Violet Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

8:30am Gasparo & Anthony Gelardi by Roseann & Anthony Cetta

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

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

5:00pm Peter Milo by The Berger Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

8:30am Amelia Juliani by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am MaryAnn Thiel by Teresa D'Angelo

11:30am Donald Kenna by Tina Giberti
Marian Dziewa (Gregorianka) by Your Family
Poonia Ramlal by Radika Smith

Parish Lessons & Carols

Join us Monday evening, January 13th for Lessons & Carols as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season with readings, quiet reflection and music
Service begins at 7:00pm in church.

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

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Rose Flanagan
Donated by Kathy Buscemi

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Christine Alamia
Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Debra Antoci
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
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Jourdanna Barton
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Paul Brienza
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Arline Brack
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Gary Camarda
Mary Campisi
Elaine Capper
Ana Caraballo
Joseph Carone
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
Danel Cham
Nick Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Angela Marie Consenza
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
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Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
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Tania Davis
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Samantha DiGennaro
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Maureen DeMarinis
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Gia Marie Duffy
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Aiden Estrella
John Fahey
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J.H.
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CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
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William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
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Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
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Ariana Lore
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Allan Maloney
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Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Katherine Marra
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Matthew Mason
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Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

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 January 15,22
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

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

Maria Adragna DeVito

Love, Mom & Dad

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.

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Thank You For Your Support Always!

RECTORY CLOSED

On Monday, January 20th we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. King was one of the main leaders of the American civil rights movement. The Rectory will be closed in observance of his birthday. Emergency calls can be made to the rectory at any time.

Help Wanted

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

Stewardship Thought

The Baptism of Our Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming…
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."
~ Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Thank You to everyone
that participated in our clothing drive.
It was a huge success and that is because of YOU!
We collected 76 bags of women's & children's clothing.
All donations will be going to BRIDGE TO LIFE".
An organization for women & families facing unexpected pregnancies, they provide evidence-based, life-affirming information on pregnancy options. Their hope is that through honest and compassionate counseling, women & families are empowered to choose life for their babies. Thank you for always being so generous!

St. Joseph Novena

begins Tuesday, January 21st, 2025
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.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of January 4 & January 5, 2025
Saturday January 4th 5:00pm~128
Spanish~129
Sunday, January 5th 8:30am~81
Sunday, January 5th 10:00am~128
Sunday, January 5th11:30am~186
Total~652

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)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Listen to a friend without judgment.

TEENS:

Post a kindness message on social media.

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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Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
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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.

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