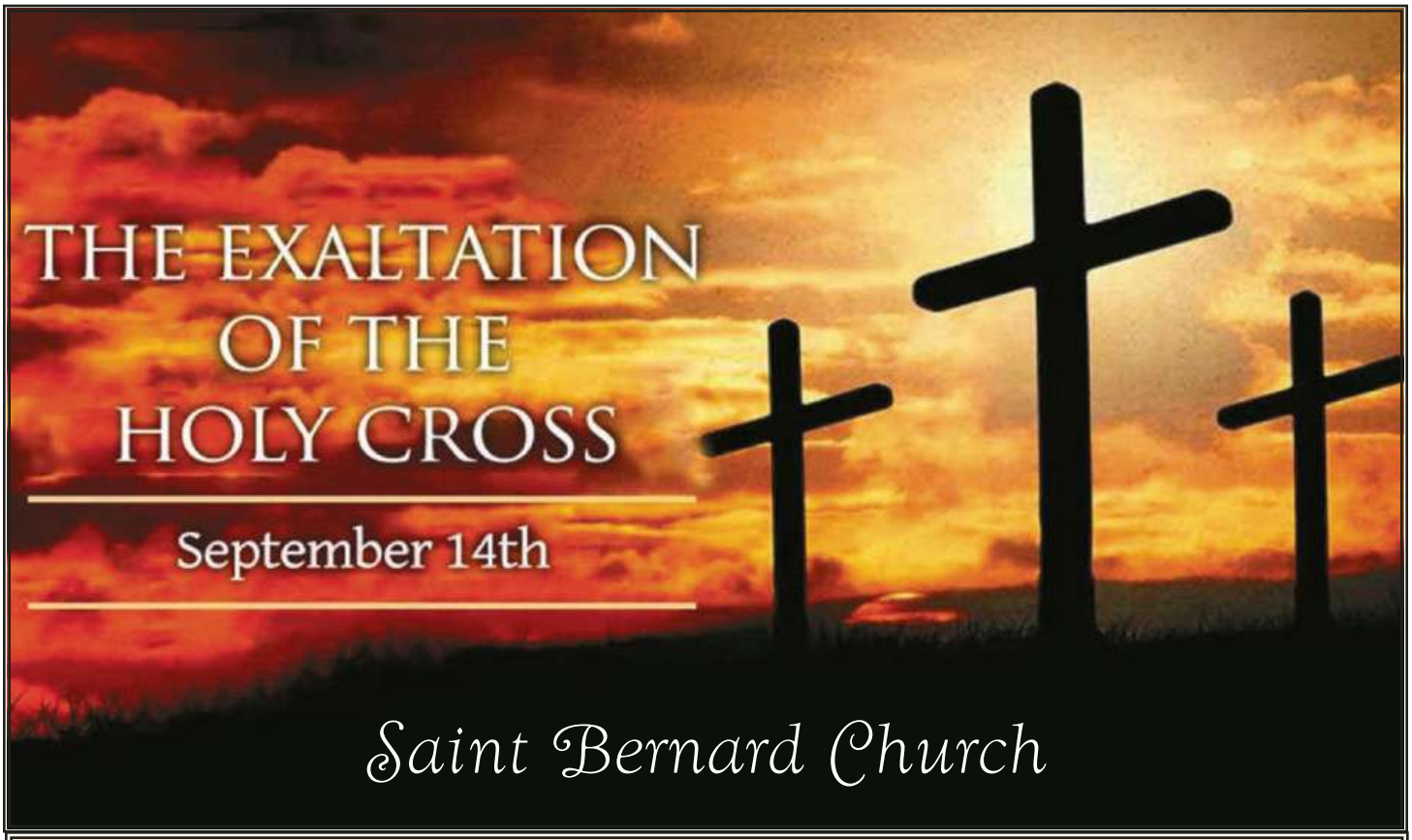

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Mass Schedule

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.

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.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

GOING BACKWARDS?

