St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

.... a Bad Tree Cannot Bear Good Fruit...
- Jesus

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

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

YOU WILL KNOW THEM

The Sacred Scriptures, as we ready ourselves for the upcoming Lenten season, are a clear reminder that everyone does bear fruit in our lives. The question is, "what kind of fruit are we bearing?" Are we bearing good fruit or bad fruit? This is the essential message of today's readings. No one lives this life in a vacuum. We all affect one another for better or worse. None of us is an island who can pretend that our lives have no impact on others. In order to bear good fruit a tree has to be well prepared. Conversely, bad fruit comes from a tree that has not been well cultivated. As the first reading from Sirach tells us, "The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had." This is a startling statement. It is saying that we must take the steps necessary in order to live good, faithful, and honorable lives. It cannot be done on wishful thinking or good intentions but rather through "care." We see daily the effects of people who live dishonorable and bad lives. They bring forth crime and violence, physical and emotional pain to others, a lack of conscience that has little sense of right and wrong. No one is born this way. Yet through the indifference, neglect, and various forms of hurt that other have caused the tree that should have been nurtured and cared for develops into something that God and our human dignity did not intend. How then do we care for this tree which symbolizes us? The task is not one to neglect. As Jesus says elsewhere in Sacred Scripture, we cannot be both yes and no. To put it more succinctly we either bear good fruit or bear bad fruit. There is no in between. Lent gives us three ways to care for ourselves so that we can bear the good fruits that God intends. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through prayer we commune with God, listen to His voice in Sacred Scripture and in the Church. In fasting we allow God to fill us up and let go of anything that blocks out the presence of God in our lives. Through almsgiving we assist in works of charity.

These three, done well, have been recommended by our Lord, His Church, and virtually every saint throughout history, as the means to become holy and faithful as God is holy and faithful. Through these means, really gifts, we have everything necessary to bear the good fruits of faith, hope, and love.

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

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.

God Bless the Children who received their First Penance on Saturday March 1st

We continue to pray for them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 17th

All Communion Children are invited to the 11:30am Mass on Sunday March 2nd to receive a special blessing and prayer book.

Congratulations!

Fr. J. Maduri, Pastor

Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Director of Faith Formation

Help Wanted

Are you a good baker?

If so, please speak

To Fr. Mike, thank you.

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Landscaping.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

9:00am Anthony Borrello by Stephanie Puleo

5:00pm Fred Arroyo by Nick & Ellie Graziano

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8:30am James F. Wagner Birthday in Heaven by his family Chris & Melissa
Marian Dziewa by Your Family (Gregorianka)
Ann Tretola by Nick & Ellie Graziano
Silverio Migliaccio by Your Loving Family

10:00am Anthony Brannan Jr. by Joanna & Carmine Evangelista

11:30am Giuseppe Bavaro by his Sons

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

8:30am Joseph Esposito by Your Loving Wife (2nd Heavenly Anniversary)

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

8:30am Michael Moore by Tina Moore

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

8:30am John McCarthy by his Family

2:00pm Service-No Mass

7:30pm Thomas H. Lever by Tom & Geri

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

8:30am Maria Adragna DeVito by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinners

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

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

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

9:00am Joseph & Stanley Hrysko by Halina

5:00pm Anne & Jim Cooper by their daughter Mary

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

8:30am Lorraine Wilson by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
Allan J. Maloney by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Jaqueline Bibo by Michele Esposito
Anthony Borello by Sissy & Marty Grosso
Claudia Torres by Your Loving Family

11:30am Michelina Martino by her Grandchildren

Purgatorial Society

William Faraci
Allan Maloney
James Casey McKee
John Palmiero
Anthony Passione
Mr. Peralta
Vita Sacco
Bartholomew Vallaro

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Anthony Vitale
Donated by his Loving Wife Rosalie

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Allan Maloney
Donated by Connie Carriero

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Anthony Vitale
Donated by his Loving Wife Rosalie

