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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
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD

Trust is essential to all human relationships. I remember participating in a retreat weekend where married couples who marriages were in serious trouble gathered in an effort to save their relationship and move beyond the hurts, disagreements, and misunderstandings that caused so much friction in their marriages. At this particular weekend the most significant issue was adultery. The men and women present still maintained a love for each which was obvious in their effort to save their marriages. However, the big, for some almost insurmountable obstacle, was to overcome lost trust. When someone betrays our trust, it is always difficult to be totally confident in them again. This happens among family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. There are also those who have felt that God betrayed their trust. This is not an uncommon experience and has led many to lose, or at least question their faith. Others stop practicing the faith altogether. Seemingly unanswered prayers, tragic experiences and losses, seeing some who do evil enjoy all the good things life has to offer while they struggle, the list is long. At the same time trust can be regained whether it be in God or others. The words we hear in today's Sacred Scriptures from the prophet Isaiah, "blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" are a reminder that the gift of trust in God and others is truly a blessing. How then do we maintain or regain this trust when we feel betrayed, even perhaps by God? In order to regain trust the one thing necessary is humility. This humility helps us recognize that we too can make mistakes, we too may have also inadvertently harmed another's trust in us. If we recognize our human faults, can we not accept them in others? Yet another question does arise. What about those who betray our trust deliberately? This is most difficult. It may be that we cannot, and perhaps should not place our trust in someone who is malicious. God calls us to love others but we can love without do harm to ourselves. Equally so, we should always make every effort to not allow one person's actions keep us from the beautiful relationships that God wants us to enjoy with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. This takes effort but anyone who has the gift of family and friendship will say it is well worth it. This Sunday's Gospel reading from St. Luke lays out a simple reality that is not always easy to accept. God works in His own time. Those who seem to 'have it all' while neglecting God and others may very well lose it all in the end. Conversely, there are those who lead good and holy lives but seem to have little to celebrate dealing with the world's sorrows and persecutions who are promised that every good thing will be given them. Yet because it does not always happen in our time, we can feel betrayed by God. It is important to remember what we hear in Sacred Scripture, "the sufferings of this world are nothing to compared to the glory to be revealed in us." This is where faith comes in as the foundation of trust. The greater our faith the greater our trust. Practicing the faith through a deep prayer life, giving God His due worship, immersing ourselves in Sacred Scripture, living the moral life, and seeing the good in others are ways we can increase and strengthen the gift of faith. As trust becomes stronger, we can know the joy of recognizing the while God may not always make everything better as we would like, we will have a greater confidence that God can use any situation to reveal Himself to us, bring good out of evil, and is with us at every moment. It is not easy to trust in a world of broken promises yet it is essential to a full and happy life. As millions have prayed the simple prayer, "Lord I believe, help my unbelief" we can also pray, "Lord I trust, help my lack of trust." If this prayer is made with confidence, we will see great things happening.

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 March 5, 2025

This Month's Winner of $212.50 is

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Cirrincione

Presidents' Day

The Rectory Office will be closed for business on Monday, February 17th in observation of Presidents' Day. Emergency calls can be made into the Rectory Office at any time.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bernard Church 9th Annual Card Party

LET'S GROOVE TONIGHT

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Scratch Offs, Raffle Tickets & much more are on sale in the rectory!

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Higher Electric & Heating Costs.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

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

5:00pm Buddy Ferraro by his wife Amy & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8:30am Concetta & Remigio Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Thomas Savino by Doreen Alfano

11:30am Edward Romano by Yor Loving Family
(Happy 10th Anniversary in Heaven)
Jeanette Mingino by The Belisario Family
Maria Spadaccini by Barbara Fox
Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr. Love You Eternally Mommy, Katy & Frankie

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

8:30am Lorraine Wilson by Ellie & Nick Graziano

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

8:30am Michael Moore by Miriam Soldyn

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

8:30am Clement Pollio by Miriam Soldyn

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

8:30am Charles & Angelina Leo by Stephanie Puleo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

9:00am George Fastook by Tina Giberti

5:00pm Neil Sorrentino Happy Birthday in Heaven Love your wife Meryl
Anthony Brannan Jr. by The Cosares Family
Lillian Casso by Your Loving Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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

10:00am Clement Pollio by Your Loving Family (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

11:30am Ramlal Bhagaloo by Radika & Rejeanne Smith

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Following is the schedule for Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten Journey.
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:30a.m. Mass
2:00p.m. Service
6:00p.m. Spanish Service
7:30p.m. Mass
Ashes will be distributed at all.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Annette & Gaetano Camoia
Donated by Thomas & Rosemary Camoia

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Annette & Gaetano Camoia
Donated by Thomas & Rosemary Camoia

