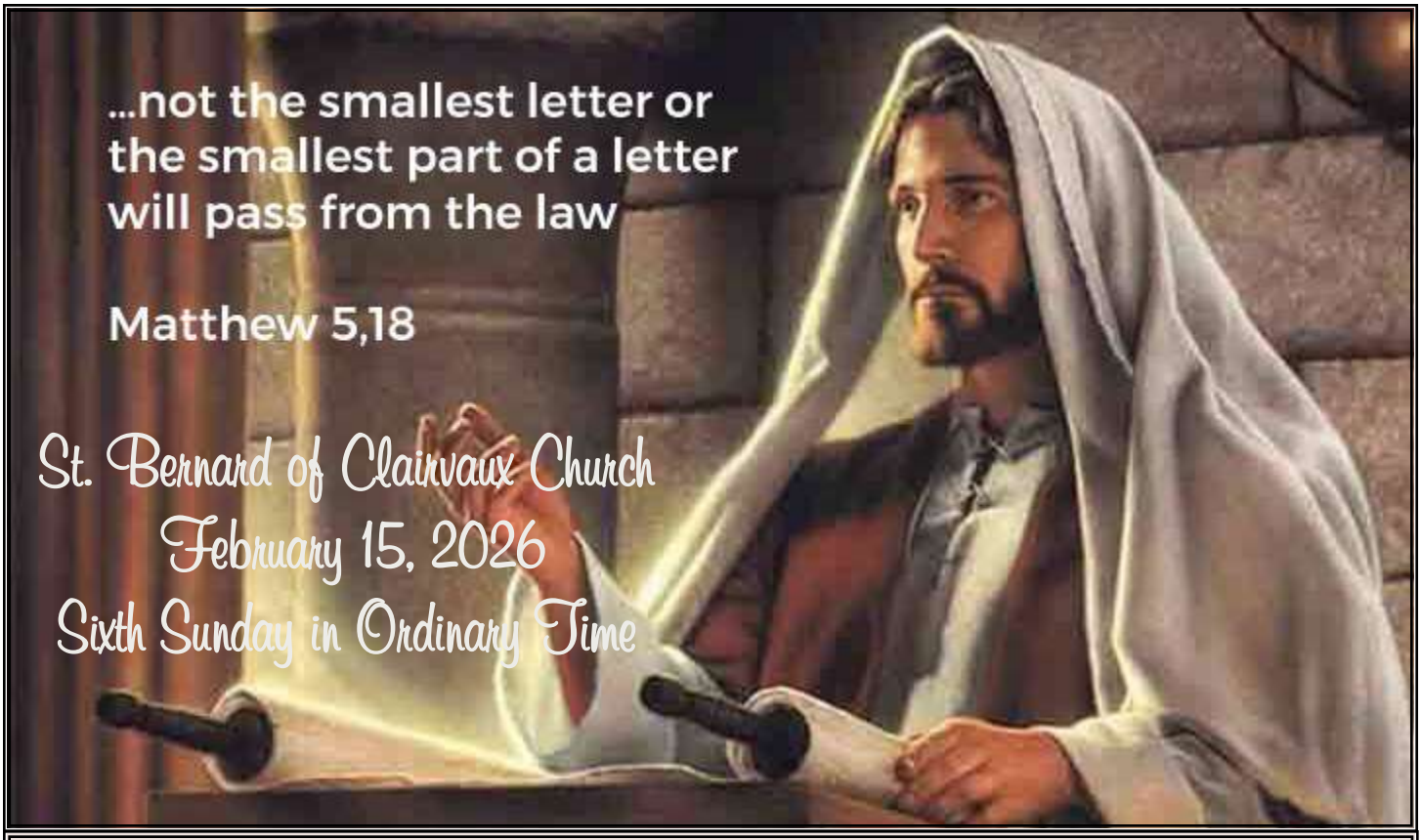

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Mass Schedule

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

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHOICES HAVE CONSEQUENCES

St. Augustine once wrote, "To believe what you please, and not believe what you please, is to believe yourself and not the Gospel." These words came from a man who once lived exactly this way with his many sinful relationships with women, intellectual pride, and wealth." Seemingly every decision he made was made with only one thing in mind – himself. Objective truth, right or wrong, moral or immoral, had no bearing on the young Augustine. It was all about himself and what pleased him. In this Sunday's first reading from Sirach, we are being faced with choices. Do we choose to keep the Commandments? If we do, they will save us. If not, there are negative consequences to that. Do we choose to trust God? If we do, we will live. If not, we will die spiritually and thereby morally and exchange freedom for slavery to the senses. Do we choose life or death, good or evil? Each of these have consequences. Interestingly, we do see free will at work when we read and hear the word, "if." God is not forcing a particular choice on us. He simply lays them out before us. It is up to us to decide. This is what many Saints refer to as "the awful burden of free will." It is about choosing life or death. The whole area of spiritual and moral consequences is not always perceptible. Many people come to a place of light and peace almost unnoticeably at first. Likewise, many come to a place of a corruption of conscience and its attendant realities of anger, regret, depression, and shame without being consciously aware of the root cause of choices that please the self but not God. In the Gospel from St. Matthew today, Jesus is calling us to not simply keep the Commandments as a mere following of rules. Rather, He calls us to a deeper understanding of the Commandments and how embracing them in the spirit in which they are given can truly set us free. Again, conversely, we will be enslaved by turning our backs on the Commandments of the Lord in ways that are imperceptible, but real. As we approach the sacred season of Lent, we once again are called to make choices. We can repent and begin anew as many will. Or we can please ourselves rather than the Gospel, as many will. The choice is before us. Our Lord calls us: choose wisely.
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 March 3rd, 2026

Last Month's Winner of $300.00 was Frede Frederic

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of The Cross each Friday of Lent beginning on Friday, February 20th at 7:00pm in Church.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Following is the schedule for Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten Journey.
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
8:30a.m. Mass, 2:00p.m. Service,
6:00p.m. Spanish Service & 7:30p.m. Service
Ashes will be distributed at all.

Defensive Driving Class

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Saturday, March 7, 2026
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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, FEBRUARY 14, 2026	
9:00am	John Taliercio by The Taliercio Family
5:00pm	Joseph Giacobbe Love Mom & Dad
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026	
9:00am	Gina Ferranti by Ellie & Nick Graziano (1st Birthday in Heaven) Christina Mazzara by Alexandra Galka Protection for Oliver Jacques Simon & Family by Harolde John
11:00am	Edward Romano by Linda Romano
5:30pm	Arlene McShea by Thomas Langella
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026	
