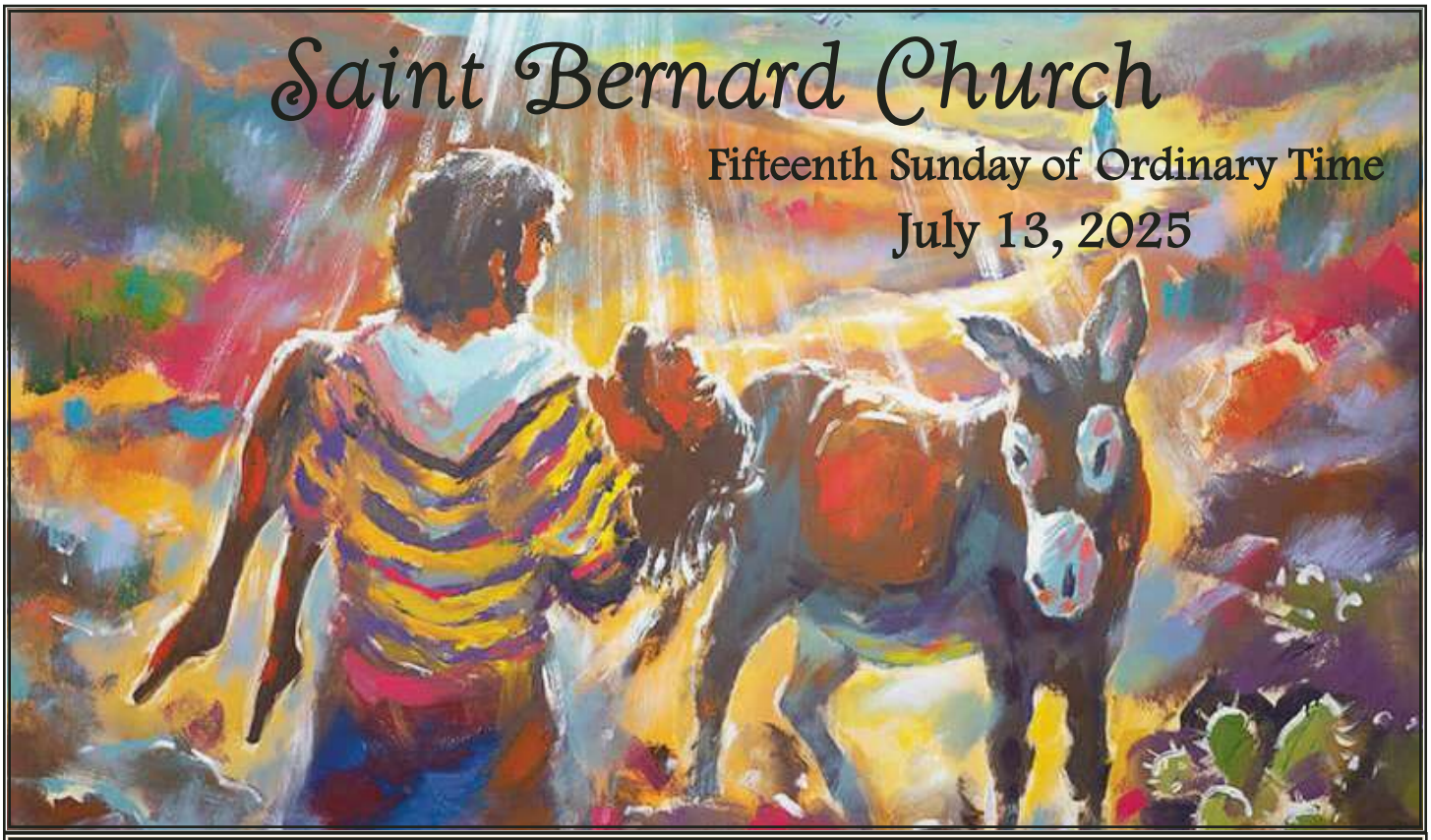
Saint Bernard Church

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025



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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.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YOU HAVE ONLY TO CARRY IT OUT