When I arrived at one of my former parishes, parishioners were still reeling from a church renovation gone very wrong – and it happened a good number of years prior to my arrival. The pastor at the time had a beautiful mural of the crucifixion scene behind the altar covered over in light yellow paint and the crucifix that hung on the wall removed and replaced by a statue of the risen Christ that looked distorted, so much so that the parishioners mockingly referred to the statue as "Twinkles." To add insult to injury the tabernacle resembled a totem pole. Many people at the time left the parish as they felt the renovation, they contributed to was anything but what they expected. A few years later one of our parish workers found tossed in a room above the church the original crucifix. It was a room not easy to reach so no one ever went into it until repair work was necessary. I decided to ask the parishioners to vote on whether or not they wanted to replace "Twinkles" with the original crucifix as well as get a new tabernacle. The vast majority of parishioners voted and the vote tally came in with 93% of parishioners wanting a new tabernacle and only less than a dozen people wanting to keep "Twinkles." One of the "Twinkles" fans made the comment that bringing back the original crucifix was "going backwards." I understood her statement from a Protestant point of view which stresses that our Lord rose from the dead so why have Him hanging on the Cross. This is a clear difference in emphasis. In Protestantism the risen Christ is central; in Catholicism the perfect love of Jesus is central because it is perfect love that brought about the remission of sins at Calvary and thereupon the hope and promise of our own resurrection through Jesus' rising from the dead. The crucifix is meant to be a reminder that this hope and promise only came about because of the perfect love of one Man who gave His life freely for us. It is a further reminder that we ought to do the same for one another. Still further it reminds us that we cannot arrive at Easter Sunday without first going through Good Friday and the fact that everyone sooner or later experiences their own Calvary. The suffering of Christ, rather than being downplayed, is a sign of hope that new life will always await the faithful. Interestingly, it was the great German Lutheran theologian Deitrich Bonhoeffer, who noted the dangers of what he referred to as "cheap grace." In his renowned statement he named "grace (God's divine life within us) without the Cross" as a sign of cheap grace. In other words, he was stating emphatically that we cannot truly bear the name Christian without also being willing to bear our Lord's Cross. He saw the reality of the suffering Christ in the concentration camps of Europe and the prison he was in, and the fact that the Crucified Christ was a sign of hope for those who were living their own Calvaries. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The feast is not some "kumbaya" moment where we pretend everything is wonderful or that Christ and the Church exist to make us feel good. It is rather a vivid reminder, that in the midst of suffering and death, there is hope; a hope based not only wishful thinking but in the triumphant resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We celebrate the promise of Christ that we too will be triumphant over our own sufferings and deaths if we unite them to Christ at Calvary. For those without faith the Cross is a sign of defeat and the end of a life. For those with faith it is a sign of conquest – over sin and death – and a beginning of the new life which "eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor the mind of man conceived." Rather than rejecting Christ hanging on the Cross we should embrace it and live in its shadow for in that shadow we can already glimpse the light of resurrection.
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 October 7, 2025

This Month's Winner of $200 is
Mr. & Mrs. James DeLury

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 21st at the 11:00am Mass we will be blessing backpacks for the new school year.

2026 MASS BOOK

The 2026 Mass Book will open on **Wednesday, September 17th** at 9:00 a.m. following morning Mass. There will be a sign in sheet outside the morning chapel. We will be meeting in the chapel in the church. You can memorialize or honor someone in this special way! Also available will be memorials for Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles, Tabernacle Candles, Bells, and Altar Flowers. All masses will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis. Masses and memorials must be paid for at the time of booking and cannot be reserved in advance or held. Masses will be limited to 12 per person on this date. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

9:00am Leonard A. Lattanzio

5:00pm Roger Espinal by The Marsella Family
John Boomer by Tina Giberti
Carmela Ciccotto Happy Birthday in Heaven Love your Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

9:00am John Ferranti by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

11:00am Rosetta Grillo by her Family (Anniversary)
Vincent Patrizio by Anthony & Michael Patrizio (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

