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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
First Sunday of Lent

HE HEARD OUR CRY

These words from the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy have left many people in doubt. As you may recall from previous reflections, there are people who have felt that God did not hear their cry. Whether they were dealing with ill health, suffering of one kind or another, family issues, unemployment, poverty, etc., they concluded that either God did not exist, or if He did, He was not interested in their plight. Doubt and even anger at God easily set in. It is noteworthy that in the face of this reality a major study done some years ago was undertaken to determine who are the happiest people in the country. The study's conclusion was that the happiest Americans were poor black women. One of the women summed it up best when asked why she was so happy. She stated simply but profoundly, "I've got Jesus." Notice the power of her faith. She has Jesus, not to give her riches or power or property or good health. She just knew that Jesus was with her on her journey through life and that was all that mattered. It was the relationship that was important, not what she could get out of that relationship. Yet again, she did get something out of the relationship: the Lord's love and presence, His mercy, and His promise to her of eternal life. It is a mature faith that recognizes that we love others for who they are and not what we can get out of them. It is difficult for us to completely grasp this because our love is imperfect and oftentimes conditional, whereas God's love is perfect and unconditional. In the reading from Deuteronomy we hear of the oppression and suffering of the people and that God comes to their rescue. Yet this rescue did not come quickly and many would have likely questioned why God seemed not to hear them. Persevere they did in faith and in trust and so they found that God was truly with them, including in their hardship. In the familiar Gospel account of our Lord's three temptations in the desert we see Jesus offered three material things that would have made his human life quite enjoyable: food, glory, and power. Our Lord, in His human nature, could have easily accepted these offerings form Satan. Everyone would agree that food, glory, and power are much more palatable than a cross. Yet once again Jesus sets things right. Food, power, glory, fame, pleasures, money, possessions will inevitably pass away. What remains are the three greatest gifts, faith, hope, and love and as Sacred Scripture tells us, "The greatest of these is love" for the fact that faith will give way to vision, hope to fulfillment, but love is eternal. Again, it is the relationship that counts. When the ancient Israelites forgot this, they broke the covenant and lived as the pagans did to their detriment. When we forget this, we can also break our baptismal covenant with the Lord and through anger at God and loss of faith, also do damage to ourselves as we forget our dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our destiny to one day see God as He is. As we begin this holy season of Lent we are invited to strengthen our faith through greater prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our Lord Himself prayed and fasted and gave not money but His very life that we might have life and have it to the full. If we nurture the relationship with the Lord we are well prepared to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection not only on Easter Sunday but every day of our lives.
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 April 1, 2025

This Month's Winner of $225.00 is
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ferranti Jr.

Help Wanted

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

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.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

8:30am Dominick Puleo by his Wife & Children

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

8:30am Maria Hinners by The Hinners Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

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

5:00pm Louis Belisario by The Belisario Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

8:30am Tommy Camoia by Mom & Dad

10:00am Philip Tesoriero by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

11:30am Katherine M. Esposito by Michele Esposito
Anthony Brannan Jr. by John & Maria Piccirillo
Frank Ribaudo by Nick & Ellie Graziano

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Rocco Simonetti
Donated by Jennifer Denino-Dersmo & Family

Altar Wine:

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Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Catherine DiGenova
Donated by Diane & Joe Cordano

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Larry DeAngelo Jr.
Donated by His Family

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Debra Antoci
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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 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

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."
~ DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" ~ the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance

Weekend of March 1 & March 2, 2025

Saturday March 1st 5:00pm~108
Spanish Mass~62
Sunday, March 2nd 8:30am~86
Sunday, March 2nd 10:00am~249
Sunday, March 2nd 11:30am~162
Total~667

As a member of the Diocese of Brooklyn, you are part of a family of Catholics who practice their faith and live a life of stewardship throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

You can help maintain vital programs and ministries that serve Jesus by reaching out in love to our brothers and sisters in the Lord through your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Q: What do the contributions from the Annual Catholic Appeal support?

A: Simply, PEOPLE. Our greatest challenge as Catholics is to play our part in loving and serving our neighbor. So many of our brothers and sisters are in need, and we are blessed when we freely share our gifts with others with God's Love, Compassion, and Joy.

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Donate at www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org OR text DONATE to 917-336-1255 OR SCAN THIS QR CODE and you will be guided through the donation process.

Make Giving a Way of Living

It Starts With Us and There is no Us Without You!

Let us pray for Chaplains, especially our school Chaplains, bringing the love of Christ and the sacraments of the Church to the young who need God's healing presence thanks to our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and renewed in their missionary ministry here in Brooklyn and Queens.
Make your donation today: annualcatholicappeal.org

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

Defensive Driving Class

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Saturday, March 29, 2025
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10:00 a.m. $50.00 per person

Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 Ext. 1601
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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.

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)
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Andrew-Jude Lao (SPCI Air Force)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

Perform a
Random Act of Kindness

Phone a friend or family member each day of Lent.

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

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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