St. Bernard Church
November 2, 2025
Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

All Souls Day

Prayers for the faithful departed

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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.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

DARE WE HOPE

As we gather to celebrate the Church's annual Masses for our departed loved ones, we need to be careful of two extremes that many people find themselves falling into. One of them is despair; the other the heresy of 'universalism'. In my more than 38 years as a priest I have encountered people who did in fact despair for a loved one whom they believed died in less than a state of grace. Their understanding of God and the life of faith was most often one of scrupulosity where every human failing becomes a time of anxiety. God is a stern judge. Mercy does not enter the picture. The virtue of hope seems to have been lost. Christ's salvific death on the Cross appears unnoticed. The other, and likely more prevalent extreme is universalism, that error where people believe that everyone is saved and going to heaven no matter how many sins or evil acts they have committed, even without any sorry or intention of changing their lives. They base this on a false conception of God's love and goes along the lines of "God loves everyone so He can't send anyone to hell." It sounds good but is both right and wrong. God does not send anyone to Hell as an act of vengeance or justice detached from charity; but we are judged not by how much God loves us but on how much we love God. Both the Book of Deuteronomy and our Lord tell us what this love looks like: "Love God with your whole, heart, mind, soul and strength and your neighbor as yourself." To the question "who is my neighbor?" Jesus answers "everyone". In the end God judges us according to our consciences but not a conscience that deceives itself in this life but one that faces itself in the light of Truth Himself. The virtue of hope has been described by St. Paul as salvific. "By hope we are saved." Yet what does he mean by that? We need to put that statement in context of another teaching of St. Paul when he writes that "our hope is in God". In other words, if we place our hope in God, not money, power, fame, possessions, selfish ambition and the like, but in God, "we are saved". God's work, in and through Christ, is to save us. Therefore, if we place our hope in God, trust in His promises, and walk in His ways, we have every reason to hope that our greatest longing will one day be fulfilled. We shall walk with God in the land of the living. This is the promise that our Lord has made to us. If we are wise enough to surrender to God, as did the holy men and women whom we honored yesterday on the Feast of All Saints, we will find as they did, that our hope will not leave us disappointed.

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

Post-Cana Day

We invite couples married
10 years or less to come to a post cana day on
Sunday, November 16, 2025
Beginning with 11:00am Mass
followed by a discussion.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

ST. BERNARD CHURCH
and TEMPLE SHOLOM
Invite you to their Annual Bernie Catcher Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service
Tuesday, November 25th, 2025
7:00 PM
Temple Shalom
It is a time to come together to ***pray*** and give ***thanks***!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Continue to Pray the Rosary Each Day!

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.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

8:30am Andrew Paul Blay by Deacon Chris & Melissa (Birthday in Heaven)
Frederick & Josephine Houston by son Edward

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

8:30am Sam Sergi Happy 30th Anniversary in Heaven Love Andrea, Chris Daniel, Baby Christopher, Camille & Robert

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

8:30am John & Andrea McCarthy by Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday Christopher McCarthy (Living)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

8:30am Lenny Lattanzio by Michael & Anthony Patrizio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

8:30am Nicholas Burriesci by Mr. & Mrs. Mario Vaccaro

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

9:00am Mary Lisa by Frank & Ilene Salerno

5:00pm Susanne MacBride by St. Bernard Friends

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

9:00am John Ferrnati by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Mary Lisa by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

11:00am Our Brother Frank Serpico by The Serpico Family
Anthony & Catherine Serpico by The Serpico Family
Frankie & Sadie Serpico & Phillip Borozza by The Serpico Family
Richard Feramisco by The Serpico Family

5:30pm The Recco & Esposito Family

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

All Souls' Day kindness involves remembering and honoring the deceased through acts of charity, prayer, and compassion for the living.
Kindness is also shown by visiting graves, decorating them with flowers and candles, and participating in traditions that keep memories alive.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Dominick & Rose Giaimo
Donated by Thomas & Rosemary Camoia

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Dominick & Rose Giaimo
Donated by Thomas & Rosemary Camoia

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Jeremiah Collins Jr.
Donated by Carolyn Spinner

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Justin Andrickson
Jourdanna Barton
Jim Bellard
Margaret Bracco
Morelda Brown
Michael C.
Thomas Caliendo
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Domenic Carriero
Nick Codella
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Irma Cruz
Francine Danza
Maureen DeMarinis
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
John Fahey
Teresa Fornaro
Jonathan Gan
Carole Gibbons
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
John Gullo
Ryan Hoefel
Micha Edmond Jordan
Jennifer Karayeanes
Ann Klauss
Greyson Livia
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Tannya Ortiz
Angela Pollio
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Gasper Sacco
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Stephanie Sheetz
Alberta Sirett
Shawn Anthony Smith
Gene Stark
Maureen Stewart
Cigdem Tanriverdi

Purgatorial Society

Mary C. Lisa

FAMILY MASS

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

Honoring Our Veterans

Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 11:00 Mass
our council will be recognizing and honoring veterans for their service and sacrifice at our annual Veteran's Mass.
All veterans living or deceased and all active duty members will be recognized and given a small token of our appreciation.
Please **email John at jpiccirillolaw@aol.com** with Name of Veteran, Branch of Service, if deceased due to injuries suffered in war, which war and if someone will be present at Mass. You can also call the Rectory if you have no access to internet.
Please have all veteran information in and RSVP for the Mass by November 4th.

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

Rose & Jack Flanagan

Donated by St. Bernard Friends

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

"…because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me…."

John 6:38

When praying the "Our Father", say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God's will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God's will for you.

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Appeal Goal for 2025: $51,902.

Receipts as of 10/27/25: $41,785.00

We have received from 86 Donors- there are

OVER 1,000 FAMILIES REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH

There are 10 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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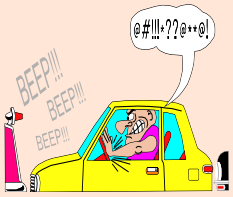
Saturday, November 8, 2025
Saint Bernard
Catholic Academy
2030 East 69th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234
10:00 a.m. $50.00 per person
Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 Ext. 1601
for Information and to Register
Proceeds Benefit Saint Bernard Academy



St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of October 25th & October 26th, 2025

Saturday, October 25th 5:00pm- 145
Sunday, October 26th 9:00am-141
Sunday, October 26th 11:00am-280
Sunday, October 26th 5:00pm-24
Total-590

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.
DOING GOOD WHILE HAVING FUN!
ARE YOU A KNIGHT WHY NOT?
USE THE QR CODE TO JOIN US!

Membership

Parish Phone Numbers

RECTORY OFFICE: 718-763-5533 **FAX**:718-763-0224
EMAIL: sbchurchbrooklyn@aol.com
ACADEMY OFFICE: 718-241-6040
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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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