Tabernacle Candles:

In Loving Memory of Anthony Vitale
Donated by his Loving Wife Rosalie

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Anthony Brannan Jr.
Donated by Joanna & Carmine Evangelista

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Marilyn Augello
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Jourdanna Barton
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
Margaret Bracco
Arline Brack
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Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
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Janet Commisso
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Rosa DiBerardino
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Gregoria Hernandez
John
J.H.
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CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
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Kiera Sophie
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Angelina Larrymore
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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
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Mackenzie McCallion
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Edna McGuinness
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Debbie Miller
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Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

Faith Formation News

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 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

Preparing For Lent

The Lenten Season provides a great opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through prayer, penitential practices and works of charity. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the following:**

Stations of the Cross will be said on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Church beginning Friday, March 7th. You can also watch on our website and Facebook page when available

Parish Mission: 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

Taize Prayer: There will be a Taize Prayer Experience on Wednesdays, March 12th, 19th & 26th in the Church at 7:00pm.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by Catholics 14 years of age and older.
Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal, with two smaller meals permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted.

Stewardship Thought

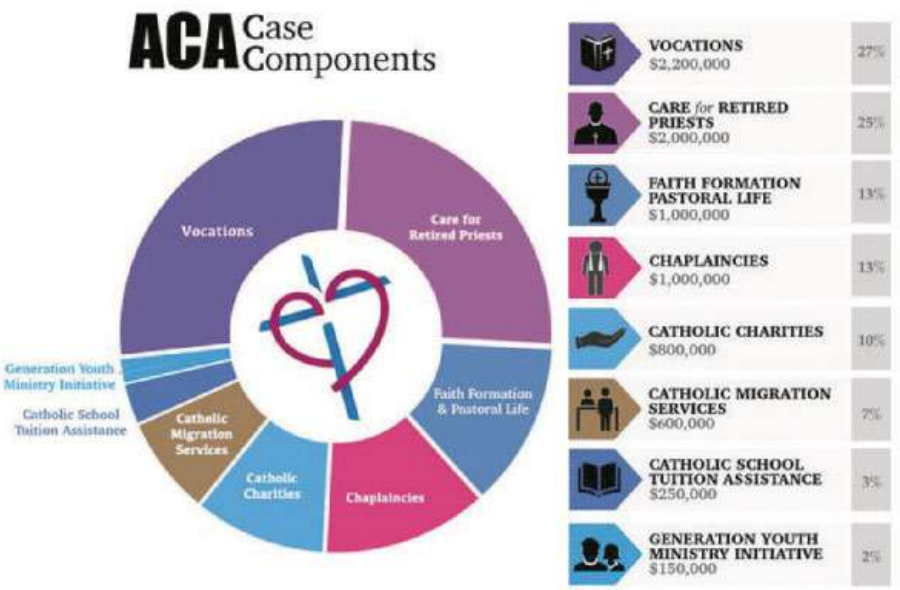
"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." ~ LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance

Weekend of February 22 & February 23, 2025
Saturday February 22nd 5:00pm~137
Sunday, February 23rd 8:30am~76
Sunday, February 23rd 10:00am~136
Sunday, February 23rd 11:30am~190
Total~539

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:



All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.

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Please Give What You Can! 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 17, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory
For more information, call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or
Maureen at 347-436-5192

Lenten Bible Study

The Parishes of Mary Queen of Heaven, St. Bernard, St. Thomas Aquinas & Our Lady Help of Christians invite you to
Bible Study on The Sacred Heart of Jesus
on Tuesday Nights
March 4th through April 8th at 7:00pm
at Mary Queen of Heaven (Avenue M Between East 56th & East 57th Streets).
If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register and pick up a workbook, thank you.

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.

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

at St. Bernard Catholic Academy

Open House/Registration in Lobby of Academy Building
Saturday, March 8th, 2025
11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

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

Forgive an Old Grudge!

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.
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

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