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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
Divine Mercy Sunday

MY LORD AND MY GOD

It is notable that prior to the Resurrection our Lord would tell his listeners, including and especially his disciples, to not be afraid. After the Resurrection he would greet his disciples with the salutation, "peace be with you." Prior to the Resurrection people, as St. Paul noted, 'live their whole lives in fear of death.' Jesus had to reassure His followers that there was in fact nothing to fear. Yet fear they did. It is why the disciples abandoned our Lord at the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter denied Him three times, only John stayed at the foot of the Cross, and then joined the other disciples hiding away in the upper room for fear of the Jewish and Roman authorities. It is no wonder that Jesus had to tell them on various occasions to not be afraid. He was attempting to open their hearts to Him who is the Resurrection and the Life. Only when they did that could they live their lives without fear. After the Resurrection Jesus "showed Himself plainly" to His disciples. With Thomas they could exclaim, "My Lord and My God." Coming to this place of proclamation was in fact a journey. These men began their lives in their various trades. They then left everything to follow Jesus. They saw his miracles, heard His teachings, were aware of His unconditional love for them. They made hasty commitments they could not keep, they doubted but persevered. This journey of perseverance would bring them to that place of a peace this world cannot give nor take away. The place of Resurrection. The words of Jesus that He would rise on the third day was not just a promise made but a promise kept. They could do nothing other than say, "My Lord and My God" for that is who Jesus is. On Easter and again during this past week's Octave we heard about the incident of Mary Magdalene at the garden beholding the empty tomb. Jesus says words that may sound somewhat peculiar to us when He tells her not to hold on to Him. He is certainly not pushing her away but He is making clear to her that she must not hold on to her preconceived notions of who He is. He is much more than a rabbi or teacher. If she missed that point, she would miss everything about Jesus and His mission. This is a common problem for many. As I mentioned at a homily this past Tuesday, I remember at high school retreats and then leading them for teens in my younger years as a priest, how the teens would respond to the question, "Who is Jesus to you" with the same incomplete answers: brother, friend, role model, guide. The problem with this understanding is that we can ignore our brothers, friends, role models or guides if we do not like what they are saying or doing. For those who had or have this incomplete idea of who Jesus is, it is a very short step to ignoring what our Lord teaches us in Sacred Scripture, the Commandments, the Beatitudes, the teachings of His Church, the very law of love itself. Only when we can say to Jesus from the depths of a faith conviction, "My Lord and my God" can we begin to truly live the Christian life without compromise.

This is where the Lord's words, "peace be with you" begin to make sense and take hold in our lives. If we compromise due to a misunderstanding or incomplete understanding of who Jesus is, we could also miss out on so much, not least of which is the peace this world cannot give nor take away. A stance before our Lord of awe and reverence does not make the Lord a God beyond the clouds but rather brings forth a more radical and complete love for Jesus which is the pathway to peace.

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 May 5th, 2026

This Month's Winner of $287.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. H. Simino

St. Bernard Pilgrimage to France

St. Bernard will be hosting a pilgrimage to France from September 30th through October 7th to celebrate the 65th anniversary of St. Bernard. Please see flyers in the back of Church for all the information.

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, APRIL 11, 2026

9:00am Michael Camoia by Rosemary & Thomas Camoia

5:00pm Louis Poggioli by Lisa Poggioli
Mr. & Mrs. Jean Vernet by Marie Vernet
Rafaela Sandoval by Your Loving Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

9:00am Patrick Morris by Nick & Ellie Graziano

11:00am Rosarians Living & Deceased Especially Jerrie Mitchell

5:30pm Blessing & Protection for Ahria Jacques Simon

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

8:30am Stefan Lewicki by his Wife & Daughters

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

8:30am James & Dorothy Carsten by Tina & Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

8:30am Fr. Joe Anniversary in Heaven In Loving Memory Chris & Missy
Larry DeVito Happy Anniversary in Heaven Love Your Daughters
Janine & Chris

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

8:30am Evelyne Audouin by Liz Audouin Happy Birthday (Living)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

8:30am Mary Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

9:00am Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Luca by Thomas & Renee Sorrentino

5:00pm Nicholas Benvenuto Happy Birthday in Heaven Love Your Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Niece

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

9:00am Rosaria & Anthony Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
Rose Morrongiello Love Your Children & Grandchildren
All Deceased St. Bernard Choir Members by St. Bernard Choir

11:00am Rose, Charles, Angela & Bernie by Tina (Friends together in Heaven)

5:30pm Bob Bridger by The Berger Family

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Luca
Donated by Thomas & Renee Sorrentino

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Luca
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Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Luca
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Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Larry DeAngelo
Donated by His Family (Birthday)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Jourdanna Barton
Jim Bellard
Margaret Bracco
Morelda Brown
Michael C. 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
Teresa Fornaro
Jonathan Gan
Carole Gibbons
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Remy Grossi
John Gullo
Ryan Hoefel
June Honovich
Micha Edmond Jordan
Jennifer Karayeanes
Ann Klauss
Greyson Livia
Cheryl Lupo
Kenny M Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
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William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Gasper Sacco
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Stephanie Sheetz
Shawn Anthony Smith
Rosemary Somma
Gene Stark
Maureen Stewart
Cigdem Tanriverdi

