Saint Bernard Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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. - 5:30 p.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. -11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.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
Fourth Sunday of Easter

I HAVE MADE YOU A LIGHT

In some quarters of the Church, it has been something of an uphill battle to get many of our fellow Catholic Christians to fully accept the implications of our baptism. For one group it is a one-shot deal that has little bearing on their lives; for others it is entrance into the community of believers which is the Church but the grace received is not fully released; for others it is something of a passive reality wherein we fulfill the various obligations of religion. Yet the number of the baptized who have taken Jesus' command to "go and teach them everything I have commanded you" is relatively small. In this Sunday's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas boldly tell their listeners – and us – that God has made us to be a light to others. Only one thing can be a barrier to us living this out, and that is, as Paul and Barnabas tell us, when we reject the Word of God that was spoken to us. This rejection can happen either explicitly by our deliberate choosing against Christ and the Gospel; or it can happen implicitly through indifference and sin. Either way, the light of Christ that is meant to shine through us is diminished. In order to truly be the light of Christ to those around us it is necessary, as we hear in this Sunday's Gospel reading from St. John, to hear the voice of the Lord: "My sheep hear my voice," says Jesus. As many have lost the art of listening to others so too many even relatively faithful Christians have lost the art of listening to the Lord. To a great extent this is due to our overly hectic lives and also an insistence on living life on our own terms. For the voice of the Lord to be heard we must nurture the ability to quiet our inner selves. At the same time, we must also lay aside our disobedience to God's law as expressed in Sacred Scripture and the Church. The voice of God cannot be "heard" in the chaotic heart or in the disobedient or the unrepentant. If there is too much of us there will be too little of the Lord. The listening man or woman goes to God with an open ear of the heart, without preconceived ideas but open to the wonders of the adventure of faith. Part of this adventure is allowing God to shine His light upon us and then being the light of Christ to all those whom we meet. This is our identity as Christians. We receive the Lord in faith; we then nurture this gift of faith; and we proclaim this gift who is Jesus Christ and His Good News. This could be a three-word mantra for all the baptized: receive, nurture, proclaim. The great commission has been given us in baptism, "Go and make disciples (witnesses) of all nations." Those who do so become, like our Lord Himself, a light in the darkness. Are you and I ready for the adventure?

Fr. John Maduri

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the priests, deacons, and staff of the parish, I extend our prayerful best wishes to all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, and spiritual mothers, that God may continue to bless you and keep you in His loving and merciful heart as you care for your children and those whom God has sent your way. Enjoy your special day and remember to always look towards Mary as the model for all motherhood.

Fr. John Maduri
Pastor

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 June 4, 2025

This Month's Winner of $312.50 is
Karen Young

Save The Date!!

St. Bernard's Parish & Knights of Columbus 14269

BIG SMOKE

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 Starting at 6:30 p.m.
Hudson River Yacht Club
For More Information or Early Registration
Phone or Text Rita at
917-698-5506 or Email pa117@diobrook.org

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, MAY 10, 2025

9:00am Nellie Cilia by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis (Anniversary in Heaven)

5:00pm Mary Modica by her Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

8:30am Sam Sergi Happy Birthday in Heaven Love, Andrea, Chris, Daniel, Baby Christopher, Camille & Robert

10:00am Rose F. Flanagan by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
Rosemarie Sadallah by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

11:30am Daniel DeVito by The Belisario Family
Roy Smith Sr. by Roy & Rejeanne Smith
Giovanna Messina by her Family

5:30pm Francesca & Angelo Incorvaia by your loving granddaughter Tiffani

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

8:30am Maria Del Carmen Suarez by The Suarez Family

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

8:30am Ann & Henry Seip by Their daughter Jacqueline

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

8:30am Rosalind Simonetti by Martha-Jean Rosiello

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

8:30am Edmund Carsten by Tina Moore

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

8:30am Ignatius & Lucy Pomara by Roseann & Anthony Cetta

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

9:00am Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr. Love Mommy, Frances Mignano/ Brannan

5:00pm Giuseppe Bavaro by his Sons
Anne & Jim Cooper by their daughter Mary
Joseph Brucato by Jo & Joseph Brucato & Family (Birthday)

