# Saint Bernard Church

November 23, 2025

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME

No one doubts that our Lady and the 11 disciples of Jesus are in Paradise, along with the countless saints of the Church. However, it is notable that the only individual that Jesus explicitly says will be with Him in Paradise is St. Dismas, most commonly known as the Good Thief. It is also noteworthy that our Lord chose a criminal, someone rejected and punished by society for his crimes, to accompany Him into heaven. This last act of mercy shown on Calvary toward the repentant thief is a vivid reminder that our Lord holds out mercy to everyone who asks for it, but not only ask for it but who come to a conversion of life. It is obvious that the Good Thief Dismas did just that. It may have been at the last minutes of his earthly life but his dramatic conversion at that moment shows forth in vivid color our Lord's statement that "My Father desires for no one to die in their sins but to turn back to Me and live." God's desire for Dismas was fulfilled in Dismas' turning back to the Lord with a pure heart. Paradise, the Kingdom of Heaven, whatever imagery we wish to use to speak about that realm where God is all in all, is not only about our last breath on earth and the hereafter. God desires in Christ through the Spirit to be with us, and us with Him, at every moment of our lives. Notice the word 'today.' Today, in this moment at this hour, God wants us to be with Him so that He can reveal to us His love and mercy, His goodness and His majesty, His truth and justice that teach us how to live and love well in this life. We have a clear choice to make. We can go our own way as did the one thief who seem to move back and forth between mockery of Christ and sheer indifference, and Dismas who listened attentively to Christ's words at Calvary. The former had a closed heart and conscience while the latter had wisdom to listen with the ear of his heart. What he experienced in those agonizing moments were not so much words but much more so an encounter with divine love. He allowed the Lord to speak to Him whereas the other thief placed a barrier between himself and Jesus. Notice also the difference in attitude of the two men on either side of Jesus. The one thief is all about self-preservation. "If you are the Christ then save yourself and us." His concern was with himself but also his notion of salvation was limited to saving only his physical life with no attention to his interior life. Conversely, Dismas knew that his physical life was going to end, if not at that time, then sometime later. He recognized the absence of the interior life that he inflicted on himself and now was ready to hear words of life and peace, to develop that life he had neglected for so long. In this moment of spiritual and moral clarity he could now face death with confidence that he would be in Paradise with the One who promised it to him. The incident at Calvary challenges us to ask ourselves where we are in our own faith journey. A Gallup poll that made news last week noted that only 49% of Americans said that religious faith plays any roll in their daily lives. Like the thief who had traded the interior life where God dwells for what St. John calls, "the life of empty show" millions of people are falling into the same trap of ignoring the banquet the Lord promises and instead settling for the crumbs that pretend to be some facsimile of life. Dismas' death is a witness of wisdom and a witness of God's love and mercy. Even to the last moments of our lives on earth the Lord continues to beckon us towards Him. If we are truly wise men and women, we will make the choice for God that Dismas made so that we too may one day hear the Lord say to us, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise."
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!**

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 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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

8:30am Jennie Maduri by Michael & Wanda Lucci II

People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025**

8:30am Louis & Clare Esposito by Michele Esposito

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025**

8:30am Clement Pollio & Jeanne Scarfogliero by Your Loving Family
(Birthday in Heaven)
Happy Birthday Ted DeMarinis Love Maureen (Living)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025**

8:30am Ann & Edmund Carsten by Tina Moore
Happy Birthday Fran Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family
Happy Birthday Patric Hanley by Joe Fallon & Family (Living)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025**

8:30am Happy Birthday John DeMarinis Love Mom & Dad (Living)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025**

9:00am Rose & Edward Kowalczyk by Michele Esposito

5:00pm Domenick Puleo by Stephanie Puleo

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

9:00am John Ferranti by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino
Mary Lisa by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino

11:00am Madeline Poggioli by Lisa Poggioli
Jeremiah Collins Jr. by The Grecco Family
Richard Pool Genito by Linda & Family

5:30pm Lucette Adolphe by Altagrace Foureau
Dorotha & Raymond Foureau by Altagrace Foureau

## 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.

## Altar Bread:

*In Loving Memory of Gianluca Serrone*
*Donated by His Loving Mom Elide Dchiutils*

## Altar Bread:

*In Loving Memory of Bruce Granatstein*
*& The Moore Family*
*Donated by Florence Granatstein & Family*

## Church Bells:

*In Loving Memory of Fosco Lenzini*
*Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinners*

## 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

## FAMILY MASS

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

## 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!

## 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.

# 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.
- **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

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for 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*

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."
Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

# 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)

## *Perform a Random Act of Kindness For Thanksgiving*

- Send a care package to someone serving overseas.
- Share the family recipe.
- Let someone help you – letting others feel useful is a huge gift.

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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