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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.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"TODAY IS HOLY TO THE LORD YOUR GOD"

The word 'holy' conjures up all sorts of images in the minds of people. We can think of pious individuals who spend many hours at prayer; others think of holiness as pertaining to people who are some sort of perfect persons, as something for others but not for them. Others more cynically may think of holiness as some abstract form of unreality. In fact, there are many accurate understandings of holiness. For Catholicism it is a life totally devoted to God where every action is directed towards God's will and glory. In the Greek language, holiness or hagio, means religious awe and reverence, receiving God's seal. For St. Thomas Aquinas it is a matter of being set apart. This flows from the idea of the gathering of the Christian people as an assembly, a people called out. If we look at each of these carefully as we reflect on the Book of Ezra, we see how they all apply to everyone of us. All of us are called, regardless of our state or vocation in life, to direct our lives and decisions towards God's will and glory. Equally so, we are all called to approach God with a sense of awe and reverence towards His majesty; and by virtue of Baptism, we have all received God's seal as His sons and daughters. Perhaps it is the last definition from St. Thomas Aquinas, and the most commonly understood one of the word holy, that many find most difficult. Most people want to be a part of the crowd. We speak about peer pressure as an ongoing reality in the lives of many. While we usually focus our attention on the young the fact is that people of every age feel that need to be a part of the group. When we were, as a society, much more attuned to God and the spiritual and moral life, it was easy to be a part of a group that did not on the surface seem to be all that set apart. The reality today is much different. In a cultural period where faith in God and religion is in decline, along with any semblance of objective truth and morality, to live as a faithful Catholic Christian requires by necessity to be set apart, to not be a part of the crowd. This can be very difficult for anyone from a teenager or young adult refraining from premarital sex, to a businessman or woman who wants to do business ethically, to a simple act of wanting to participate in worship at Sunday Mass when the family or friends want to go to the beach, to telling the truth when others around us justify lying, and the list goes on. How then can any Christian remain faithful when so much is required to go against the tide? Today's Sacred Scriptures give us that remedy. In the first reading we are called to rejoice in the Lord, "for rejoicing in the Lord must be our strength". (The more we stand before God in praise, thanksgiving, and adoration the easier and more natural it becomes to remain 'set apart'). In the second reading from the first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us that "we are Christ's body, and individually parts of it". (Remembering our dignity helps us make free decisions to be 'set apart' in order not to harm our dignity as sons and daughters of God). In the Gospel reading from St. Luke, we are reminded that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us just as the Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus; that we too are anointed to bring glad tidings to the poor. We are not called to be 'set apart' for some obscure piety. Like Jesus we are 'set apart' for mission: to bring glad tidings to the poor in spirit, to proclaim liberty to those in captivity to sin; to help the spiritually and morally blind to see with the eyes of faith, truth, and justice; to help those oppressed by poverty, racism, injustice, and sin, to know their dignity as the sons and daughters of God and alleviate their suffering. (The more the Christian faithful choose to be 'set apart' as Jesus was, the more we can help build up God's Kingdom in our own part of the world where God has placed us). As we can see from these readings, we cannot excuse ourselves from this call to be holy as God is holy. God by His very nature is set apart. We are set apart by virtue of Baptism and by bearing the name Christian. Each of us has a decision to make. If we want to remain a part of the crowd, we will not only diminish ourselves in various ways but we will also be responsible for absenting ourselves from building up God's Kingdom in our midst. We cannot then complain that our parishes and society are in decline when we have chosen the way of compromise. Conversely, if we by God's grace (and it is by God's grace. We do not pride ourselves on anything), we choose to be set apart for the work ahead for us in giving Christian witness by our own lives and in building us His Kingdom, we can "approach the throne of God with confidence" (Hebrews 4:16) knowing that He who sees all things 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
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 Diocesan Collection for Churches In Need.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

8:30am Peter Modica by his Loving Family

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

8:30am Camille Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

8:30am Joseph Giacobbe Birthday In Loving Memory Mom & Dad

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

8:30am Rose Giberti by Tina Giberti (1 Year Anniversary In Heaven)

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 Domenic Puleo by Wife & Children

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

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

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Nick & Ellie Graziano
(1st Anniversary in Heaven)

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Nick & Ellie Graziano
(1st Anniversary in Heaven)

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Rose Flanagan
Donated by Pat & Jim Bellard

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Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
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Nick Codella
Julia Comer
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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 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.

Help Wanted

Are you a good baker?

If so, please speak To Fr. Mike, thank you.

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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

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared…"
-NEHEMIAH 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

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 18 & January 19, 2025

Saturday January 18th 5:00pm-123
Sunday, January 19th 8:30am-84
Sunday, January 19th 10:00am-112
Sunday, January 19th11:30am-205

Total-524

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

Hold the door for someone!

Make a card for Nursing Home Residents

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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Devotions

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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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