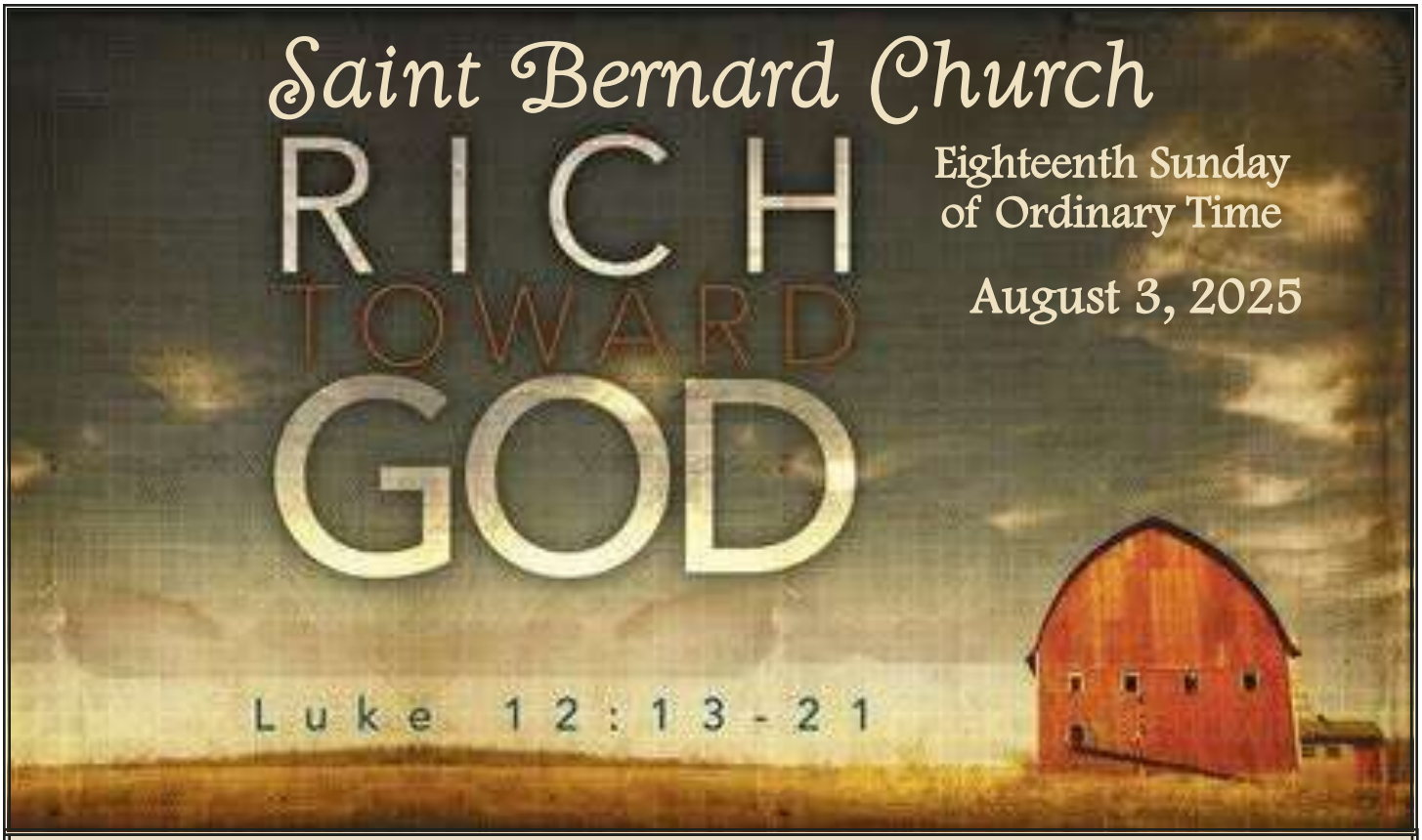

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 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.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEEK WHAT IS ABOVE

It is a natural desire for every person to want security. We live in a time of social change and upheaval and there are many natural disasters, wars and other events that shatter that sense of security. This, of course, is nothing new. Throughout history events, oftentimes beyond our control, have made us feel individually and collectively, insecure. We need only look back five years to see this played out globally with the Covid-19 pandemic. According to various news accounts, as two examples, there was a significant increase in pornography use and addiction as many men and women sought some respite and security in the fantasy land of pornography. Equally so there was an increase in alcohol sales which for some became a way of dulling the confusion and insecurity they were feeling in that vulnerable time. The only problem with these, and looking at this Sunday's Sacred Scripture we can add greed for money, is that they do not give us that peace that we are all looking for. They are simply an escape from reality.

