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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
Palm Sunday

WELCOME OR NOT

As we celebrate this Palm (Passion) Sunday we once again see the crowds welcoming Jesus into their city, but how many welcomed Him into their lives? We need to keep in mind that just a few days after this jubilant welcome those same people either turned against Him or remained indifferent during His trial, suffering and death, or stayed home in fear. Either way, their welcome into their city did not translate as a welcome into their lives. This Sunday compels us to ask ourselves how well we are, or are not, welcoming Jesus into our lives. Before we answer we need to remember that we can all say 'yes, I welcome Jesus into my life' without taking much stock of what that will cost. This is what happened at that first Palm Sunday. The people were caught up in the celebration of the day but when they realized that following Jesus might cost them, they abandoned Him. If we are going to welcome Jesus into our lives that means we welcome the Sacred Scriptures and all that they teach (not just those teachings we like). It means welcoming the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the law of love. It means welcoming the Church which Christ established on Peter's confession of faith and all that is taught by Christ's Church, and again, not just those teachings that we like. If this sounds like a lot it did also to the early believers who wondered if they could live this world-view where God is all in all, revealed by Christ through the Spirit in Sacred Scripture (the Bible) and Sacred Tradition (the teachings of His Church). Just like the people who welcomed Jesus into their city two millennia ago, and who realized soon enough what it really meant to follow Jesus and let Him into their lives, we also have one of four decisions to make. Knowing all of this we can abandon Jesus outright; we can remain silent in our faith due to fear; we can remain indifferent by living our lives as if Christ, the Bible, and the Church have little to no bearing on our lives; or we can welcome Jesus and the fullness of His Person and teaching. For those who may be wondering how anyone can do all of this perfectly when so much is expected we also recognize that God is a God of mercy. He does not condone or minimize sin. When the woman caught in adultery was brought before Him, He did not condemn her but also warned her to go and commit sin no more. He gives the warning so that she may enter into a deeper relationship with Him, recognize her dignity as a child of God, and not jeopardize her eternal salvation. In other words, for those who strive sincerely for this fidelity God's grace will give us strength and perseverance and His mercy will allow us to have new beginnings when we have failed. By their abandoning our Lord, or remaining silent due to fear, or living as if they never encountered the Lord that day due to a desire to live on their own terms, they lost so much. Yet Jesus continues to invite us to the freedom of the sons and daughters of God. We come to this gift by remaining close the Lord, standing up for our faith and witnessing to it by our words and our lives, and living by those teachings the Lord has given us through Sacred Scriptures and the teachings of His Church. By relying on God's grace and trusting in His mercy, we will come to the newness of life that our Lord offers us and one day to a share in the Resurrection.

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 April 7th, 2026

This Month's Winner of $275.00 is Joanne Sechiano

RCIA

Please pray for those receiving their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Save The Date For Our International Festival

St. Bernard Parish International Festival will be on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 2:00pm-5:00pm in the Parish Hall

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Parish Easter Gift.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

9:00am Anthony Cangelosi by Rosemary & Thomas Camoia

5:00pm Mary Casatelli Anniversary in Heaven by Christopher & Melissa

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

9:00am Mary Wagner 6th Anniversary in Heaven Loving Memory Her Son Christopher
Rosa Filippazzo by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Rosa Flora by Mr. & Mrs. William Pasterak

11:00am Frederick & Josephine Houston by their son Edward

5:30pm Deceased Member of St. Bernard Choir by St. Bernard Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

8:30am Frank Scollo by Frank & Ilene Salerno

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

8:30am Josephine DeLuca by Mary Candela
Rosario Randazzo by Your Loving Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

8:30am Frank Giuliani by Your Loving Son Anthony & Daughter Norma
Sylvia Virgona by The Bandelli Family
Anthony Cangelosi by Joyce DeSantis

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

8:30am Morning Prayer-No Mass

7:30pm No Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

8:30am Morning Prayer-No Mass

3:00pm Service

4:30pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

9:00am Morning Prayer-No Mass

8:00pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

8:30am Laura LaMela & Mary Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Stephen L. Cirillo by The Alfano Family

11:30am Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr. by Mommy, Katy & Frankie
Victoria Camille Schwarz by The Concepcion Family
Angelo Silecchia by Uncle Mario & Aunt Rosaria

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of St. Bernard Choir
Donated by St. Bernard Choir

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of St. Bernard Choir
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Altar Candles:

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Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of St. Bernard Choir
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Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Antoinette Zarcone
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Margaret Bracco
Morelda Brown
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Thomas Caliendo
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Concetta Carriero
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
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Jonathan Gan
Carole Gibbons
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Remy Grossi
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Kelsey McCartney
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Angela Pollio
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Gasper Sacco
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Stephanie Sheetz
Shawn Anthony Smith
Gene Stark
Maureen Stewart
Cigdem Tanriverdi