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Catherine DiGenova
Donated by Annette & Richard Hinners

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Michael Moore
Donated by The Granatstein Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
V.B.
Claudio Accardo
Christine Alamia
Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Debra Antoci
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
Anna Barone
Jourdanna Barton
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
Margaret Bracco
Arline Brack
Michael C.
Thomas Caliendo
Diane Camacho
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
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Francine Danza
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Phyllis DeCesare
Samantha DiGennaro
Vicky DeGruccio
Maureen DeMarinis
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Gia Marie Duffy
Stephen J. Esposito
Aiden Estrella
John Fahey
Pat Fallon
Adriana Farrell
Tracy Farrell
Natalie Ferber
Rosemary Fesinstine
Anthony Filippazzo
Ruppert Fontenelle
Marisa Fullam
Alexandra Gagliardi
Karen Gallagher
Patricia Gallagher
Peter J. Gallagher
Linda Gannon
Courtney James Garrisson Jr.
Thomas Garziniti
Odette Gaudard
Margaret Generoso
Ellen Gentile
Connor Patrick Geoghagen
Ida Giannettino
Francine Giannotti
Carole Gibbons
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Katherine Marra
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
Matthew Mason
Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
Jason Moll
Brian Morgan
Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
A.Passaro
Sandra Pena
Jo-Ann Piazza
Nicholas Piccio
Jerry Pottak
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Alexa Ramos
Phillip Ramos
Antonio Reda
Vito Rita
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera
Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
Craig Rosen
Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
Nikki Russo
Sofia Russo
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Mickie Sarni
Laura Scattereggia
Carol Schroeder
Aiden Seazer
Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Stephanie Sheetz
Alberta Sirett
Michael Skody
Alexandra Smith
Aurora Sorrentino
Sue Ann Spotts
Maureen Stewart
Troy Tamburo
Cigdem Tanriverdi
Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand

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 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

started on 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.

St. Joseph Novena Flowers

Flowers this week are donated by Rose Esposito
In Honor of St. Joseph
In Memory of

Joseph Esposito

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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lenten Parish Mission Retreat
will take place on
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
March 9th, 10th & 11th, 2025
Presented by Dan & Caroline Gambale-Dirkes
Founders of "2 Tim 4 Ministries"

"The Father's Love"
Sunday March 9th at 3:00pm
in the Parish Garden
Games & Food

"Freedom of Christ"
Monday, March 10th at 7:00pm in Church

"Unlocking the Power of the Holy Spirit"
Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00pm in Church

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

This week begins the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal guided by this year's theme:
Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith, and Charity.
The Appeal offers a meaningful way to answer this call and live out the Gospel by blessing those in need within our diocese. Your support helps fund ministries and services such as Catholic Charities, Vocations, Chaplaincies, ***Youth Ministry*** initiatives, care for ***retired priests,*** and much more.

We encourage everyone to view the 2025 ACA Video online at
https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/

See a Testimonial by our own Deacon Christopher Wagner!

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

Let us pray for the success of the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus. We invite you to stand with St. Bernard's Parish in supporting the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

To donate, visit www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.

Upcoming Changes to our Mass Schedule

Beginning Sunday April 27th we will be adding a Sunday 5:30 pm Mass which will be a Life Teen Mass followed by a Life Teen Night.
All are welcome to attend this Mass and we will be taking an intention for this weekend Mass.
Beginning July 1st our Mass schedule will be Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am. This schedule will permanently remain after the summer and become our new Mass schedule. All weekday Mass stipends will be $20 per Diocesan directive and weekend Mass stipends will remain at $25.
Any questions you can call the rectory.
Thank you for your patience with this matter.

Stewardship Thought

"Blessed are you when people hate you…exclude and insult you, and denounce your name…on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22
All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Save The Date
International Festival

St. Bernard Parish
International Festival
will be on Sunday, April 6, 2025
from 2:00pm-5:00pm
in the Parish Hall
More details will be coming soon!

Help Wanted

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

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of February 8 & February 9, 2025

Saturday February 8th 5:00pm-135
Sunday, February 9th 8:30am-50
Sunday, February 9th 10:00am-78
Sunday, February 9th 30am-135
Total-398

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

"Carry out an act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you"

-Princess Diana

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Bernard Council # 14269
"Doing good while having fun!"
Meetings: 7:30 PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Location: Hudson River Yacht Club

Are you a Knight, why not?
For membership information contact
Edward McCarthy (917) 681-7936

www.kofc14269.com

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https://www.facebook.com/stbernardkofc

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SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 718-763-5533

Gift Shop Hours

Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

When you next update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to St. Bernard. For more information please see Fr. Maduri.