St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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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
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners:

This past week over 400 parishioners from our parishes gathered at St. Bernard Church for the Revival mission as we prepare for our canonical merger.

This mission could not have been so fruitful without the help of many people. I extend my gratitude to those who served in various roles as members of the mission team, the Knights of Columbus, and particularly Aidan Birth who did an extraordinary job organizing the mission. The team that led the mission offered an extraordinary three evenings that moved and enlivened the faith of everyone present.

Thank you to our MQH and SBC parishioners who participated. You made the mission the success that it was by your presence, prayers, and dedication to our parishes where Christ comes alive in us and through us.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. John Maduri
Pastor

The imagery of a shepherd and sheep is probably something most of us have seen in photos or artwork. We likely have no concrete understanding as to what it means to be a shepherd, unless we happen to live on a sheep farm. But for the people in Jesus' time, this relationship between a shepherd and sheep would be familiar to them because they live in areas where that was an important part of the economy. They would have understood this figure of speech Jesus was using to illustrate the intimate relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, between himself and the people. Those who are listening to Jesus would also remember the Old Testament depictions of God as a shepherd and the people of Israel as his flock. When Jesus referred to himself as the good shepherd (a term he doesn't actually use in today's Gospel, but in the verse immediately following it), his followers should have understood the correlation between him and God. In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus expands upon the imagery of shepherd and sheep to include an image of the gate for the sheep. Anyone who enters the gate-who enters through him-will be saved. He warns the thieves and robbers, who do enter the flock through him, will be saved. He warns the thieves and robbers, who do not enter the flock through him, will not be saved. The Gospel suggests that the critique is directed toward the Pharisees, though they do not understand him. The Pharisees were like thieves and robbers who tried to claim authority over the Jewish people with their hypocritical practice of God's commandments. Additionally, they tried to lead the sheep astray because some of those religious leaders refused to believe in Jesus. Only through the sheepgate can Jesus' sheep-and you and I-be saved. Through the gate, there is nourishing pasture-his Word-to sustain us. When we enter through the gate, when we enter into the life of Christ, we are protected and find eternal life with him. We are forever aspiring to be called into his flock and into his pastures in the kingdom of heaven. The relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is based on intimacy and familiarity. The shepherd knows his sheep by name, and the sheep know his voice. Jesus calls and invites us into such a close relationship. As Christians, we are named and known by God in baptism. Baptism also attunes our hearts to God's presence because we are baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We can respond to the call of our Good Shepherd through prayer, faithfulness, and dedication to his Word.

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.

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for Catholic Home Missions.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

9:00am Domenick Puleo by Stephanie & Children

5:00pm Frank, Nancy & Angelo Chimento by The Gradilone Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

9:00am Patrick Morris by Rita Damato

11:00am Angela Ramirez by Jaqueline Cappucci
Angelo Messina by Connie Carriero
Rosa Filippazzo by Tony & Pam Cilento

5:30pm Salvatore Intogna by Judy Walsh & Family

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

8:30am Gianluca Serrone by his loving Mom Elide Dchiutils

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

8:30am Thomas Edward Wagner In Thanksgiving on his 4th Birthday With Love His Godmother Bella (Living)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

8:30am John Ferranti by Nick & Ellie Graziano (1st Anniversary in Heaven)
Nora Keenan by Your Loving Daughter
Demetrio Araja by Anthony & Maria Mozatto

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

8:30am Victoria Camille Schwarz by The Concepcion Family

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

8:30am Josephine DeLuca by Annette & Richard Hinners

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

9:00am Herbert Lamela Jr & Sr. by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

5:00pm John D. Beckman by Carmine Tropeano & Family
In Thanksgiving for Matthew Chiodo by Laura Glazier (Living)
Isabel Cawthon by The Taliercio Family

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

9:00am Mary Modica by her Children & Grandchildren

11:00am Patrick Morris by Ted & Maureen DeMarinis

5:30pm Michael Bozzone by The Berger Family

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Isabel M. Cawthon
Donated by Edward Houston

Purgatorial Society

Isabel M. Cawthon
Frank D'Agostino

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Justin Andrickson
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
Tannya Ortiz
Angela Pollio
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Gasper Sacco
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Stephanie Sheetz
Shawn Anthony Smith
Rosemary Somma
Gene Stark
Maureen Stewart
Cigdem Tanriverdi

The Paschal Candle Flowers for the week of April 26-May 2 was donated In Memory of

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First Communion

Please pray for our 1st Communion children at St. Bernard Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday May 9th.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness For Teens

- Say good morning to teachers
- Call grandparents
- Say please & thank you

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

Stewardship Thought

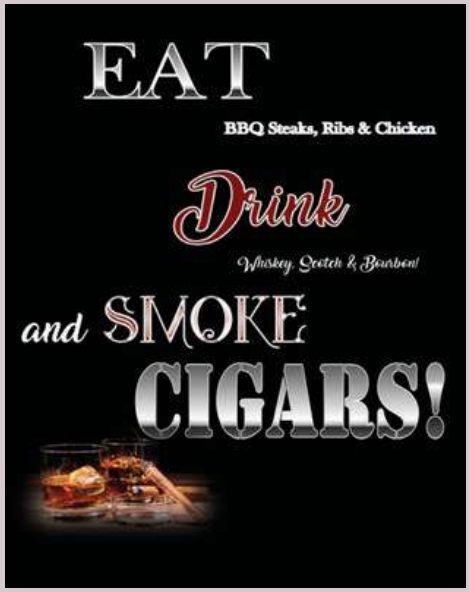
"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ…'"
ACTS 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Defensive Driving Class
Insurance Reduction/Point Removal
Saturday, May 2, 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 SBCA

Save The Date!

St Bernard's Parish & Knights of Columbus
Will Host the Annual



Thursday, June 4th, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.
Hudson River Yacht Club
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917-698-5506

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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)

Bereavement Ministry

A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, May 16th, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or
Maureen at 347-436-5192

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of April 18th & April 19th, 2026

Saturday, April 18th 5:00pm-136
Sunday, April 19th 9:00am-166
Sunday, April 19th 11:00am-243
Sunday, April 19th 5:30pm- 30
Total-575

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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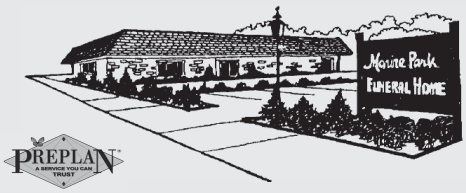

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