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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
Second Sunday of Lent

IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE

We hear these words from St. Matthew as we celebrate this second Sunday of Lent that they are quite familiar to most of us. It would be a good habit for all of us to consider getting into by saying these same words as St. Peter did throughout our own lives. Whenever we enter into prayer and place ourselves consciously into the presence of God we can say, "It is good that we are here", for this is a time to grow in faith and hope and to sense the reality of God in our midst. As we enter our churches for Mass we can say, "It is good that we are here", for here the life- giving Word of God is proclaimed; the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given to us to strengthen us for the journey of life ahead; where we encounter others on the same pilgrim road with God and to God. When we undertake works of mercy and care towards others we can say, "It is good that we are here" for in serving others we are serving Christ Himself. As we gather with family and friends we can say, "It is good that we are here", for with those whom we share our lives with, and they with us, we find God's love come alive. When we do the ordinary chores of daily life we can say, "If is good that we are here" for the ability to do those chores, even the ones that are difficult and tedious, are a gift that many due to limitations can no longer do. As we rise every morning we can say, "It is good that we are here" for God has given us a new day to celebrate life, to draw closer to Him in faith, hope, and love; another opportunity to approach God's throne of grace and become the saints God calls all of us to be. These are just some of the many ways that we can grow into a deepening awareness of God's presence in our midst, develop a stronger stance of gratitude towards God and others, appreciate the good and the beautiful around us, and live life to the full as God intends us to. We may also want to consider changing the word "we" to "I". "It is good that I am here. While the 'we' gives a communal sense of things the 'I' makes things more personal as we recognize that while God is truly present in the midst of all His people, he is also personally present to each and every one of us as a unique, unrepeatable, son or daughter 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 March 3rd, 2026

Last Month's Winner of $300.00 was Frede Frederic

Defensive Driving Class

Insurance Reduction/Point Removal
Saturday, March 7, 2026
Saint Bernard Catholic Academy
2030 East 69th Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11234
10:00 a.m. $50.00 per person
Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 Ext. 1601
for Information and to Register
Proceeds Benefit Saint Bernard Academy

Card Party

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

Over 14,000 scratch off's sold!
Get yours now in the rectory!!
Reserve your seats now!

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

9:00am Theresa LaMattina by The Taliercio Family

5:00pm Happy Birthday Elizabeth (Living)
Manuel Vieira by The Guida Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

9:00am Frank, Anthony & Concetta Incontrera by Sandra Burriesci

11:00am Milovan Uckar by The Bernie Family

5:30pm Josephine DeLuca

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

8:30am James F. Wagner Birthday in Heaven by his Family Chris & Melissa

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

8:30am Lucy Capalbo by The Capalbo Family (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

8:30am Anthony Vitale by his Loving Wife Rosalie
Charlie Fusco by his Father & Aunts
Protection for Oliver Jacques Simon & Family by Harolde John

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

8:30am John McCarthy by His Family (Birthday)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

8:30am Lucy Capalbo by Miriam Soldyn (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

9:00am Ariana Sanford Love Dad & Nicholas

5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. A. Visconti Love Carol & Peter

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

9:00am Patrick Morris by St. Bernard Lectors
Francesco & Fortunata Luca by Joanna & Carmine Evangelista
Josephine DeLuca by Mario & Rosaria
Rosa Patrizio by Anthony & Michael Patrizio (Anniversary)

11:00am Michelina Martino by her Grandchildren

5:30pm Josephine DeLuca

Purgatorial Society

Peter Giacobbe
Andrea Sinisi

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!

Memorials

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Caterina Pomponio
Donated by The Conti Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Mom
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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
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
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

Stewardship Thought

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness. The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him, saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others. Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

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.

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.

Preparing For Lent

The Lenten Season provides a great opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through prayer, penitential practices and works of charity.
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the following:

Stations of the Cross will be said on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Church beginning Friday, February 20th. You can also watch on our website and Facebook page when available.

Parish Mission:
Our Annual Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 14th 9:00am-5:00pm at St. Bernard Church
$30 Per Person at the door-Please brown bag lunch, hot & cold beverages & donuts provided

"There Is More" Day of Healing & Praise Presented by Dan & Caroline Dirkes of 2TIM4 Ministries

Session 1 More Love "Encountering the Heart of the Father"
Session 2 More Faith "Expectant Faith Unleashes the Miraculous" includes a powerful healing service
Session 3 More Power "Power Evangelization" includes prayer ministry for more of the Holy Spirit & gifts

Taize Prayer: On Wednesdays, March 11th & March 25th at St. Bernard at 7:00pm.

Holy Hours of Prayer & Reflection: On Wednesdays, March 4th & March 18th at Mary Queen of Heaven at 7:00pm.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by Catholics 14 years of age and older.
Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal, with two smaller meals permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted.

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

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Saturday, March 21, 2026
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Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Each year, during Lent many Christians choose to give things up for 40 days. Lent is traditionally a time of abstinence and many people give up chocolate, or wine, or bread even. Some people choose to take up something, such as doing an act of kindness, or giving a small amount to charity each day. It can be difficult to think about just one thing to give up, or take up. Small acts of kindness are the way to go, especially if you're doing them with children. We all need a bit of kindness at the moment, and being kind to others is often a kindness to ourselves.

- Phone a friend or family member each day
- Ask somebody to tell you about themselves and really listen
- Make a donation to a small charity

Children: Write a letter to your teacher saying what you appreciate about them

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)
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St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance

Weekend of February 21st & February 22nd, 2026
Saturday, February 21st 5:00pm-186
Sunday, February 22nd 25th 9:00am-101
Sunday, February 22nd 11:00am-166
Sunday, February 22nd 5:00pm- 7
Total-460

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Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
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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.

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.

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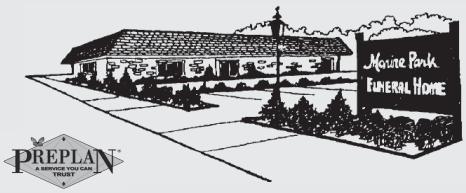

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