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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
Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

LO, THE DAY COMES

Throughout the Sacred Scriptures we read many words from the prophets, the Gospel writers and the other authors of the New Testament, and of course from our Lord, words that give us great hope and with that great faith. Yet, as much as many try to ignore them, our Lord also speaks words of warning, as did the prophets, the Apostles, and the other inspired authors of Sacred Scripture. This Sunday's readings give us a clear warning in both the first reading from the prophet Malachi and our Lord in this Sunday's Gospel reading from St. Luke. As I mentioned in my homily on All Souls Day there is a tendency towards the heresy of universalism wherein a significant number of people believe erroneously that everyone is going to heaven no matter how many unrepentant sins they have committed or how much evil they have done. This totally contradicts our Lord Himself who warned against that place after death, "where the fire is never quenched and the worm never dies." This Sunday's readings are another indication of the seriousness in which the prophets and the Lord take this reality.

The first reading and the Gospel can be understood in two very interrelated ways. The day that comes is a day of destruction of those who do evil. In fact, it is a "day" of self-destruction. Those who live lives of unrepentant sin or evil have indeed brought themselves to a dark place. The deadening of conscience, the loss of one's dignity as a child of God, a "chasing after the wind" as St. John calls the efforts of those who run after money and power, all of these are modes of self-destruction. Life most often becomes one of fear, distrust, and anxiety, for those who chase the wind know that one day it will end no matter how much effort may be put into denying it. The other "day" of course is the day of judgment when, as Sacred Scripture tells us, "We will all have to give an account to God." This is the definitive self-destruction of those who live unrepentant lives of sin and evil. It is the final self-declaration of one's permanent separation from God. If this sounds rather bleak and somewhat disturbing, that is exactly what the writers of today's readings, and our Lord Himself, intend. It is in fact a warning. However, as in all Sacred Scripture, God gives us a way out. He offers us repentance and new life that come from a purification of our consciences so that we know the freedom of the sons and daughters of God, and regain our dignity as temples of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord tells us emphatically that "My Father wishes no one to die in their sins but to turn back to me and live." That is why he warns us – that we might live.

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 December 2nd, 2025

This Month's Winner of $275 is Amy Ferraro

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.

Thanksgiving Food Blessing

If you would like an item of food from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed, please bring it to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving morning.

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for Human Development.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

9:00am Nicholas Burriesci by The Marra & Seltzer Families

5:00pm Pat Rega by Jennifer, John, Julianna & Nicholas (Anniversary in Heaven)
Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr.
Gina Ferranti by Nick & Ellie Graziano
Amanda Gentile by Joanne Sechiano

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

9:00am John Hammond Jr. Happy Birthday in Heaven Love Camille, Children & Grandchildren

11:00am Anthony Cincotta by his wife Helene

5:30pm Arlene McShea by Sroga Slawomir

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

8:30am Jose Arboleda by Anthony & Malou Mozatto

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

8:30am Herbert Lamela by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

8:30am Anthony Haran by Your Loving Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

8:30am The Russo Family by Jo DeLuca

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

8:30am Domenick Puleo by Stephanie Puleo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

9:00am Karen DiFiore by Diane Janicke

5:00pm Carmine Celeste by his Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

9:00am Nicholas Burriesci by Donna & Doug Vitulli
Joe Logozzo by Teresa Logozzo

11:00am Nunzio Mastromarino by Sandra, Stephen, Matthew & Christopher
Joseph Brucato Sr. by Jo & Joseph Jr. & Family

5:30pm Gaspard, Clement & Gracia Foureau by Altagrace Foureau
In Thanksgiving for de Notre Dame by Altagrace Foureau

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Anthony Haran
Your Loving Godfather Frank

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 !

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
Rose Esposito
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

Thanksgiving Liturgy

On Sunday, November 23rd
we will celebrate our Thanksgiving Liturgy as a Parish at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the main entrance of the church following any of the masses. All donations will be distributed through the Mary Queen of Heaven Food Pantry. St. Athanasius and our Church for the needy of our neighborhood for the holidays. Please place any monetary donation in an envelope labeled "*Food Pantry*" and drop it into the collection basket.

