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March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

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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
Third Sunday of Lent

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD

Throughout the Sacred Scriptures we read about water. This is true of both the Old and the New Testaments. Water is poured forth in many scenes in the Bible. A literal reading of the Scriptures can lead us to think water as simply the fluid that we drink and is absolutely needed to sustain life. All of this is true. Yet water in Sacred Scripture – the water that the Jews drink in this Sunday's reading from the Book of Exodus, and the water that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel (and elsewhere in the Bible) is not at all about fluid for the body but about drink for the soul. This water refers to the Holy Spirit who is absolutely needed to sustain our faith life. For some it may sound a bit confusing that we are speaking about the Holy Spirit during the season of Lent. Yet it is a most appropriate time to do this. Numerous Church Fathers from the Apostolic period to theologians over millennia have noted that the culmination of Jesus' ministry is not the Resurrection but in fact the sending forth of the Holy Spirit. It is important that we do not separate Lent from the entirety of this holy season which extends beyond Lent; just as we cannot separate any part of Jesus' life and ministry from another part. Lent leads us to the welcome of the Lord at that first Palm Sunday. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we are well prepared to have a home for the Lord in our lives. Jesus' ministry further leads us to the institution of the Eucharist as the Food for the journey to eternal life and as His Real Presence to us. Good Friday teaches us what perfect self-donating love is all about and its expression through mercy and reconciliation. Easter Sunday brings us to the place of immeasurable joy as the deepest desire of the human heart to live and love eternally is now fulfilled in Jesus. The reason why Church Fathers and theologians have told us – and we can see it for ourselves – that Jesus' ministry is ultimately geared towards the sending forth of the Holy Spirit is two-fold. First, our Lord told us that the Holy Spirit would come to us as a gift of the Father and that this Spirit would guide the Church into the fulness of truth. Second, it becomes clear that it is only through the Holy Spirit that we can know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, that we can begin to penetrate the mysteries of faith. Vast numbers of people live lives that are unfulfilled. They seek to fill that void with numerous but ultimately passing things that do not satisfy their thirst. The woman at the well was one of those people. No matter how many husbands she had or how many times she came to the well for its water (and we can replace water with money, power, position, pleasure, sports, intellectual pursuit, fame, etc., and not bad things in themselves) they never truly satisfy us leading to a constant drive for more, bigger, and seemingly better. This is how the woman at the well lived her life. Jesus gives her just one admonition, to come to Him who alone gives the water that can finally satisfy her longing. That water is the Holy Spirit. As always, the Sacred Scriptures, God's revealed Word, invites us to wisdom. As we undertake our works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are invited to seek out the fire and power of the Holy Spirit who is drink for the soul, Wisdom itself, life within us, and the teacher who reveals Jesus to us as Lord and Savior.

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

Palm Sunday Masses
Saturday, March 28th
5:00pm, 7:00pm Spanish, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Easter Sunday Masses
Saturday, April 4th
No 5:00pm Mass, Easter Vigil 8:00pm
Sunday, April 5th
8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am & Spanish Mass 1:00pm

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

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

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026	
8:30am	Domenick Puleo by Stephanie Puleo People of the Parish
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026	
8:30am	Barbara Heck by her Sister June (Happy Birthday)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026	
8:30am	Protection for Oliver Jacques Simon & Family by Harold John Rosa Filippazzo by Ted & Maureen DeMarinis Ignasia Palmeri by Veronica Obdyke & Family
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026	
8:30am	Larry DeAngelo Jr. by His Family (Anniversary)
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026	
8:30am	Giovanna Dente by Stephanie & Children
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026	
9:00am	Richard Podd by Edward Houston
5:00pm	Blessings for Oliver Jacques Simon
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026	
9:00am	Vito Mattioli by MaryAnn Vigliante
11:00am	Giuseppina Evangelista by Joanna & Carmine Evangelista Patrick Morris by Diane & Joe Cordano John Hansen by Terri & Carlo D'Angelo
5:30pm	Marie Guastella by Frances & Sal Guastella & Family (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

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.

Memorials

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Maria Hinners
Donated by The Hinners Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Larry DeAngelo Jr.
Donated by His Family (Anniversary)

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
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Ryan Hoefel
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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

Today's readings for this Third Sunday of Lent center on the theme of thirst, reminding us that a stewardship way of life both satisfies our own longing for Christ and helps us respond to Christ's thirst for souls. In our first reading from Exodus, the Israelites complain in their thirst for water, despite all God has done to free them from slavery. Yet when Moses cries out for help, God provides abundantly, bringing water from the rock to satisfy His people. The Lord's generosity did not end there. He continues to provide for us today, patiently meeting our needs again and again. In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, beginning with His simple request: "Give me a drink." He then tells her that He can offer living water — water that truly satisfies. These words speak directly to us as well. Christ asks us to "give Him a drink" by sharing the gifts we have received with Him and with others for His sake. Yet it is Christ Himself who fills us, offering the living water of His grace. God invites each of us to play a part in bringing others to Him through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, may we respond to that invitation with renewed commitment, offering our time, talent, and treasure so that many may come to know Christ. In doing so, we help to quench His thirst for souls.

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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Open House/ Registration in Lobby of Academy Building
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.
Ask someone how their day was
Surprise someone, in a nice way
Say a prayer for someone that needs it

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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St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance

Weekend of February 28th & March 1st, 2026
Saturday, February 28th 5:00pm-170
Sunday, March 1st 9:00am-130
Sunday, March 1st 11:00am-203
Sunday, March 1st 5:00pm- 18
Total-521

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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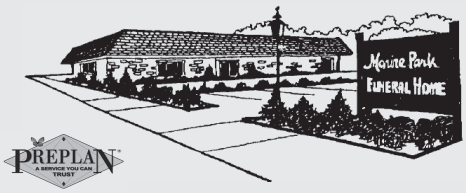

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