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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
Epiphany of the Lord

The Gospels are not historical documents as such, as they do not give a comprehensive narrative of each and every event and the time in which they occur. Rather, they are documents of faith which give witness to the most important moments of Jesus' ministry and life. Because of this, from the birth narrative to Jesus' baptism by John, we only have today's Gospel reading to help us understand Jesus' youth. That this narrative about Jesus when he was twelve was included in the Gospel of Luke lets us know that it is an important part of understanding Jesus and his ministry. Although Jesus' young life is mostly unknown to us, we can therefore suppose that it was probably unexceptional, apart from today's story. His upbringing must have been typical for his time period. Knowing what we do bout Joseph and Mary, we know that he was raised in a faithful Jewish family that adhered to the Jewish religion and practices, Jesus understood what it was like to live in and be part of a human family, with all of its ups and downs. As part of their Jewish tradition, families would go to Jerusalem for Passover. This meant that the Jews from all over would journey on pilgrimage to the city. There would be caravans in which many people would travel together, both to and from. When Mary and Joseph could not find Jesus, they assumed he was in their caravan with some of their relatives and continued on. It took a whole day for them to realize that Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. Once they got back to Jerusalem, they couldn't find him for three days! It undoubtably caused them anxiety, stress and panic. When they did find him, he was teaching at the temple, dazzling the teachers with his knowledge and wisdom. We are told that Mary kept everything that happened in her heart. She most likely pondered Jesus' extraordinary show of wisdom, but also must have felt some heartache and anguish at losing him for three days, as well as some confusion as to why Jesus didn't seem concerned. In today's feast of the Holy Family, we look toward Jesus, Mary and Joseph as model to follow in our own families. We, too, experience moments of joy and love, as well as times of tension, anxiety, and pain. Today's feast helps us to recognize that in the midst of any family's dynamic, it is faith in God that holds us together and brings us closer to one another.

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 January 7, 2025

This Month's Winner of $212.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mozatto

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bernard Church
8th Annual Card Party
Saturday, March 15, 2025
More info to follow

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

9:00am Anthony Brannan Jr. by Rita Damato

5:00pm Neil Sorrentino by Meryl

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8:30am Robert Herinsky by his wife Marie
Maryann Thiel Love Aunt Janine
Toni Ann Seddio by her Family
Christina Sarni by your daughter MaryAnn

10:00am Marguerite H. Lopez by Rita Damato

11:30am Matthew J. Rao by Rosann & Anthony Cetta

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

8:30am Alejandrina by Veronica Hall

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

8:30am Rosetta Grillo by her Family (Birthday in Heaven)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

8:30am Michael Moore by Pat Rochford

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

8:30am Domenick Puleo by his Wife & Children

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

8:30am Steve Borriello by The Capalbo Family

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

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

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, January 11, 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

Altar Bread:
In Loving Memory of Michael Moore
Donated by Mary & Frank Lisa

Altar Wine:
n Loving Memory of Frank Ribaudo
Donated by Annette & Richard Hinners

Altar Candles:
In Loving Memory of Michael Moore
Donated by Concetta Carriero

Tabernacle Candle:
In Loving Memory of Michael Moore
Donated by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

Tabernacle Candle:
In Loving Memory of Rose Aloia
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Church Bells:
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Gabriella Cutrone
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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 8,15,22
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

Joseph Trincilla

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If you would like to add a leaf to our Tree of Life
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The Annual Catholic Appeal calls us collectively to be one family of faith, by living out our covenant with The Lord, we reveal and serve Jesus in so many different ways. The ACA funds Youth Ministry Programs, Vocations and Retired Priest, to name a few.

Everyone benefits from the Ministries and Services of the Diocese throughout their life. You may not realize this to be true but think about it. Do your children go to Religious Education? Have you gone for Pre Cana classes? Were you or someone in your family dealing with an Addiction? Are your children in Catholic School? Have you had to put Mom or Dad into a Nursing Home or perhaps you found affordable living for them? Do your children participate in the CYO programs? I am sure that at least once in your life you sought out spiritual advice from your local Priests. These and many more are ministries, services and programs that are supported by the Diocese of Brooklyn. St. Bernard Parish has NOT reached its Annual goal. Two large donors were unable to donate this year and we need your help!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! to all those who made a gift to the ***Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal***! We encourage all those who made a pledge to ***please fulfill it.*** If you have not made a gift, you can still make an end-of-year gift! The Appeal ends December 31, 2024 and all donations received over our goal will come right back to our parish for our use with Ministries and Services.

God Bless all our Parishioners for your Generosity and Kindness always!

Stewardship Thought

The Epiphany of the Lord

"…They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

- MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Matthew 25 ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Annual Clothing Drive will be
Saturday, January 4th and Sunday, January 5th.

WOMEN & CHILDRENS CLOTHING ONLY
NO MEN'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!

Baby's 1st Christmas

On Sunday, January 12th ,2025 we will have a special blessing at the 11:30 a.m. Mass for all infants baptized in our parish during 2024. If your baby was baptized in another church this year and would like to attend you are also welcome.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of December 21 & December 22, 2024

Saturday December 21st 5:00pm-105
Sunday, December 22nd 8:30am-88
Sunday, December 22nd 10:00am-110
Sunday, December 22nd11:30am-140
Total-443

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

Create a kindness journal or jar to capture wonderful moments throughout 2025
Take a treat to your local police or fire department.

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.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

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