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

8:30am Michael Moore by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Madeline Poggioli by Lisa Poggioli

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

5:30pm Jeremy Krauss by St. Bernard Friends

Bible Study
Acts of the Apostles

There will be Bible Study of The Acts of the Apostle on Mondays at 7:00pm on May 5, 12, 19 & 26 with Joann Roa, Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Brooklyn

Memorials

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Concetta Fontana
Donated by The Conti Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Josephine Houston
Donated by son Edward
(Happy Mother's Day)

RCIA/OICA Reunion

On June 1st there will be a reunion for anyone who went through the RCIA/OICA process at the 11:30am Mass followed by a discussion.

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
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
Marianna DeCarlo
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
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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
John
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Ann Klauss
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
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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
Laura Scattereggia
Carol Schroeder
Aiden Seazer
Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Stephanie Sheetz
Alberta Sirett
Michael Skody
Alexandra Smith
Shawn Anthony 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
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

The Paschal Candle Flowers for the week of May 11- May 17 was donated
In Loving Memory of

Joseph Esposito

by Rose Esposito

The Fresh Floral Crown for The Blessed Mother for the week of May 11-May 17
was donated
In Loving Memory of

Margaret T. Lewis

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Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2025/2026 Kindergarten through 7th Grade
Early Bird registration has begun and will continue until Wednesday, June 25th.
All fees for 2024-2025 must be paid to re-register.
Early bird fee will be for all who **register in full** from now through June 25th.
We want to ensure that we have the materials we need for next year and to avoid delivery delays and costly fees. Please come to the rectory. Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program.
Early Bird tuition for 2025/2026 term is $225 for 1 child, $275 for 2 children, and $325 for 3 or more children living in the same household
IF PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE Wednesday, JUNE 25th.
AFTER WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH $275 for 1 child, $325 for 2 children,
and $375 for 3 or more children living in the same household. **No exceptions.**
*New students registering will need a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates
We accept Cash, Check, Credit Card, Venmo & Zelle

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
School of Religion Calendar: Use the dates below to plan accordingly.
Wednesday May 14 & 21

Stewardship Thought

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for
people coping with
the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, May 24, 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

First Communion

Please pray for our 1st Communion children at St. Bernard Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday May 17th.

May Crowning

Our annual May Crowning will be on Sunday, May 18th at the 10:00am Mass. All Communion children are encouraged to attend this Mass in their Communion outfits for the crowning of Mary.

First Responders Mass

On Sunday, May 18th at the 11:30am Mass, we welcome and honor all First Responders to Mass followed by a brunch. Please invite family and friends that are first responders to this Mass.

May Devotions

On Wednesday, May 28th at 7:00pm there will be May Devotions in the church. Please join us !

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

at St. Bernard Catholic Academy
Open House/Registration in Lobby of Academy Building
Saturday, June 14th, 2025 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
June 30th-August 8th, 2025
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Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Appeal Goal for 2025: $51,902.

Amount Pledged: $23,212. (as of 4/28/25)

Amount Received: $15,060.

AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET GOAL: $36,842

Donors: 54

(there are 1,000 families registered in our Parish)
If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!

If you have not - Please support the

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Give WHAT YOU CAN

When you can!

Thank You!

New York Blood Center

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. BERNARD WITH THE

Saturday, May 31, 2025
9:00am-3:00pm
St. Bernard Parish Hall
2030 East 69th Street
Hosted by Matthew 25

Saint Bernard Rosary Society
End-Of-Year Luncheon
Sunday, June 1, 2025
Dolce Vita Restaurant
1:00 P.M.
Husbands, Friends &
All Parishioners are welcome!
Call Rita @
917-698-5506

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 (SPC1 Space Force)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Is your mom into sewing, yoga, cooking, or painting? Sign up for a class you can take together.
Children:
Leave a sweet note on her computer screen or mirror

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of May 3 & May 4, 2025

Saturday, May 3rd 8:00pm- 102
Spanish-81
Sunday, May 4th 8:30am-75
Sunday, May 4th 10:00am-106
Sunday, May 4th 11:30am-280
Sunday, May 4th 5:30pm-43
Total-687

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Meetings: 7:30 PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
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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

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