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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
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT

Twelve years ago, while I was serving as pastor of Most Precious Blood parish in Bath Beach, I invited the St. Catherine of Siena Institute situated in Colorado, to come to the parish to help in building up lay ministry. The Institute is known for its many offerings but the one that I was most interested in was the discernment of gifts. Many parishioners were involved in various ministries but it was mostly people doing things they liked rather than a true discernment as to whether God was calling them. The purpose of the day with people from the Institute and the parishioners was to help them in learning how to discern the gifts of the Spirit in their lives so that decisions of service were based on a true calling and not personal preference. This would make their ministries much more effective. Yet for too many Catholics the word "calling" is seen solely as the call to the priesthood and the Religious life.

In today's second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we are reminded that "to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." This is clearly a statement, that by virtue of Baptism, every single one of us is in fact "called" to some work in building up God's Kingdom on earth. No one may excuse himself or herself from this task. As St. Paul points out, "there are different kinds of spiritual gifts…there are different forms of service…there are different workings". For some the gifts given may be in service directly to the parish in some ministry or another. For others it is using their gifts in the home, the community, or the workplace. It may be as priests, deacons, Religious, or in lay consecrated life. For most it will be either in the married or single state. Whichever it is, we all have been given gifts for the purpose of bearing witness to Christ and the Gospel.

In the first reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah we see in the first two lines that this call is something that, if we take our faith seriously, will manifest itself in the proclamation of Jesus Christ and the Gospel. "For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet." Notice how the prophet recognizes that the call to proclamation compels him to "not be silent…not be quiet." What is essential is that Isaiah first knows the Lord, then discerns his prophetic calling, and then makes his proclamation based on knowledge of his God-given gifts and his love of the Lord.

St. Theresa of Calcutta once said that we are not called to do extraordinary things but rather to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. In the familiar Gospel incident of the wine running out at a young couple's wedding, we see a young man and woman in love, who have discerned God's call to their vocation to married life, and who consecrate themselves and gift themselves to each other before God. They show forth that everything we do should be guided by the Holy Spirit, discerned with the Holy Spirit, brought to its fulfillment through the Holy Spirit.

We can certainly glean from the Gospel that this young couple, despite the bump in the road with the wine running out, found a lifetime of joy with each other and with God at the center of their lives. In His turn Jesus, as a guest at a wedding, discerns His Father's will that this is now the time to show forth His glory and begin His public ministry.

'Pray, discern, proclaim' should be a mantra of every Christian. As with Isaiah, love of the Lord and love of others should compel us to this three-fold work for it has immeasurable worth both in time and in 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 Snow Removal.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

8:30am Daniel Borriello by The Capalbo Family

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

8:30am Charles & Angelina Leo by Stephanie Puleo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

8:30am Pat & Ann Rega by Jennifer, John, Julianna & Nicholas

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

8:30am Michael Moore by The Troy Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

9:00am Teri Cadet-Donald by Nick & Helene Cirrincione

5:00pm Fernann Arcieri by Michael Arcieri (2nd Anniversary)
Josephine & Joseph Esposito by Michele Esposito
Anthony Borello by Sissy & Marty Grosso

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

8:30am Bobby Wagner 2nd Anniversary in Heaven loving memory Uncle Chris & Aunt Melissa

10:00am Savina Salvo by Jo & Joseph Brucato & Family (Birthday)

11:30am Cynthia Agnis Cardinez Smith
Winifred Cardinez by Roy & Rejeanne Smith

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.

Memorials

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Rosa
Donated by Kathleen Buscemi

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Ed Desantis
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Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
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Ida Giannettino
Francine Giannotti
Carole Gibbons
Tina Giberti
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Cindy Guzzo
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Gregoria Hernandez
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June Honovich
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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 January 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

Our Son

Anthony Haran

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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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!

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.

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

Stewardship Thought

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of January 11 & January 12, 2025

Saturday January 11th 5:00pm-146

Sunday, January 12th 8:30am-83

Sunday, January 12th 10:00am-135

Sunday, January 12th11:30am-216

Total-580

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

Leave unused coupons next to corresponding products in the grocery store!
Put your phone away while in the company of others!

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.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

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