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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
The Epiphany of The Lord

BE ENLIGHTENED

These words from the beginning of this Sunday's reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah can also mean "be wise." There are many who are intelligent, book learned, and proud, yet have little wisdom regarding the most important things in life. In other words, they may be smart but not necessarily enlightened. Enlightened people are those who seek for the truth. Unenlightened people more often than not choose to be in ignorance. We can become so ideologically ingrained or so insistent on our own point of view or perhaps even more so, very comfortable with the way things are, that we choose not to be enlightened as we simply do not want to change. Another reason is fear. If I do acknowledge the truth about something rather than by own opinions or comfort, can I really trust that something better awaits? If I do acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior not just in words but in faithfulness to Him, and I make the necessary changes in my life, will it really bring me the inner freedom that is promised?

In today's Gospel reading we see a powerful king, an absolute monarch with unlimited earthly power over His Kingdom, frightened over a baby in a manger. On the face of it, it is really quite silly. A powerful grown man and king afraid of a baby. Yet Herod, who seems to have it all, does not really have much of anything. His fear of losing His Kingdom compels him to reject the magi's message of great joy and hope. He is obviously an intelligent man but is not enlightened, or better so, chooses not to be enlightened. As we begin this new year we are invited to enter more fully into the heart of God, to embrace the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, to lay aside any pride that keeps us from knowing truth, any fear that stifles our ability to trust that God does in fact know best. The eminent philosopher, Sorel Kierkegaard, spoke about the "leap of faith." If we truly want to be enlightened and not in the darkness of fear, isolation, and loneliness that Herod lived, we are also called to make the leap of faith into the mystery of God who will amaze those who do so.

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 January 7th, 2026

This Month's Winner of $237.50 is Mr. & Mrs. George Marinello

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bernard Church
9th Annual Card Party
Saturday, March 7, 2026
More info 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!

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Be patient with others today.
Everyone is doing their best!

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.

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for The Diocesan Mission.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026	
9:00am	Carmela Oddo
5:00pm	Pedro Miguel Pereira da Silva by Veronica Obdyke & Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026	
9:00am	Living & Deceased St. Bernard Rosarians Mary Lisa by Your Loving Husband Frank Pedro Miguel Pereira da Silva by Nick, Ellie & Tina Prayers for Bonney Torres by Maurizia Reeser
11:00am	Matthew J. Rao by Roseann & Anthony Cetta
5:30pm	Vito Cutrone The Berger & Soma Family
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026	
8:30am	Nicholas Burriesci by Nick & Ellie Graziano People of the Parish
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026	
8:30am	Alejandrina by Veronica Hall Toni Ann Seddio by Mom & Dad (Birthday in Heaven)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026	
8:30am	Rosetta Grillo by Her Family (Birthday in Heaven) Baby DeMarinis by Grandma & Grandpa DeMarinis In Thanksgiving by The Conti Family
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026	
8:30am	The Nicosia Family by Jo DeLuca
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026	
8:30am	Domenick Puleo by Stephanie & Children
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

Stewardship Thought

"…They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Josephine DeLuca
Donated by Amy Ferraro & Miriam Soldyn

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Josephine DeLuca
Donated by Tina Giberti

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of John Hansen
Donated by Nick Cerciello & Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of John Hansen
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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
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
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

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

We welcome back all our college students who have been away for the semester and those still here for college who have just finished the semester.

We are so very grateful to the clergy, volunteers and parishioners of Saint Bernard for their sympathy and kindness on the passing of our sister, Josephine "Little Jo" Deluca. Our family was overwhelmed with the tremendous outpouring of love for her. A special thank you to Jo's dear friend, Tina Moore, for her support during this difficult time.
With gratitude and love,
Mary and Betty DeLuca and Family

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE
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Mrs. Melissa B. Wagner, Principal
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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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The Giving Tree

We would like to express a huge THANK YOU to the secret "*Elves*" who work tirelessly behind the scenes to arrange, organize, sort and pack the overwhelming amount of gifts that our generous parishioners donate to those less fortunate. Preparations began in September with the making of the ornaments to hang on the trees and coordinating with organizations. We all know that many hands make light work and we give thanks to the "Official" Elf Team **Kait, Sophia & Claire DiMaiolo and all the elves before them** who work quietly and selflessly.

In addition **Michael & Sheri Dogali & Josephine DeLuca** ❤ and many anonymous parishioners who all pitched in to help keep everything running smoothly. Of course, there always has to be a Chief Elf, so we also extend our appreciation to **Ellen Morris** who coordinates everyone year after year to help those in need.

We collected 36 full black bags filled with toys and 60 gift cards.
God Bless you all for your kind and giving hearts!

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**

Active Parish Campaign Summary

We have received from 9.6 % of Members of our Parish- there are

OVER 1,000 FAMILIES REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH

There are only a couple of 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! PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you! Thank You! 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!

Baby's 1st Christmas

On Sunday,
January 4, 2026 we will have a special blessing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass for all infants baptized in our parish during 2024.
If your baby was baptized in another church this year and would like to attend you are also welcome.

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 Rita at 917-698-5506.

Matthew 25 ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Annual Clothing Drive will be Saturday, January 3rd & 4th ONLY.

CHILDRENS CLOTHING ONLY
AGES NEWBORN -12YRS.
& WOMENS COATS
NO MEN'S CLOTHING!

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!

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

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)

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Mass Attendance

Weekend of December 20th & December 21st, 2025
Saturday, December 20th 5:00pm-132
Sunday, December 21st 9:00am-135
Sunday, December 21st 11:00am-210
Sunday, December 21st 5:00pm-13
Total-490

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.
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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

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