Personalized Fresh Flowers for Paschal Candle & Mary's Fresh Flower Floral Crown

If you would like to memorialize our Fresh Flowers for the Paschal Candle for the remaining Easter weeks Or Fresh Floral Crown for The Blessed Mother for the remaining weeks of May "In Memory of or In Honor of" a loved one please call the rectory as soon as possible to do so as there are minimal weeks left.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
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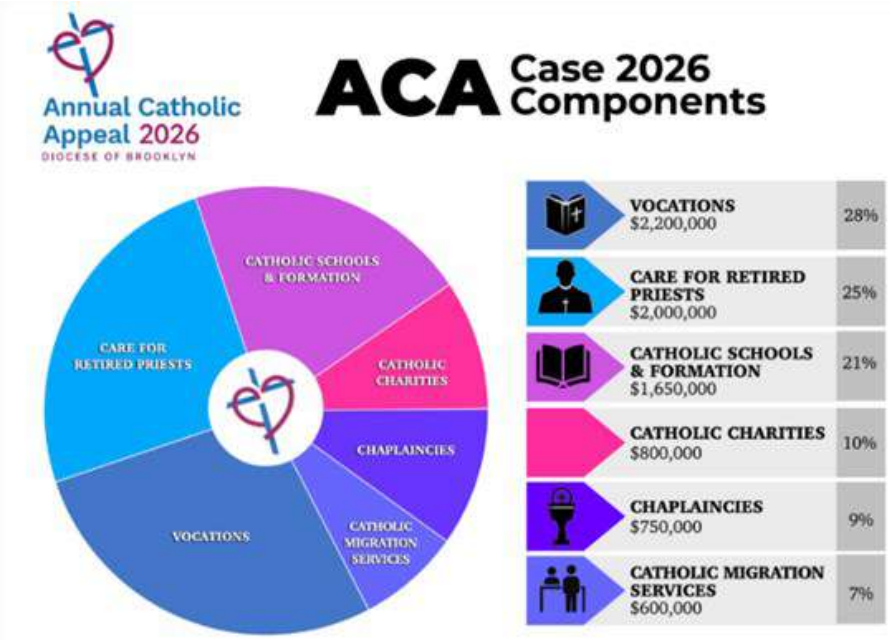

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund essential ministries across the Diocese while supporting parish initiatives here at St. Bernard Parish. Our parish goal is $46,712.00. Once we reach it, every dollar raised above the goal is returned directly to our parish. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office at St. Bernard.

Why does your participation matter?

As disciples of Jesus at St. Bernard Parish, we are called not only to support our parish but also to share in the mission of the wider Church. When one part of the body is missing, the whole body is affected. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—above and beyond your regular Sunday offering—helps our parish fulfill Christ's mission while keeping us connected to the larger Catholic community.

We invite you to stand with us as One Church, with Many Ministries, United in Mission across Brooklyn and Queens.

Make your pledge today at **AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255.**

Stewardship Thought

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week. One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him…" 'In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.'" While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist! There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb." Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026
Saturday 5:00pm, 7:00pm Spanish, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
(Procession of Palms from Academy Building)

Reconciliation Monday, Monday, March 30, 2026
Confessions 9:00am-10:00am, 2:00pm-4:00pm & 5:00pm-7:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026
Morning Prayer 8:30am,
Mass of the Lord's Supper with Eucharistic Adoration 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 3, 2026
Morning Prayer 8:30am, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Stations of the Cross Procession in the Neighborhood 3:00pm, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Spanish 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026
Morning Prayer 9:00am, Blessing of Food 11:00am, Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am & Spanish Mass 1:00pm

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

at St. Bernard Catholic Academy
Open House/ Registration
in Lobby of Academy Building
Saturday, April 25, 2026
Saturday, May 16, 2026-
Saturday, June 13, 2026
11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
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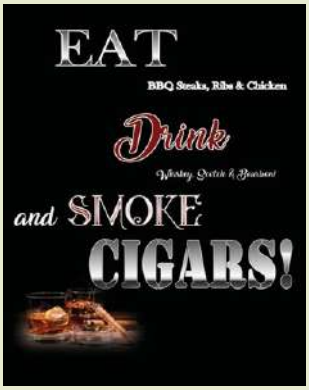

Thursday, June 4th, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Hudson River Yacht Club
For More Information & Early Registration Call
917-698-5506

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Instead of giving up something, perform a random act of kindness each day during Lent – even just making a point to smile at strangers as you run errands or sending an "I'm thinking of you" message to one person each day can make a difference.
Check with an elderly neighbor or one with young children before you go shopping to see if you can bring anything back for them so they do not have to go to the store.
Give up Complaining for a day.
Pray More Often

Weather permitting, we will have outdoor Stations of the Cross through the neighborhood on Good Friday, April 3rd. Our procession will be followed by a simple "Soup and Bread" Supper in the Parish Hall. There will be a free will donation for the supper which will be given to the poor.
If you live in the proximity of East 69th Street & Royce Street and Avenue T & Avenue V, please consider volunteering your home to be used as a stop on the route. We will gather outside your home on the street.
Please call Angela in the Rectory as soon as possible at 718-763-5533 if you would like to have your house included.
Thank You!

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)
Sophia Kelly (Navy)
Andrew-Jude Lao (SPC 2 Space Force)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)
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St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of March 21st & March 22nd, 2026
Saturday, March 21st 5:00pm-162
Sunday, March 22nd 9:00am-156
Sunday, March 22nd 11:00am-212
Sunday, March 22nd 5:00pm- 25
Total-555

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.

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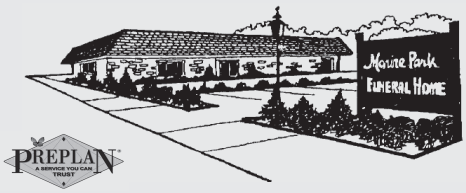

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