8:30am	Happy Birthday Jack Gallagher Love Grandma & Grandpa DeMarinis (Living) People of the Parish
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026	
8:30am	Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr. Love Mommy, Katy & Frankie
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026	
8:30am	
2:00pm	Service
7:30pm	Service
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026	
8:30am	Josephine DeLuca by Stephanie Puleo
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026	
8:30am	Anthony Clemenza Sr.by The Wadowski Family
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026	
9:00am	Charles & Angelina Leo by Stephanie
5:00pm	Vito Mattioli by The Colella Family
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026	
9:00am	Josephine DeLuca by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
11:00am	Vito Cutrone by Tina Giberti Patrick Morris by Connie Carriero Maryellen Prevete by The Tropeano Family
5:30pm	Guidance for Harolde John 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:

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Altar Wine:

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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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
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Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Tannya Ortiz
Angela Pollio
William Prussing
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 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

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee. Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others. In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts and ask whether we have allowed stewardship to shape the way we live each day. When we do, we open ourselves to its deeper meaning and its power to change our hearts. The choice is ours.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

February 17, 2026 is World Kindness Day! This special day is a chance to celebrate kindness and spread positivity within our community. By performing thoughtful and generous acts, we can brighten someone's day, foster connections, and create a ripple effect of compassion and goodwill that extends far beyond the moment. Work together as a family to choose a simple way to spread kindness, then take action today. Offer to help a neighbor with errands, write and share positive chalk messages on sidewalks, organize a small book or toy donation for a local nonprofit, create a handwritten thank you note for your teacher, assemble small care bundles for delivery drivers or essential workers, or come up with your own thoughtful way to brighten someone's day. Keep it simple, have fun, and remember that small, intentional acts can make a meaningful difference.

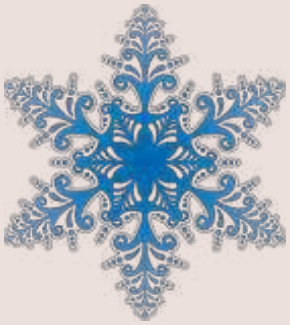
SAVE THE DATE

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

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

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

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)
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St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of February 7th & February 8th, 2026
Saturday, February 7th 5:00pm-117
Spanish Mass-82
Sunday, February 8th 25th 9:00am-80
Sunday, February 8th 11:00am-135
Sunday, February 8th 5:00pm- 8
Total-422

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Novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
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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.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

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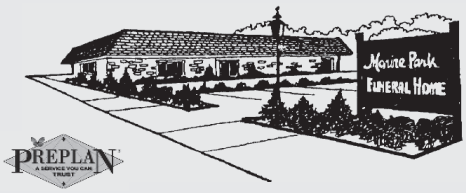

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