5:30pm Happy Birthday Roy Smith by Radika & Rejeanne

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

8:30am Mary Lisa by Annette & Richard Hinners

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

8:30am George Rigby by Annette & Richard Hinners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

8:30am Marie Mangano by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Taylor & Sons

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

8:30am Annette Mastromarino by Sandra, Stephen, Matthew & Christopher
Peter Leotta by The Berger Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

8:30am Henry Frizell by June Hanovich (Birthday)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

9:00am Nicholas Burriesci by Anthony & Michael Patrizio

5:00pm Lucy Capalbo by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

9:00am Gina Ferranti by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
George Rigby by Nick & Ellie Graziano
Joan Franze by Charlie & Mary Candela
Angelo Abbate by Your Loving Family
Grace Leif "Sissy" by Your Friends from St. Bernards

11:00am Jason Shanley by Roseann & Anthony Cetta

5:30pm Leonard A. Lattanzio by Gloria Barbera & Family

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

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of John Ferranti
Donated by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
V.B.
Claudio Accardo
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Jack Albin
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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
Teresa Fornaro
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.
Ryan Hoefel
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
Micha Edmond Jordan
Jennifer Karayeanes
William Kenney
Kiera Sophie
Ann Klauss
Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Jonathan Liang
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
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Alexa Ramos
Phillip Ramos
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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
Jerry Sarni
Laura Scattereggia
Carol Schroeder
Aiden Seazer
Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Stephanie Sheetz
Alberta Sirett
Michael Skody
Alexandra Smith
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Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2025/2026
Kindergarten through 7th Grade

CLASSES BEGIN OCTOBER 1ST!

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. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out with Religious Education, please call the rectory, 718.763.5533.

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Appeal Goal for 2025: $51,902.

Amount Pledged: $37,012. (as of 9/2/25)

Amount Received: $33,217 from 78 Donors

There are 16 weeks left in the year. If each additional Family gave $100 (that's $6.25 per week for the remaining weeks in the year – THAT'S LESS THAN A Coffee Frappuccino® FROM STARBUCKS!!!!)) WE WOULD REACH OUR GOAL AND HAVE AN EXCESS TO USE FOR OUR PARISH MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS! WE WOULD REACH OUR GOAL AND HAVE AN EXCESS TO USE FOR OUR PARISH MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS!

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!

If you have not - Please support the
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Give WHAT YOU CAN When you can!
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

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.

We extend a big ***Thank You*** to Mr. Edward Houston for donating the statue of St. Carlo Acutis as a gift to our parish. The statue will grace the chapel in the church and will serve as a reminder of our call to imitate St. Carlo in his devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

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.**

Stewardship Thought

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus come to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 5th, 2025
Following the11:00 Mass
in the Parish Gardens.
Pies, Apples, Mums!
Pumpkin Painting
& Cookie Decorating!
More Info to Follow!

A Chapel Chair Plaque has been added to our Morning Chapel In Memory of

Mary Lisa

Donated by St. Bernard Friends

If you would like to add a Chapel Chair Plaque our Morning Chapel
"In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

Murder at the Mall Shop

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!

A Big

"Thank You"

To our Scouts who raise our 9/11 Memorial Flag this year and every year!

We will Never Forget

If you are interested in a Block or Heart for the

Holy Family Shrine

In Memory or Honor of a Family Member or Friend
There are still some available. Call the Parish House for more information.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast News!

Congratulations to our
Feast Raffle Winners!

First Prize: $1500.00 **Nick & Ellie Graziano**

Second Prize: $500.00 **Bon Soir Caterers**

Third Prize: $250.00 **Gina Wiegand**

Our Lucky Feast 50/50 Winner is

Jo DeLuca $1,000.00

To all our Sponsors, Parishioners,
Families & Friends

We Thank You!

Without all of you this would not be possible!

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

Share a book with a friend or family member.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of September 6th & September 7th, 2025

Saturday, September 6th 5:00pm- 129
Spanish Mass-85
Sunday, September 7th 9:00am-128
Sunday, September 7th 11:00am-262
Sunday, September 7th 5:00pm-26
Total-630

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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.

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