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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.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
The Baptism of the Lord

THE GRACE OF BAPTISM AND OUR RESPONSE

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation along with Eucharist and Confirmation. When we are baptized in water and Spirit, receive the Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist, and then commit (confirm) ourselves in the Faith, we are fully initiated into the Body of Christ which is the Church. Through this foundational Sacrament we become children of God by adoption and begin our journey of moving, as St. Paul tells us, from glory to glory until we one day behold the Face of God. This is where we find our dignity as sons and daughters of God and our destiny of eternal life in the Kingdom. Not only with Baptism, but with all the Sacraments, we can ask ourselves if these gifts of God can do so much even shining eternal life upon us, as we hear in the Baptism ritual, why do so many who have entered into the Sacramental life live as if God does not even exist. The answer goes back to a statement by Raniero Cardinal Cantalemessa, the preacher of the Papal household under Popes St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis when he speaks of "unreleased grace". In other words, every Sacrament imparts God's life to us but the grace remains unreleased because the recipient has not responded to the grace. It is a fact that among the baptized are those who have done great evil, those who are indifferent or negligent in their faith, and those who have become great saints. There is nothing lacking in the Sacraments. The lacking is in us. It may sound somewhat silly even to say or write it, but the Sacraments are not magic. They are not a matter of good luck or bad luck. Yet there are those who do approach the Sacraments, and the sacramentals like holy water, ashes and palms as if they are. How many come to receive ashes with no intention of turning away from sin. How many want holy water to wash away some perceived evil but give little attention to a Gospel way of living. How many want palms but do not follow Christ as those who first welcomed Him. The sad thing in all of this is that those who do not strive to make a fervent response to the grace of Baptism will not only miss out on the amazing things that God desires to do for all of us, but also miss out on the power that comes to us through the other Sacraments. In Baptism we become children of God by adoption. We are called by name. Do we recognize and live this dignity as sons and daughters of a Father who creates and sustains us in and through love? In Eucharist the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ mingles with ours in a moment of profound unity. This most eminent of Sacraments is food for the journey to God and to eternal life itself. Are we conscious of this when we approach the altar or when the Sunday Sabbath comes around? In Confirmation we commit ourselves to live by the Fire and Power of the Holy Spirit who breathes eternal life into us and empowers us to continue to live the Good News of our salvation. Do we open ourselves continually to the Holy Spirit so that the Spirit can amaze us? In Confession we come to a merciful God who desires us not to die in our sins but to turn back to Him and live, as our Lord tells us in Sacred Scripture. Through this Sacrament we come to a purification of conscience, know the freedom of the sons and daughters of God, and are ready to receive the gifts that God wishes to bestow upon us. Do we properly inform our consciences in truth so that we can receive al that God has to offer us? In marriage man and woman become one as Christ is one with His bride the Church. This union, and the children it produces, mirrors and makes visible the love and unity of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit which is the fruit of that union. Do those in Sacramental marriage recognize and celebrate this gift and dignity? In Holy Orders men are called to be other Christs, to be configured to Christ, to be bearers of the Good News, to nourish the faithful with the Eucharist and to celebrate the Sacraments at important moments in peoples' lives, to serve with gladness. Do those called to this Sacrament recognize their dignity? In the Anointing of the Sick we are given the gift of God's abundant grace and strength to endure the difficulties and struggles that come with ill health of mind or body. Yet not only to endure but to joyfully embrace whatever may come. Do we have the trust that this Sacrament calls us to so that one day we can feel the full effects of God's presence to us as the curtain of this life begins to come down? It does not take many years of life in this world to realize that vast numbers of Christians have not taken advantage of the gifts of the Sacraments, beginning with Baptism. Undertaken as a sort of one stop shopping where we "get" the Sacrament and then move on with indifference or seek them (or parents for their children) with little to no understanding as to why, so much of the new life in Christ who reveals God in the Spirit, is lost. The feast of our Lord's Baptism is a call to recommit ourselves to the "yes" we made to God and to His Church when we died with Him in the water and rose to new life with Him. This is the gift and grace of all the Sacraments. If we are wise men and women, we will not let them pass us by.