FAMILY MASS

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

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

Gina Ferranti

Donated by Donna, Lisa, Diana, Nicole, Renee, Enza, Annmarie, Joyce & Roseann

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.

Faith Formation News

First Holy Communion 2026

Communion 2026 Parent Meeting-Thursday, November 20, 2025 Parish Hall 7:00pm Parent Only

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.
- **Please only take one and leave one for a friend, thank you**

Matthew 25 Ministry

Advent is just weeks away!

That means our **GIVING TREE**

will soon be up and decorated with "ornaments" for children and families in need. The Christmas Elves have already started their work behind the scenes and we are so thankful to have their continued help. The tree will go up on **Saturday, November 29th**. This year gifts need to be back **by December 14th**. Tags will be marked accordingly. Please check the back of the tag for return by date. Among the recipients of the generous gift of our parish community are *Hour Children* (children of incarcerate women), *Mercy First* (foster children), *Catholic Charities, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel* (Deacon Ruben & Deacon Jorge), *Sisters of Life* (unwed/homeless pregnant women), *some other organizations that have reached out to us and some neighborhood residents.* Our gifts will brighten the lives of many ranging from the yet unborn and their moms through children of all ages and the adults of Mercy Home. Please feel free to purchase a gift now, at your leisure, if the timing is better for you. The sales will be starting quickly. If you choose to purchase a gift ahead of time, please **just label the gift with the age and gender** so we can sort them easily. Many of the requests we receive are not specific so you can get a jump on your Christmas shopping if you like! Additionally, we always receive many requests for teens especially from MERCY FIRST and HOUR CHILDREN. **Gift cards** are always a great idea for that age group! Please remember to bring your gift **UNWRAPPED** and attach the ornament from the tree to it.

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

"…Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Wreath Sale

Friends of Scout Troop 76 will be selling FULLY DECORATED CHRISTMAS WREATHS
Great Price: $25.00
Starting November 22nd
Pre Order Contact 718.763.3837

Christmas Tree Lighting

The lighting of our Parish Christmas display will take place on Saturday, December 13th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to attend, sing Christmas Carols with us and enjoy some nice hot chocolate as we turn on the lights for the beginning of the Christmas season.

Breakfast with Santa Hosted by St. Bernard Catholic Academy

Sunday, December 14, 2025
10:00am following 9:00am Mass
Come meet Santa and have a photo taken. Raffles & 50/50
Don't miss a wonderful fun time!
Open to all!

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Thursday, December 17th
6:30pm in the Parish Hall
Food, fun and Christmas cheer! Free to all.
There will be a visit by Santa Claus!
All are welcome!

Active Parish Campaign Summary

We have received from 86 Donors- there are

OVER 1,000 FAMILIES REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH

There are 8 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

Saint Bernard Rosary Society Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Dolce Vita Restaurant
12:30 pm
Donation: $75.00 pp
Husbands, Friends and all Parishioners are Welcome!
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon to start off the Christmas season!
Enjoy a Full Meal including appetizer, main course and dessert.
50/50 & Raffles
For questions or further information call the Rectory at
718-763-5533 or call or text 917-698-5506

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)

St. Bernard Weekly
Mass Attendance

Weekend of November 8th & November 9th, 2025
Saturday, November 8th 5:00pm-156
Sunday, November 9th 9:00am-144
Sunday, November 9th 11:00am-321
Sunday, November 9th 5:00pm-35
Total-656

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
SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 718-763-5533

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

When you next update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to St. Bernard. For more information please see Fr. Maduri.

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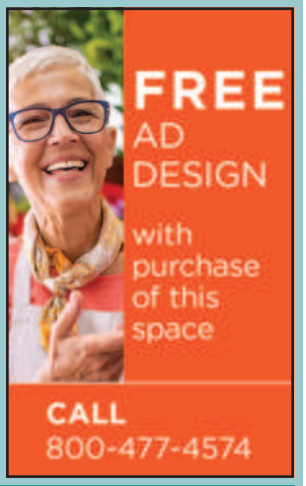

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