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October 26, 2025
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE

Most of us have heard the words "rat race" to describe how much of society works. It is basically an endless pursuit of much of what in the end is pointless. I remember from former parishes how many parents would stress themselves and their children endlessly, not for a healthy understanding and enjoyment of sports and athletics, but as a pursuit for a dream that their child was going to be the next major figure in the NBA, MLB or NHL. After more than 38 years as a priest there has not been a single one who achieved any of that or even close to it – excellent as some of them were. They ran a race that in the end was leading to a finishing line that did not exist. We can take this idea of the "rat race" in many different directions. Many undertake endless races for money, possessions, fame and power. Some of them do achieve it to be sure but oftentimes at personal cost; at times even to the loss of their consciences and souls. St. Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy which we read and hear this Sunday is not a call to judgment. The Gospel reading from St. Luke is vividly clear about that. None of us is perfect; therefore, none of us can sit in judgment of another. Paul's letter, however, is a call to wisdom and freedom. What are we pursuing in our own lives? What are we racing around for? Where will it lead in the end? Most pointedly, what will it mean when death comes knocking at the door of our lives? Will the races we ran have any eternal value? Will they have prepared us for the day of the Lord's visitation? As we read elsewhere in Sacred Scripture, "what profit is there for one to gain the whole world but lose himself or herself in the process?" What profit is there in losing eternal salvation for fleeting power, possessions, fame and wealth? Nowhere in Sacred Scripture and our Lord's teachings, or those of His Church, do we see any criticism of money, possessions, fame or power in themselves. Wealthy people can be very generous; people with many possessions can and do share what they have; famous people can set good example of right living, and powerful people can effect positive change for our society. The question is really one of motivation. Are we motivated by a desire to help others or are we motivated by self-interest? At what cost are we expending ourselves to achieve these things? Many people do in fact lose themselves – and eternal salvation – in these endless pursuits, some even becoming sociopathic, without any conscience about what they are doing to achieve what is fleeting. This is particularly the plight – and the slavery – that people find themselves in when pursuits are based on self-interest. Conversely, when the things we pursue are for the honor and glory of God, for the good of others, for the sake of charity and justice, and done in wisdom and in truth, there is no need to be enslaved in a "rat race" for God will do the providing as long as our motivations are pure and we respond to His inspirations. This is where true freedom and peace are found. It is a tragedy of our times that so many lose themselves in the "rat race" with little time for what really matters. The Church's greatest Saints have told us through the centuries that the Christian life is the balanced life: work, prayer, re-creation. There is time when work must be done so that we can provide dignified lives for ourselves and our loved ones. There is time when we need to place ourselves consciously in the presence of God either through community prayer, especially the Mass, or through personal time spent intentionally at prayer so that our faith, hope and charity grow stronger as we commune with God. There is time not for recreation but its true meaning as re-creation, time spent enjoying the good things in this world like the beauty of nature and creation, quiet walks, good conversation with family and friends, self-reflection, all the secrets to true happiness in this life even in the midst of afflictions that can and do come our way. The Lord speaks to us words of life and peace. He does so through Sacred Scripture, the teachings and mission of the Church, the example of the Saints and all wise men and women; and today through St. Paul. Are we willing to allow our Lord to work His peace in us so that life is no longer a "rat race" but a gift to celebrate day by day and moment by moment?

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 November 4th, 2025

This Month's Winner of $300 is Josephine DeLuca

ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday, November 1st is All Saint's Day. Masses will be at 9:00am and 5:00 p.m.

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, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

8:30am Flavio & Ester Colella by Lidia Liberatore

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

8:30am Angelina & Charles Leo by Stephanie Puleo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

8:30am Pasquale Sorrentino by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

8:30am Pedro Miguel Pereira da Silva by The Arcati & Zito Families

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

8:30am Grace & Gaetano Puleo by Stephanie Puleo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9:00am Lucy Capalbo

5:00pm Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

9:00am Gina Ferranti by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino
Nicholas Burriesci by Stephanie Puleo
Claire & Dudley Rigby by your loving Daughter

11:00am Mary Lisa by The Rosarians

5:30pm Ann Rega by Jennifer, John, Julianna & Nicholas (Anniversary in Heaven)

7:00pm Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr.

FAMILY MASS

Next Family Mass
Sunday, November 23, 2025
11:00am
Come Especially Grades 1 through 4

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of John Zarcone
Donated by His Family

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of John Zarcone
Donated by His Family

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Make a "Boo Basket" for a neighbor!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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V.B.
Claudio Accardo
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
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Gia Marie Duffy
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Aiden Estrella
John Fahey
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Natalie Ferber
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Anthony Filippazzo
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Robin Gottlieb
John Gullo
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Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
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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
Angela Pollio
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
Jerry Sarni
Laura Scattereggia
Carol Schroeder
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Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Stephanie Sheetz
Alberta Sirett
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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

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.