This Sunday's first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes and also the Gospel of St. Luke remind us that all of this can be summed up as vanity, not in the sense that we think of vanity as self-absorption, but in the sense that this accumulation of wealth as a means of security is all in vain. Our Lord uses a very pointed word describing those who make accumulation of wealth their life's goal when he calls them "fools." While the word sounds demeaning, the definition of a fool is actually one who is "unwise" or "imprudent" and "one who has been duped." When we honestly think about it, it is foolish to make the accumulation of wealth the be all and end all of life when, as our Lord tells us, we do not know when our "life will be demanded of us" and all we have will belong to another. It is important to note that our Lord is talking about greed not about that prudence that calls us have what we need for living a dignified life and to take care of the various needs that confront us in our lives' journeys. This can be a balancing act. How much do we actually need? How much do we leave to our families to assist them in their lives? These are important questions to be sure. Yet Jesus gives us the answer, be "rich in what matters to God." In other words, if we make God the foundation, center, and culmination of our lives by growing in and nurturing the gifts of faith, hope and love, and that charity and justice that flow from this authentic growth, we will be given the wisdom to be prudent about our money and possessions without falling into the prison and "idolatry" of greed. St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians tells them, and us, to put on the "new self" so that we can be "renewed for knowledge (wisdom), in the "image of the Creator." This is all the security we will ever need. It is God who creates everything – and everyone – out of nothing. It is God who holds all creation – and us – in His hands. It is God alone who will bring light out of darkness, joy out of sadness, hope out of fear, life out of death. Those who nurture this gift of union with God are the ones who will know now and forever the freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

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 August 5, 2025

This Month's Winner of $275 is
Cassandra Neptune

New Mass Schedule

Please note that our New Mass Schedule has begun begin on Sunday, July 6th.
Sunday Masses will be at
9:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm
Saturday evening Mass remains at 5:00pm

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:00am-7:00pm
Saturday& Sunday 9:00am-1:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Block Party will be on
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Rain Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025
More Info To Follow!

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

9:00am Clement Pollio by his Family

5:00pm Louisa Russo by her Family
John Ferranti by Ellie & Nick Graziano (1st Birthday in Heaven)
Tara & Tricia Love Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

9:00am Pat & Ann Rega by Jennifer, John, Julianna & Nicholas (Birthday in Heaven)

11:00am Alan Maloney by Diane & Joe Cordano

5:30pm Leonard A. Lattanzio by Joseph & Joanne Gugliaro

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

8:30am Lucy Anna Capalbo by Connie Carriero

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

8:30am Carmela Ciccotto Happy Anniversary in Heaven Love your Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

8:30am Lucy Capalbo by Ted & Maureen DeMarinis

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

8:30am Happy Anniversary Danielle & Chris Love Mom & Dad DeMarinis

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

8:30am Happy Birthday Abigail Gallagher Love Grandma & Grandpa DeMarinis

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

9:00am Andrew Paul Blay by Dcn Chris & Melissa (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

5:00pm Ugo Capalbo by The Capalbo Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

9:00am Martin Mulligan by Eileen & Robert Magnavito & Family
Johnny Cosares by Lisa Poggioli
Joseph Benvenuto Happy Birthday in Heaven Love, Camille, Robert & Andrea
Michelina Caiati by Your Loving Family

11:00am Joseph Trincilla by his Family (Birthday)

5:30pm Joseph Esposito Happy Heavenly Birthday

Sick List Announcement

There are many names on the sick list that have been here for years. We are asking you to please call the rectory, 718.763.5533, if you have a loved one that you wish to remain on the list. We will gladly leave it on there. Within the next few weeks we will be removing the names of those we do not hear from. Thank you to those that have already called the rectory & with your help with this.