This Sunday's first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy is a very important one that we can easily overlook primarily because of the simplicity of the message. God's commandments and statues are not "too mysterious" or "remote" for us. We do not have to "go up to the sky" or "across the sea" to find God's will. It is in fact "something "very near to (us)." These few notations from Deuteronomy lay false the claim that it is too difficult to attain to God's will in our lives. While it is certainly true that there are times and circumstances that do require greater discernment in order to be in accord with the will of God, nevertheless the will of God has been revealed to us. We see His will in the life and teaching of the Lord; in Sacred Scripture; in the Commandments and the Beatitudes; in the teachings of the Church. Why then do so many have such a difficult time with the whole concept of God's will? Why too, do people who claim to be doing the will of God come to completely contradictory conclusions? The answer is that we have too often discerned God's will without relying on His two sources of self-revelation: Sacred Scripture (the Bible) and Sacred Tradition (the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the life and teachings of the Church). When these are omitted then discernment leaves vast room for self-deception where our ideas become God's will. In the Gospel reading from St. Luke our Lord sums up the Commandments and all that flows from them with the two greatest, love of God and love of neighbor. Notice here how, in quoting Deuteronomy, our Lord is teaching us not just to love, but how to love; God with our whole heart, being, strength, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. This summary of God's self-revelation, our Lord reminds us, is not "remote" but "very near." Perhaps the reason why many men and women have difficulty with God's will is because in some way we really do not want to always know it. To know God's will, to know the Truth, means a conversion of life. Not many are quick to jump at that call. Yet the Lord God tells us that we "have only to carry it out." Why is this so important? The responsorial psalm answers this by telling us that we "will live." God has made us not to exist but to live. Those who carry out His will are the ones who are truly alive. At this year's graduation Mass at St. Bernard Catholic Academy, I reminded the graduates of a truth of psychology that the more we think about ourselves the less happy we are. Conversely the more we think of others the happier we are. In others words we are made to be a people who care about each other. It is our God given nature. In the Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and Levite go against their nature by ignoring the man who was victimized by robbers. The Samaritan lived up to his nature and cared for the injured man with mercy. The Lord then tells us to "go and do the same." Whether it is keeping the Commandments, living by the Beatitudes, embracing the law of love, or fidelity to the teachings of Sacred Scripture and the Church, all of it comes together as something that is truly "near" to us. If we carry it out by God's grace and with trust in His mercy as none of us is going to get this right all the time, we will in fact live the life God made us to live both now and forever.
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

The Feast in honor of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday, July 24th through Sunday, July 27th
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
There will be a special Mass on Sunday, July 27th
Everyone is invited to attend!
Mailings are going out!
More information to follow!

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

9:00am Domenick Puleo by Stephanie Puleo

5:00pm Susanne MacBride by Ellie & Nick Graziano
Brenda Dowling by The Monaco Family
Elizabeth D'Angelo by The Lipari Family

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

9:00am Leonardo Lattanzio by The Serrone Family

11:00am In Thanksgiving for Anthony Gradilone by Maria Gradilone

5:30pm Maureen Ferrari by June Honovich (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

8:30am Lucy & Ugo Capalbo by Stephanie Puleo

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

8:30am Mary Wagner Birthday in Heaven In Loving Memory
her son Christopher

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

8:30am Lucy Capalbo by Amy Ferraro

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

8:30am Katherine Sechiano by The Sechiano Family

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

8:30am Happy Anniversary John & Susan DeMarinis Love Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

9:00am Lucy Capalbo

5:00pm Louise Saltalamacchia by Donna Saltalamacchia

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

9:00am Leonardo Lattanzio by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

11:00am Joe Caiazzo by JoAnn & Frank Balsamo

5:30pm Gina Ferranti

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 & for your help with this.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Louise Saltalamacchia
Donated by Donna Saltalamacchia

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Louise Saltalamacchia
Donated by Donna Saltalamacchia

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Clement Pollio
Donated by His 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
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
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
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
Gene Stark
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

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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

Wife, Mother & Nanny Francine Lazzaro

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.

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp
at St. Bernard Catholic Academy
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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!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.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. RCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions. RCIA 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

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" LUKE 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

We will be selling Our Lady of Mount Carmel Candles that you can memorialize, raffle tickets & 50/50 boxes right outside the church from 5:00pm-10:00pm through Thursday, July 24th through Sunday, July 27th

If you are able to volunteer to sell at our table please contact Sandra at the rectory 718.763.5533 or return the form below to the rectory.

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

I am volunteering for the following night(s):

Thursday, July 24th_____

Times available_____

Friday, July 25th_____

Times available_____

Saturday, July 26th_____

Times available_____

Sunday, July 27th_____

Times available_____

Name_____

Cell #_____

Email_____

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Appeal Goal for 2025: $51,902.

Amount Pledged: $29,912. (as of 7/7/25)

Amount Received: $25,114.

AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET GOAL: $26,890

Donors: 71

There are 1,000 families registered in our Parish – imagine if every family gave something! If each family gave $100 that would mean **$100,000**! That would make us reach our goal which supports the Ministries and Programs of the Diocese and we would have the remaining amount returned to our parish for ***our*** Ministries and Programs.

Of course, 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

Matthew 25 Ministry Operation Backpack

Think it's too early to think about *back-to-school?* Not for

Operation Backpack!

Thousands of school-age children in New York City are homeless and one of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it can have on a child's education. Frequent school transfers and the stigma associated with living in a shelter add up to great hardship for these children. **Saint Bernard Parish will be participating again this year to help thousands of homeless children on their first day of classes.**

We will have a collection box in the vestibule of the Church in the coming weeks. Won't you please consider donating a new backpack?

We will not be collecting school supplies

ONLY BACKPACKS

We will be collecting through the end of July. Also, please feel free to drop any off at the rectory at any time!

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

Pull your neighbors weeds!

Bring in a neighbor's trash cans!

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of July 5 & July 6, 2025
Saturday, July 5th 5:00pm- 109
Spanish- 78
Sunday, July 6th 9:00am-136
Sunday, July 6th 11:00am-161
Sunday, July 6th 5:30pm-35
Total-519

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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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