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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
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE NECESSITY OF REPENTANCE

Let's look carefully at the ills that this Sunday's Sacred Scriptures bring forth: in the first reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah: the degradation of a people, darkness, gloom, and distress; in the second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: divisions; from the Gospel of St. Matthew: the unjust arrest of St. John the Baptist. In all of this we see one very unfortunate reality being played out. That unfortunate reality is the lack of repentance. A lack of repentance for our sins and the attending dulling of conscience does lead to everything we have read this Sunday and that is noted above. Repentance, and the well-developed conscience that leads to repentance, is the cure for the ills we have in our society – and within ourselves. If we look at each of these we can understand why. Degradation of the human person and even entire societies comes about when we are motivated by a preoccupation with the self that denies truth, charity, and justice. A repentant person will always have a keen sense of these gifts and act accordingly. Darkness and gloom come about when we refuse to look at ourselves honestly and attempt to justify our sins. Conscience calls us to repentance – and freedom – but self-justification eventually catches up with us and does its damage causing many to live in guilt, shame, and regret which inevitably leads to a sense of inner darkness and gloom. Distress is the bitter fruit of a lack of hope. Jesus calls us to repent so that we can recognize that the Kingdom, or the Presence of God, is at hand. A heart clouded by sin is ill-prepared to receive the gift of the Kingdom and therefore cannot know true joy. Divisions are caused primarily when we refuse to listen attentively to others as we become so enamored of our own righteousness and opinions that we shut down any dialogue which by necessity requires an openness to the other. Injustice which springs from Herodias' refusal to change her sinful lifestyle, using her own daughter and compelling the king to have John the Baptist beheaded. His own lack of repentance keeps him from fully examining his conscience, the result being his capitulation to Herodias' evil. If we look at these individually or collectively, we see how a lack of repentance can lead to so many evils, that as noted already, can bring individuals and societies to a bad place. Repentance requires an honest desire and undertaking to examine ourselves, our motives, behaviors, decisions. This is not easy unless we have a confident awareness of God's presence and a trust in his mercy. Here too we need to be careful for we can use mercy as an excuse to continue in sin. Recently Pope Leo XIV spoke with the Roma Rota and warned against "false mercy" and went on to remind those present, and by virtue of that the entire Church, that mercy cannot be separated from truth. If we have a true repentance for our sins both of omission and commission, and the interior freedom that comes from this, we must seek the truth about ourselves and not fear to enter into it. As noted already, this is can be difficult. We can become too easily comfortable with our own sins, ideas, ideologies, particular brand of incorrect theology, habits, lifestyles, and so on. The result though is not freedom but a slavery that pretends to be free. We live at a time when our Lord's call to repent more often than not falls on deaf ears. How many on Ash Wednesday hear the words, "repent", and leave our churches with no intention of doing any such thing. It is the product of the false mercy Pope Leo speaks about. The danger is that it can, and does, in ways oftentimes not even readily noticeable lead to the degradation, inner darkness, gloom, distress, and injustice that this Sunday's Sacred Scriptures bring to our attention. As St. Paul tells us, "We are made for freedom, but not a freedom that gives free reign to the flesh. The first is liberating while the second is binding. The call to repentance is not a call to guilt and shame but rather a call to freedom. Wise men and women embrace the call and live the freedom of the sons and daughters of God.
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 Diocesan Collection for Churches In Need.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

9:00am Josephine DeLuca by Ilene Salerno

5:00pm Frank Torelli by Nick & Ellie Graziano

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

9:00am Patrick Morris by Veronica Obdyke & Family
Angelo Messina by Anthony G. Patrizio
Richard Podd by Your Loving Family

11:00am Angelo, Nicoletta & Rachel Lisa by Frank Lisa

5:30pm Mickey Milton by Robert Padilla & Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

8:30am Bobby Wagner Anniversary in Heaven Loving Memory Uncle Chris & Aunt Melissa

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

8:30am Peter Modica by His Loving Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

8:30am Camille Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito
Michelina Caiati by Your Loving Family
Tina Keenan by Agiene Romano

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

8:30am The DeLuca Family by Jo DeLuca

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

8:30am Joseph Giacobbe Happy Birthday in Heaven Love Mom & Dad

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

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

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Rose Giberti
Donated by Tina
(2nd Anniversary in Heaven)

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Peter Giacobbe
Donated by Sandra & Angela

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
Joe DeAmbrosia
Maureen DeMarinis
Baby Demi
Rocco Gabriel DiMaggio
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Rose Esposito
John Fahey
Teresa Fornaro
Jonathan Gan
Carole Gibbons
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
John Gullo
Ryan Hoefel
June Honovich
Micha Edmond Jordan
Jennifer Karayeanes
Ann Klauss
Greyson Livia
Kenny M
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

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 January 28
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

SAINT BERNARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY

ROOTED IN CHRIST'S TEACHING

Mrs. Melissa B. Wagner, Principal
Mrs. Kristen Calvert, Assistant Principal
Mr. Rick Martino, Board Chair

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
OPEN HOUSE
-We teach with love-

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.

Christ-Centered Community
Religious Instruction, School Masses, Sacramental Preparation, Service Projects & Junior Rosary Society

Academic Excellence
Above Average NYS test scores,
Accredited Through Cognia
Art, Music , Spanish, Regents in Life Science Biology & Math Algebra 9

Technology Focus
iPADs/Chromebooks-Jr. Pre-K to Grade 8, LabLearner STEM Lab, WiFi, SMART Boards

Special Programs
Toddler Time (Mommy & Me)
Early Childhood starts are age 3
We offer before and after school care at an additional cost
Paul Effman after School musical instrument program, Lego Robotics, Story Time Chess, Volleyball, Bowling, Dance Team, Drama Club, TACHS prep classes
For further information call 718-241-6040 or visit our website at www.stbernardcatholicacademy.org.
Follow us on Instagram@Saintbernardcatholicacademy

Stewardship Thought

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."

MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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

Scratch off's on sale
in the rectory very shortly!!

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
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!!
Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You!

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

All monies received now will come back to the Parish!

Thank You!

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted!

Winter Weather Worries

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)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES
OF BROOKLYN
GIVES BACK
"My Car Went To Heaven"

For each car, truck or van running or not the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to your parish
$75/$200 per vehicle.
If you, a family member or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call (718) 491-2525
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IRS TAX DEDUCTION-FREE TOWING-ANY CONDITION
Thank you for your participation

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance

Weekend of January 17th & January 18th, 2026
Saturday, January 17th 5:00pm-122
Sunday, January 18th 9:00am-107
Sunday, January 18th 11:00am-223
Sunday, January 18th 5:00pm-27
Total-479

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.