PARISH MISSION

Fr. John Maduri

As part of our upcoming merger celebrations, and recognizing that everything begins with prayer, a three-day mission on Monday April 20th, Tuesday April 21st, and Wednesday April 22nd will be held beginning at 7:00pm at St. Bernard's Church. Elevated Parish Missions will be leading the mission. I have attended one of their missions on Staten Island and hosted one at Sts. Simon and Jude. In my nearly 39 years as a priest, I can say that this is the best mission I have encountered. I invite, and strongly encourage, all of our parishioners to join together in prayer those evenings even if you cannot make all three of them. There is no charge for the mission. Registration is encouraged (see the flyer in this weekend's bulletin) but not required. The mission is open to anyone so feel free to invite family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, including non-Catholic Christians.

The Paschal Candle Flowers for the week of April 12-April 18 was donated
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Personalized Fresh Flowers for Paschal Candle and Mary's Fresh Flower Floral Crown & Candle

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

Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2026/2027 Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Early Bird registration will begin
April 8th and will continue until Wednesday, June, 24th.
All fees for 2025-2026 must be paid to re-register.
Early bird fee will be for all who **register in full** from April 8th to June 24th.
We want to ensure that we have the materials we need for next year and to avoid delivery delays and costly fees. Please come to the rectory. Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program.
Early Bird tuition for 2026/2027 term is $225 for 1 child, $275 for 2 children, and $325 for 3 or more children living in the same household
IF PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE Wednesday, JUNE 24th.
AFTER WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH $275 for 1 child, $325 for 2 children,
and $375 for 3 or more children living in the same household. **No exceptions.**
*New students registering will need a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates
We accept Cash, Check, Credit Card, Venmo & Zelle

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 9, 2026
St. Bernard Academy ~ 11:00 am/ St. Bernard School of Religion ~1:00 pm

Communion Practice Academy
Tuesday, May 5th 4:00pm-5:30pm in Church, Children Only

Communion Practice School of Religion
Wednesday May 6th 4:00pm-5:30pm in Church, Children Only

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 April 15,22,29
(NO CLASS on April 8th)
Wednesday May 6,13,20

Stewardship Thought

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19
Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
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Sincere thanks to all the generous parishioners who have already made a pledge to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal here at St. Bernard Parish. Your support is helping us live out this year's theme: *One Church. Diverse Ministries. United Mission*. If you haven't yet made your pledge, now is the perfect time! Donation envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. For a quicker way to give, Scan the QR Code Visit AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text DONATE to 917-336-1255. Every gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to our parish goal and strengthens the ministries that serve those most in need.

Make your commitment today—
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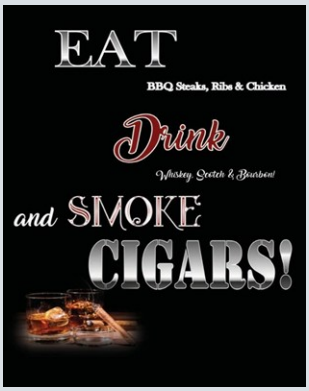
St Bernard's Parish & Knights of Columbus
Will Host the Annual



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

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Here are ways to practice random acts of kindness for Divine Mercy Sunday:

- Acts of Mercy: Visit someone in a nursing home or hospital, or offer support to the homebound.
- Encouragement: Send a supportive email, text "good morning" with encouragement, or write a positive social media comment.
- Intentional Care: Listen to someone in need of support, share a smile with strangers, and pray for your neighbors.
- Community Support: Volunteer, donate used clothing, or donate books.

These acts are a practical way to live out the "Be-Attitudes" and bring the comfort of Divine Mercy to those feeling anxious, depressed, or in need.

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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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)
Jacob Stapleton (Navy)

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of March 28th & March 29th, 2026

Saturday, March 28th 5:00pm-175
Spanish-75
Sunday, March 29th 8:30am-168
Sunday, March 29th 10:00am-190
Sunday, March 29th 11:30am- 510
Total-1118

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of April 4th & April 5th, 2026

Saturday, April 4th 8:00pm-300
Sunday, April 5th 8:30am-202
Sunday, April 5th 10:00am-302
Sunday, April 5th 11:30am- 445
Spanish-161
Total-1410

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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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

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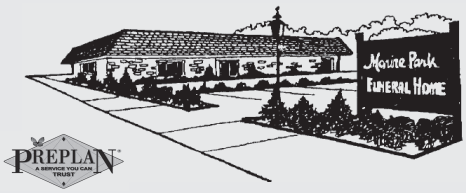

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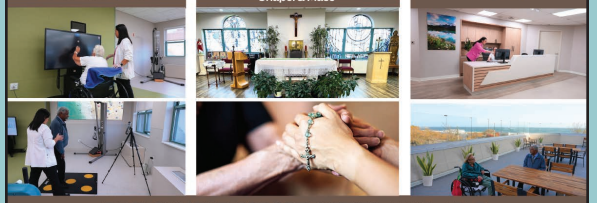

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