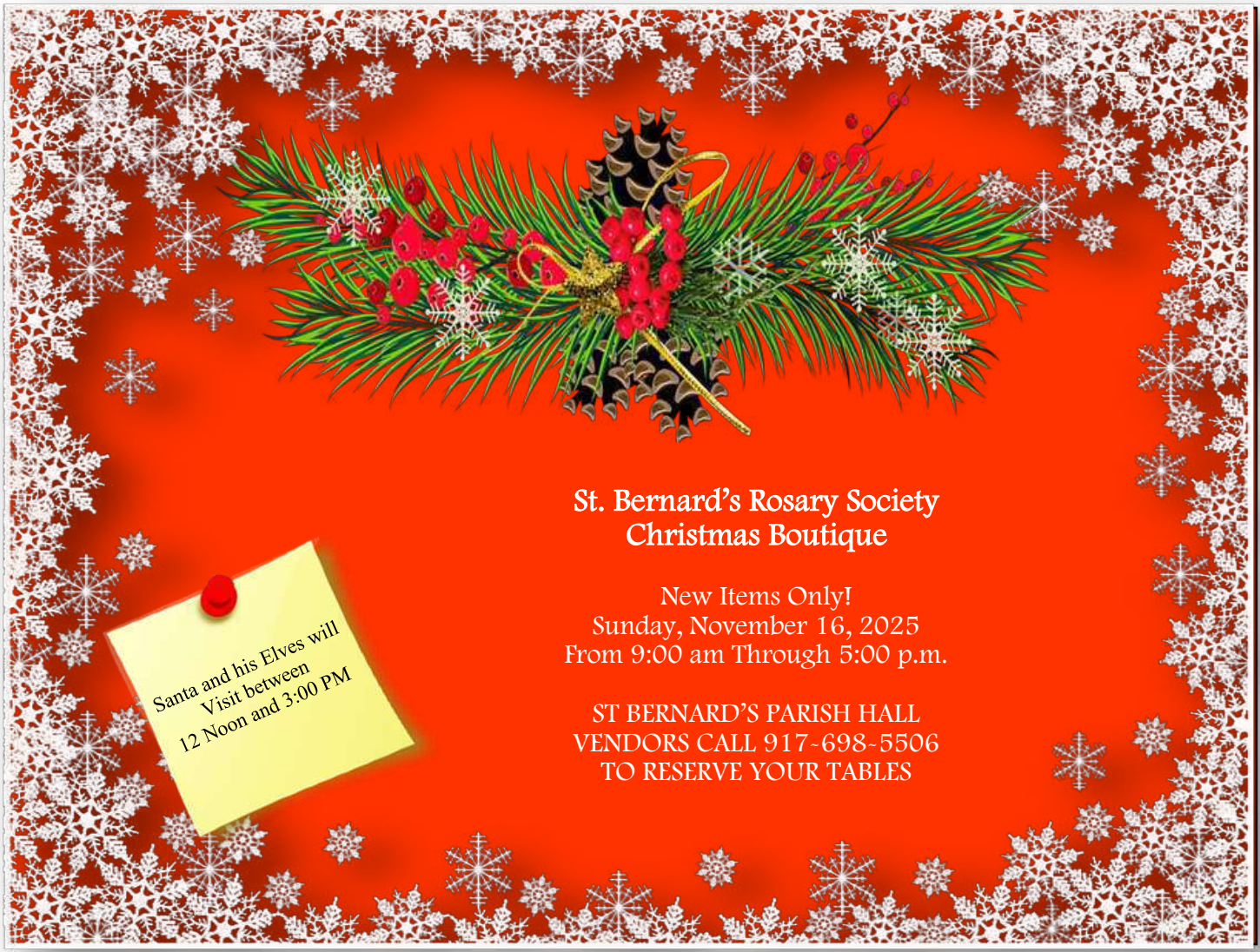
Faith Formation News

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 Bronze Heart has been added to our Holy Family Statue In Memory of

Joseph Trincilla

Our Dad, Our Hero. You taught us everything but how to live without you.

Your Loving Family

If you would like to add to any of our Holy Family Memorials "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

"…for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

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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Catholic Academy
2030 East 69th Street
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10:00 a.m. $50.00 per person
Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 Ext. 1601
for Information and to Register
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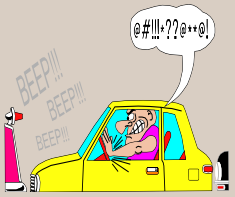

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of October 18th & October 19th, 2025

Saturday, October 18th 5:00pm- 112
Sunday, October 19th 9:00am-109
Sunday, October 19th 11:00am-246
Sunday, October 19th 5:00pm-27
Total-494

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

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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.

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