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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.
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
Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD

In the 19th century, in an effort to protect Sacred Scripture from what many believed was an effort to undermine its integrity, there was a counter-movement that sought to strengthen the truths revealed in the Bible. Unfortunately, that effort backfired in a way that was unexpected. There were those who began to believe as if God came down from heaven and wrote the Bible Himself or even more so, that it was a history book. The latter in particular did – and continues to do – great damage as much in the Bible is not history as we understand and know history as fact-based. For this reason, there are numerous people, including Christians, who at best question to reliability of Scriptural teaching and at worst reject it outright as unreliable and therefore not binding on us. St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans that we heard and read this Sunday, corrects a problem that should never had been in the first place. He states that "all Scripture is INSPIRED by God." It is not written by God. Continuing, St. Paul writes that Sacred Scripture is "useful for teachings, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness." In no way is Paul presented Scripture as a history book but rather a book of revealed truths about God, Christ, and the truths of Divine Revelation. From the earliest centuries of the Church four senses of the Bible have been acknowledged. In the 3rd century the renowned theologian Origen gave us the three senses of the Bible (literal, moral, and spiritual), whereas in the 4th century St. Augustine added the fourth sense. Understanding these four senses can equip us to defend Sacred Scripture and to live it well. Anything else is largely an invention of 19th century evangelical/Pentecostal traditions, which as note above, sought to protect the Bible's integrity but instead inadvertently damaged it.

1. The Literal Sense: This is the historical part of the Bible; naming authors, people, places, and factual events.
2. Allegorical Sense: This is the exploration of the text's deeper meaning as it points to Christ. For example, the crossing of the Red Sea and the freeing of the people from slavery to the Egyptians and their journey to the Promised Land prefigures our being set free from sin through the waters of Baptism as we make our way to the Promised Land of heaven. As the Israelites passed through the waters to a new life so the baptized pass through the waters to a new life in Christ.
3. Moral Sense: This teaches us how to live righteous, moral, and holy lives before God and one another.
4. Anagogical Sense: This focuses on the eschatological or eternal meaning of the text as it points to our final destiny in the Kingdom of Heaven and all the afterlife promises the faithful.

As we can see, this ancient understanding of the Bible, which goes back to the earliest centuries of the Church and to the Fathers of the Church like Origen and Augustine and many others, is a much richer and more profound rendering of Sacred Scripture which makes it a powerful source of inspiration, right living, and hope. God did not write a history book nor did the sacred authors nor the Church. What God did was to call forth men and women of deep faith who were attuned to God and the sacred and through them spoke His truths that make us authentically free and place us on the road to the Kingdom. In Christ God completed this revelation and through the Church continues to guide us to our ultimate destiny.

St. Paul offers us a 'pearl of great price' when he states "that all Scripture is inspired by God." If we embrace this same understanding then we too can live the freedom that God reveals to us through Sacred Scripture which are His "words of life and peace."

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 November 4th, 2025

This Month's Winner of $300 is Josephine DeLuca

Sport's Mass

Please join us for our sport's Mass on
Sunday, October 19, 2025
at 11:00am
All coaches & player are invited to wear their uniforms
All are invited!

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for World Mission Sunday.

Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

9:00am Jack Berke by Bernadette Sanseverino

5:00pm The Giacobbe Family Love Carol & Peter

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

9:00am John Zarcone by his Family

11:00am Happy 45th Anniversary Maureen & Ted DeMarinis
Dorothy Allen by Mary Lou Farrell (Birthday in Heaven)
Nicholas Burriesci by Fran & Ed McCarthy

5:30pm Arlene McShea by Sroga Slawomir

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

8:30am Nunzio Mastromarino by Sandra, Stephen, Matthew & Christopher

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

8:30am The Romano Family by Jo DeLuca

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

8:30am Richard Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

8:30am Camille Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito & Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

8:30am Anna & Emma Capalbo by The Capalbo Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

9:00am Anthony Scotto by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Ciaravino

5:00pm Nicholas Cetta by Roseann & Anthony Cetta
In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes by Mary Cooper
Sadie Benvenuto Happy Anniversary in Heaven Love your Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Goddaughter

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

9:00am Immihan Yilmaz by Ellie & Nick Graziano

11:00am Helen & Joseph D'Agostin by Helen Cincotta

5:30pm Matthew & Julia Mullen by their Daughter

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.

