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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
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONSIDER YOUR OWN CALLING

These words from St. Paul in this Sunday's second reading could easily pass us by yet they are packed with meaning. First, we hear the word "consider." In the fast-paced world in which we live it is all too easy to rush from one thing to another. Time for self-reflection, quiet time to take stock of our lives, becomes all too rare for vast numbers of people. The other word is "own." This word implies the personal, something particular to an individual. The third word is "calling." We can get called upon so much and by so many that we can easily, and understandably, want to tune out. The problem though is that when we do not consider what is going on in our lives, lose track of what is gifted to us, and tune out, we can and will be missing out on much. Older adults will complain that younger generations are afraid or unwilling to make commitments until the last minute. Several young adults explained this phenomenon to me as FOMO, the "fear of missing out." They are making sure they are available to the most exciting or interesting thing going on and where the crowd is going. This is annoying to those who rightly expect others to make commitments and keep them and not blow with the wind. Yet when it comes to God and faith many show no such concern. Before we can even begin to consider our own calling, we must first take an honest look at the first words from today's first reading, "Seek the Lord." Obviously, if we have little to no interest in seeking the Lord in a conscious and substantial way it will make no sense to consider God's calling. An indifference to the former will lead to indifference to the latter. However, for those who do have the wisdom to seek God and the eternal realities of our faith, considering our own calling becomes a natural extension of that seeking. When we find God, we also find our fulfillment in life. We come to know intuitively where we come from and where we are going; very importantly, we come to recognize that God has given us some special work to do that He has not given to another. This then leads us to reflect and pray to discern what God has called us to; what mission He has given us, what we are invited to accomplish in God's name. We come to realize that this mission given to us, while it is for the wider community and done in fellowship with those around us in the community of the Church and the world, nevertheless is an invitation to use our unique gifts and talents that God has given us to build up His Kingdom on earth. This leads to a profound and humbling reality that we have in fact been called. We do not just get up one day and decide that we will do whatever interests us at that moment. God in fact has called us as He did the prophets, the apostles, and the saints. The call is no different. What may be different is the response. The prophets, apostles, and saints (meaning all those who do truly seek God) are aware that they have been called by name, first in the waters of Baptism, and then throughout their lives. They know that whatever gifts and talents they have are not only for themselves but to achieve the good for which God has given them. In the depths of repentance, prayer, and service they hear the call of God and bring forth a resounding "yes." They have considered their own calling and are compelled by love and gratitude to do God's work. Those who consider their own call will never have to ask what the meaning of life is. They will experience the same joys and sorrows that everyone else does but it will all be taken up into the mystery of God's love. This is a love that is not only a passive receptivity but an active desire to become more like God as we "move from glory to glory" and behold the face of God in ourselves and in those whom we are called to serve.
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 February 3rd, 2026

This Month's Winner of $300.00 is Frede Frederic

Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing
for people coping
with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, February 14, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or
Maureen at 347-436-5192

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

9:00am Anthony Clemenza by Frank & Ilene Salerno

5:00pm Rose Giberti by Tina (2nd Anniversary in Heaven)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

9:00am Patrick Morris by Bernadette & Family

11:00am Roberta Barbaro by The Conti Family
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bonafede by Your Loving Grandchildren
Maryann Berardi by The Giarraffa Family

5:30pm In Thanksgiving for Oliver Jacques Simon by Harolde John

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

8:30am Margaret Manning Birthday in Heaven by her Great Grandchildren
Isabella, Meagan & John
Happy Birthday Joe Fallon by his Family
Domenick Puleo by Stephanie & Children

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

8:30am Patrick Morris by Stephanie Puleo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

8:30am Daniel Borriello by The Capalbo Family
Nicolina Peluso & Alfredo Peluso by Grandchildren
Salvatore Morreale by Agiene Romano

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

8:30am Lillian Rao by Charlie & Mary Candela

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

8:30am Stefano & Anna Iacobellis by Your Granddaughter Stephanie

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

9:00am Sven Oenmig by Ewa Cwaling

5:00pm Angelo Messina by Robert & Eileen Magnavito
Stefano Mastrandrea by The Gosh Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

9:00am Lillian Rao by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

11:00am Jo Carmarda Happy 1st Anniversary in Heaven Love Camille

5:30pm In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered by Harolde John

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!