Fr. John Maduri

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Electric & Heat.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

9:00am Margaret Kerrigan by Taiz Alexander & Family

5:00pm Steve Borriello by The Capalbo Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

9:00am James B. Wagner 6th Anniversary Loving Memory by His Son Christopher

11:00am Theresa & Michael Cetta by Roseann & Anthony Cetta
Patrick Morris by Catherine Passanante
Salvatore Ciccotto Happy Anniversary in Heaven Love Your Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren

5:30pm The Keenan Family by Bernadette Sanseverino

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

8:30am Gerard J. Cawthon In Loving Memory by his Daughter Missy
Jane Bahnsen 3rd Anniversary in Heaven by The Wagner Family
Fr. James Devlin In Thanksgiving for His Birthday Chris Missy & Family
Fred Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

8:30am Tommy Camoia by Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

8:30am Janet Finello by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis
Wlodzimierz Marczuk by The Marczuk Family
Josephine DeLuca by The Mazzuchin Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

8:30am Nicholas Burriesci by Ted & Maureen DeMarinis

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

8:30am Violet Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family
Happy Birthday Mary Riggio Love Grandma & Grandpa DeMarinis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

9:00am Patrick Morris by Frank & Ilene Salerno

5:00pm Arlene McShea by Thomas Langella
Frannk Torelli by Diana & Louis Noberini
John Hansen by The Cerciello Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

9:00am Anthony & Jennie Burriesci by Sandra Burriesci

11:00am Lucy Capalbo by The Capalbo Family (Birthday in Heaven)

5:30pm Thomas Lever by Kathy Karlsburg his sister

Santo Nino Mass

The Filipino Apostolate of Brooklyn will be having its Santo Nino celebration at St. Bernard's on Saturday, January 17th.
Rosary at 11:00am and Mass at 11:30am
Reception in the Parish Hall following Mass.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
Donated by Mom & Dad

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
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Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Angelina

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Gasper Sacco
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Stephanie Sheetz
Alberta Sirett
Shawn Anthony Smith
Gene Stark
Maureen Stewart
Cigdem Tanriverdi

Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing
for people coping
with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, January 17, 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

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

Thank You to everyone
that participated in our clothing drive.

It was a huge success and that is because of YOU!

We collected 27 bags of children's clothing & Women's coats. All donations will be going to BRIDGE TO LIFE". An organization for women & families facing unexpected pregnancies, they provide evidence-based, life-affirming information on pregnancy options. Their hope is that through honest and compassionate counseling, women & families are empowered to choose life for their babies. Thank you for always being so generous!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bernard Church
10th Annual Card Party
Saturday, March 7, 2026
More info to follow

Parish Lessons & Carols

Join us Monday evening, January 12th for Lessons & Carols as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season with readings, quiet reflection and music
Service begins at 7:00pm in church.

RECTORY CLOSED

On Monday, January 19th we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. King was one of the main leaders of the American civil rights movement. The Rectory will be closed in observance of his birthday. Emergency calls can be made to the rectory at any time.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

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Saint Bernard Catholic Academy will begin registering for the 2026-2027 academic year on Tuesday, January 27th. There will be an Open House from 10:00-11:00 and 1:00-2:00.

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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**

ALMOST AT GOAL!!!!

If you have not sent in your gift, please do so!

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you! Thank you!
If you have not - Please support the ***2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.***

Thank You!

Give WHAT YOU CAN –

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Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Stewardship Thought

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. And, as we are still in New Year's resolution season, today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism, and how we might live them out more fully in the year ahead. At the moment of our Baptism, whether in infancy or later in life, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us. Our first reading from the Book of Isaiah describes some of the infinitely wonderful characteristics of Christ that we, as his disciples, are called to imitate. Through the prophet, the Father calls His Son "my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased." Christ's actions are powerful in effect — "He shall bring for justice to the nations" — yet humbly and gently carried out — "not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street, a bruised reed he shall not break…" This is a description of the way of life we must go about in our work as disciples of Christ: humbly and lovingly, without calling attention to ourselves and yet without backing down when the going gets tough. In our second reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter reminds us that God has no favorites; Jesus is "Lord of all" and all are equally wanted and cherished by the Father. Peter gives us yet another glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Again, by virtue of our Baptism, God is with us, too. We, therefore, must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message. Finally, in the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. Imagine the Son of God waiting his turn in line with sinners seeking baptism. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples. And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased." There is no greater honor, no greater satisfaction than living well this stewardship way of life. Let's resolve in the year ahead to use our Time, Talents, and Treasure in ways that allow us to walk more closely in the footsteps of our incredible Lord and Savior.

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. Edmund Prep Card Party

Friday, January 23, 2026
Event Ticket: $40 per person by 1/10/26
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St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance

Weekend of January 3rd & January 4th, 2026
Saturday, January 3rd 5:00pm-130
Spanish Mass-126
Sunday, January 4th 9:00am-126
Sunday, January 4th 11:00am-214
Sunday, January 4th 5:00pm-24
Total-620

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Devotions

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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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