Memorials

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Paul Bonauro
Donated by Mom & Dad (13th Anniversary)

Altar Flowers:

In Loving Memory of John Ferranti
Donated by St. Bernard Friends

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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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
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
John
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
Jennifer Karayeanes
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
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Mackenzie McCallion
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Kelsey McCartney
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Debbie Miller
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Margaret Romano
Craig Rosen
Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
Nikki Russo
Sofia Russo
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
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Gloria Serewitz
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Alexandra Smith
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Sue Ann Spotts
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Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

Faith Formation News

School of Religion
Registration 2025/2026
Kindergarten through 7th Grade
All fees for 2024-2025
must be paid to re-register.

Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program. $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.

FEAST OF ST. BERNARD

This year the Feast of St. Bernard
falls on
Wednesday, August 20th.
We will have a special Mass for our Patron,
St. Bernard at 7:00pm
followed by refreshments.

A leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Lucy Capalbo by St. Bernard Friends

If you would like to add a leaf to our Tree of Life "In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

Music Ministry Notes

Have you ever wanted to join our Choir but did not have the time? Now is your chance!

Consider joining our Summer Choir which will sing at the 11am Sunday Mass throughout the Summer. We will rehearse every Sunday 20 minutes before the 11am Mass. This is a great opportunity to serve our Parish with your time and talent during the slower summer months.

If interested, please see our Director of Music Ernest Buckley after Mass or call: 718.809.7666.

Offertory Procession

If you or your family has an announced Mass intention for a loved one and you would like to bring up the Communion gifts PLEASE see one of the ushers before Mass begins. Thank you!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process by which a person prepares to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is one of inquiry, evangelization, prayer, study and conversion, leading to one's entrance into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. OCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions. OCIA also welcomes those who have been baptized Catholic but who have not completed their sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. **Anyone who is interested in participating in this program is asked to call the Rectory now and speak to Deacon Frank.**

Summer Rosary

We are happy to announce that we have once again begun reciting the Rosary on Tuesday evenings in our Parish Gardens starting 6:00 PM. Please enter through the Gardens' gate on East 69th Street. There will be NO ENTRANCE through the Rectory. If there is RAIN OR THREAT OF RAIN, the recitation WILL BE IN CHURCH. Now, more than ever we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope. We ask her to intercede with her Son and we implore her maternal care for all of her children.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Stewardship Thought

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God -centered" and less "self-centered."

Save The Date!

The St. Bernard Rosary Society Will Be Hosting a Murder Mystery Night On Saturday, November 8th, 2025

Mark Your Calendar!

Details To Follow.

Call 917-698-5506 For Information!

Be There Or Be Square!

FAMILY MASS

We are excited to announce that we will have a family mass grades 1 through 4 once a month beginning in the fall.

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Appeal Goal for 2025: $51,902.

Amount Pledged: $35,712. (as of 7/28/25)

Amount Received: $31,536.

No gift is too large or too small!
Give WHAT YOU CAN When you can!
If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!
If you have not - Please support the
2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank You!

Watch the ACA video and see our own Deacon Chris Wagner talk about how the ACA helped with his Formation!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0H-QNBivn9I

Assumption of Our Blessed Mother

Friday, August 15th, is the Feast Day on which we celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven, body and soul. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:30am & 7:30pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage To The National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, October 24th-Saturday October 25th
Departure from St. Bernard 7:30am
Departure from Mary Queen of Heaven 7:45am
12:00pm Arrival at the St. John Paul II National Shrine 3:00pm depart for Hilton Inn & suites at the National Harbor for a relaxing evening at the harbor. Dinner on your own.

Saturday
Breakfast in the hotel
10:00am depart for the National Shrine
11:00 religious program begins
4:00pm depart for New York
$250 PP double Occupancy
Deposit of $125 due by now
Balance of $125 due by September 30th
Please fill out form and return to the rectory.

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

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of July 26 & July 27, 2025

Saturday, July 26th 5:00pm- 128
Sunday, July 27th 9:00am-126
Sunday, July 27th 11:00am-285
Sunday, July 27th 5:00pm-27
Total-566

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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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