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.

Memorials

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Adeline Walsh
Donated by Annette & Richard Hinners

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Fr. Joe

Perform a Random Act of Kindness
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Christine Alamia
Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Debra Antoci
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
Jourdanna Barton
Christine Palumbo Beck
Jim Bellard
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
Margaret Bracco
Arline Brack
Morelda Brown
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
Natalie Ferber
Rosemary Fesinstine
Anthony Filippazzo
Ruppert Fontenelle
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Courtney James Garrisson Jr.
Thomas Garziniti
Odette Gaudard
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Francine Giannotti
Carole Gibbons
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
John
J.H.
Ryan Hoefel
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
Micha Edmond Jordan
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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
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Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
Jason Moll
Brian Morgan
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Vito Rita
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera
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Nikki Russo
Sofia Russo
Gasper Sacco
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Joanne Sarnicola
Jerry Sarni
Laura Scattereggia
Carol Schroeder
Aiden Seazer
Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Stephanie Sheetz
Alberta Sirett
Michael Skody
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Shawn Anthony Smith
Aurora Sorrentino
Sue Ann Spotts
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Maureen Stewart
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Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

Mass of Remembrance-All Soul's Day

On Sunday, November 2nd at 7:00pm there will be a special Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died this past year. Invitations have been sent to families whose loved ones were buried from St. Bernard Parish; however, anyone who has lost a loved one between **November 1, 2024 and the present time** is also invited to attend this mass. Please call the Rectory Office and speak to Angela no later than Monday, October 27th so that preparations can be made. We will need the name of your loved one & a picture (if you would like us to include one). If you will be attending, we ask that you arrive early to check in at the table by the main entrance **before** Mass begins.
You will receive a candle to light in memory of your loved one.