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.

Memorials

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Lily Lenzini
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Purgatorial Society

Kevin Duffy
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Aida Rosiello

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Margaret Bracco
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Corinne Ramaglia
Gasper Sacco
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Stephanie Sheetz
Shawn Anthony Smith
Gene Stark
Maureen Stewart
Cigdem Tanriverdi

St. Joseph Novena

Tuesday's following the 8:30 a.m. mass.
If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one during any of the weeks of this novena please come to the rectory for more information.
Thank you

Faith Formation News

First Penance Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 11:00am
Penance Practice both groups Monday, March 16th & Wednesday, March 18th 3:30pm in Church

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 9, 2026
St. Bernard Academy ~ 11:00 am/St. Bernard Faith Formation~ 1:00 pm
Communion Practice Academy Tuesday, May 5th 4:00pm-5:30pm in Church Children Only
Communion Practice Faith Formation Wednesday May 6th 3:00pm-4:30pm in Church Children Only

Confirmation Candidate Retreat
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday April 20, 21, 22, 2026 St. Bernard Church (More Information to Follow)

All children should be using their Mass intention cards and envelopes at Mass. Extra cards and envelopes can be found in the Kids Korner.

School of Religion Calendar: Use the dates below to plan accordingly.
Wednesday February 4, 11, 25 (NO CLASS on February 18th)
Wednesday March 4, 11, 18, 25
Wednesday April 15, 22, 29 (NO CLASS on April 1st & 8th)
Wednesday May 6, 13, 20

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Stewardship Thought

The Gospel Reading for today is what is popularly called the Sermon on the Mount. Many think it is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure it tells us how we are to live our lives, the attitudes we are to have. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader, one who would lead them in battle against their oppressors. In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins what we call the Beatitudes (the word means "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirt means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs. In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." Without the guidance and strength provided us by the Lord there is no way we can escape this poverty of spirit, of spirituality, if you will. That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ translates into being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated, Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE

If you are interested in reserving a Block or Heart, on the Holy Family Shrine in Honor or in Memory of a loved one, or if you have questions, you can contact

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bernard Church 10th Annual Card Party
Saturday, March 7, 2026

GAME SHOW NIGHT

Scratch off's on sale
Now in the rectory!!

Mailings are going out soon
so look for them in the mail!!

Put the date on your calendar
Get ready for all the fun!!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
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Dear Parishioners,
As we begin the new year with great hopes for a better, healthier and more peaceful year, I just want to thank those that contributed to our parish in one way or another. Your donations and contributions kept us afloat during these unsure and unprecedented times!
Besides donations directly to the Parish, we are proud to say that we have reached our goal for the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal. Not many parishes can say this. But with your dedication and faithfulness we did it - and because of this, we will be receiving several thousand dollars back for the general use in our Parish!
We have struggled this past year but together we came through!
Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Wishing you and your families a Blessed 2026 filled with new hopes, new dreams and new opportunities!
You are all in my prayers – please remember me in yours!
Reverend John Maduri
Pastor

Winter weather is here and that means ice and snow may make it difficult for some people to get to church and many "Snowbirds" take flight to Florida for the Winter months. But parish bills keep growing during the winter, including increased heating costs and snow removal expenses. You can make sure your parish support doesn't stop just when we need it the most. Check out our simple, safe and secure online giving program at SAINTBERNARDBROOKLYN.COM then click on the DONATE button and you will be guided through the giving process. Please consider joining the growing number of dedicated givers! We are most grateful to all those who make every effort to give consistently whether electronically or through the weekly offering basket. It really helps us plan and meet our budget.

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)
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Saturday, January 24th 5:00pm-156
Sunday, January 25th 9:00am-30
Sunday, January 25th 11:00am-29
Sunday, January 25th 5:00pm-
Total-215

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Devotions

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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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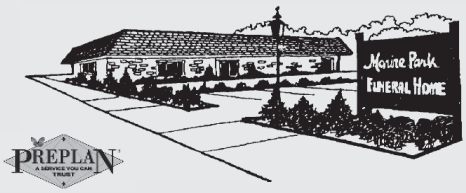

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