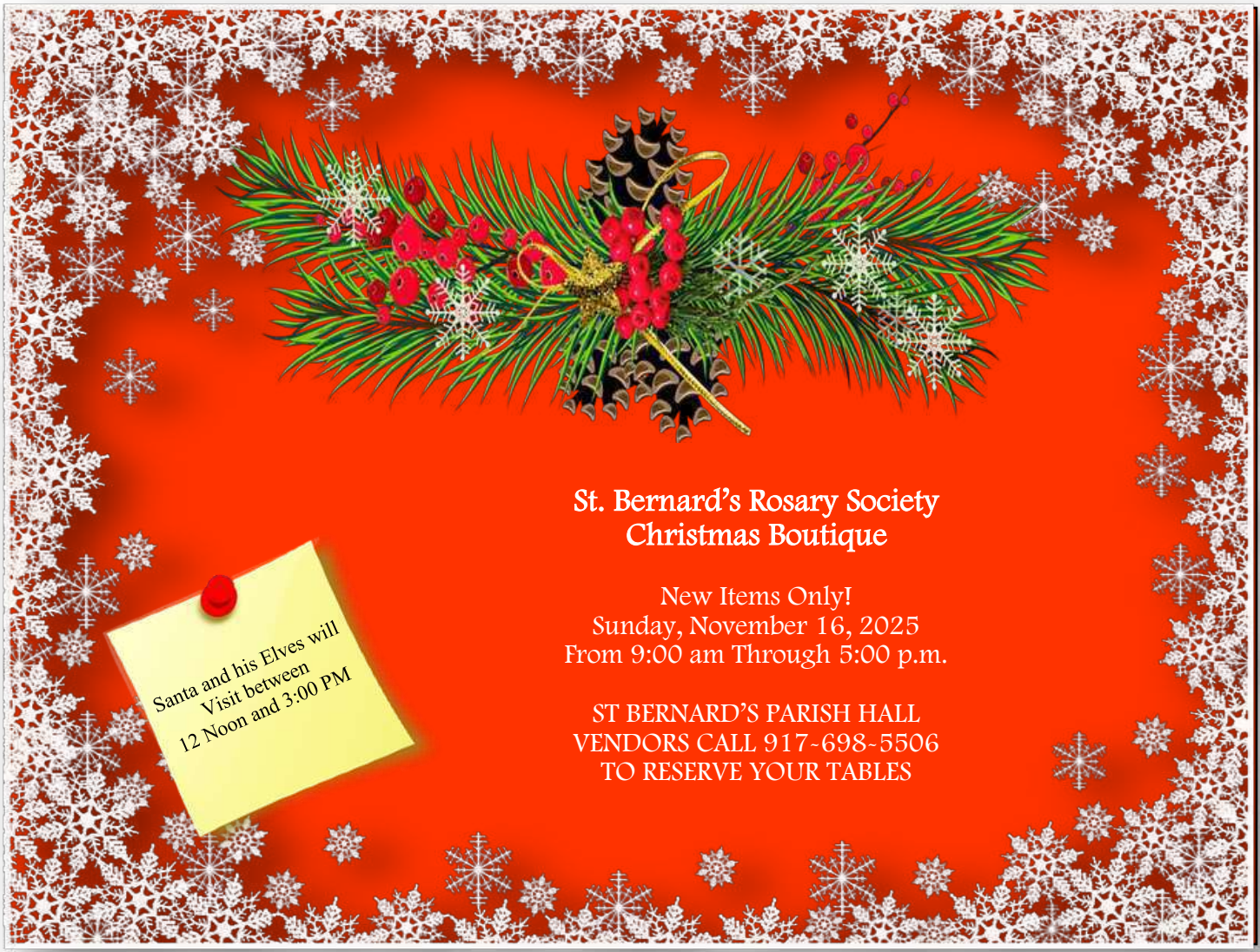
Faith Formation News

First Holy Communion 2026

Saturday, May 9, 2026
11:00am-St. Bernard Catholic Academy 1:00pm-St. Bernard Religious Education Program

Visit The Kids Korner

- Mass intention cards for all of the children in our parish community.
- Weekly envelopes as part of a Stewardship effort for the children to understand and participate in the gift of giving.
- Reading material and resources for children and families.
- Take a look each week for activities or reading material and other little surprises that will reinforce the message of the Gospel. Imagine the conversation on the way home from church.



A Gold Leaf has been added to our Tree of Life In Memory of

Stephen L. Cirillo

Donated by Doreen & Frank Alfano, Elena & Michael Trotta, Nicky & Vicky Infantino, John & Lisa Trincilla, Lisa & Greg Cerchione, Chrissy & Joe Pronesti & Maria Palmieri

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.

The St. Bernard Rosary Society Will Be Hosting a Murder Mystery Night On Saturday, November 8th, 2025 At 6:30pm St. Bernard Parish Hall See Registration Forms at Back of Church Call 917-698-5506 For More Information!

Rosarians will be selling 50/50 boxes for the next 2 weekends after Masses. You can also register for the event. Please support the Rosarians however you can! 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.**

Stewardship Thought

"…proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Appeal Goal for 2025: $51,902.

Receipts as of 9/29/25: $35,890.58

We have received from 82 Donors- there are

OVER 1,000 FAMILIES REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH

There are 11 weeks left in the year. If each additional Family gave $100
WE WOULD REACH OUR GOAL AND HAVE AN EXCESS TO USE FOR OUR PARISH MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS!

IF WE DO NOT REACH OUR GOAL, WE WILL NEED TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE!

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!

If you have not - Please support the ***2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank You!***
No gift is too large or too small!

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

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 (SPC 2 Space Force)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

Defensive Driving Class
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2030 East 69th Street
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Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 Ext. 1601
for Information and to Register
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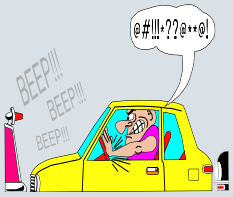

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of October 11th & October 12th, 2025

Saturday, October 11th 5:00pm- 177
Sunday, October 12th 9:00am-158
Sunday, October 12th 11:00am-156
Sunday, October 12th 5:00pm-27
Total-518

The Knights of Columbus council #14269 completed its annual donation to St Bernard Church & Academy on Sunday September 21st. The annual donation totaled $26,500.00.
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Membership

Parish Phone Numbers

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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.

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