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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**
*Easter Sunday*

Dear Parishioners:
On behalf of the priests, deacons, Religious Sisters, and staff of Mary Queen of Heaven and St. Bernard of Clairvaux parishes, I extended prayers for a very happy and blessed Easter and Easter season.
This is the day that celebrates the reason for our hope as a Christian people. Christ, risen from the dead, has promised His faithful people a place at the banquet feast of heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father.
We gather in worship and prayer to thank God for this immeasurable gift, ask for the grace to be found worthy of the promise of Christ, and perseverance to remain steadfast in hope that God who is a God of the living, may bring those found in His friendship to one day see the fulfillment of that hope.
Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. John Maduri
Pastor

**UPDATES ON ST. BERNARD'S PARISH CENTER AND THE CANONICAL MERGER OF OUR PARISHES**
Fr. John Maduri

By the time you read this bulletin you will have noticed that the Boy Scouts trailer and the Knights of Columbus container have been moved to the opposite side of St. Bernard's parking lot. This is to make room for equipment to be brought into the garden for testing to be done on the ground, in other words, a soil boring. For the next year the trailer and container will remain where they are now as the entrance to the garden will be needed eventually for construction. A week and a half ago the final draft of the interior of the building was chosen. Some details need to be added as required by law, then permits need to be given by various City agencies. In the meantime, ground preparation will be done and a contractor chosen with construction beginning thereafter. The building, as many of you already know, will host various ministries, with an emphasis on youth and young adult ministry. The building will be paid for in equal parts: a third coming from a bequest, another third from St. Bernard's reserve, and the final third via a capital campaign at St. Bernard's. The facility will be a great asset for our upcoming merged parish of Mary Queen of Heaven and St. Bernard of Clairvaux. This has been a plan encompassing three pastors, Msgr. Jamie Gigantiello, Msgr. Joseph Grimaldi, and myself, made necessary by the fact that we have one small room to do anything. After all these years of set-backs and delays the parish center is about to become a reality. This building will enhance our parish and our local communities. Completion of the building is expected this time next year.

On Tuesday March 17th I had the opportunity to meet with parish council members, the trustees, and the finance committees of MQH and SBC as required by canon law. Everyone present was very positive about the partnership and impending merger between the two parishes with no objections raised. The following day I submitted the canonical letter stating that all canonical requirements were met. This past Tuesday March 24th at a meeting of the Presbyteral Council, of which I was present, there was unanimous assent to the canonical merger of Mary Queen of Heaven and St. Bernard of Clairvaux parishes. An upcoming merger in Queens was also unanimously approved. Once I receive a date for the merger, I will inform parishioners of both parishes and a celebration will be planned at each site.

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

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026**

9:00am Morning Prayer-No Mass

5:00pm 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

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026**

8:30am Fran Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family
Fred Magnavito by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026**

8:30am Fran Fallon by Joe Fallon & Family
Richard Pool Genite by Linda & Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026**

8:30am Joseph Benvenuto Happy Anniversary in Heaven Love Camille, Robert & Andrea
Anthony Cangelosi by Vincent Giaimo
Amelia Germinaria by Michael & Barbara Serrone & Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026**

8:30am Susan Finale by her friend Rosalie

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026**

8:30am Josephine DeLuca by Edward Houston

**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 Sanbobal by Your Loving Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

9:00am Patrick Morris by Nick & Ellie Graziano

11:00am Rosarians

5:30pm Blessing & Protection for Ahria Jacques Simon

# Memorials

## Altar Bread:

*In Loving Memory of Richard Duncan*
*Donated by Tina Giberti*

## Tabernacle Candle:

*In Loving Memory of Celesta Conti*
*Donated by The Conti Family*

## Church Bells:

*In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of Gillespie & Jordan Families*
*Donated by The Bonauro Family*

**Save The Date For Our International Festival**

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

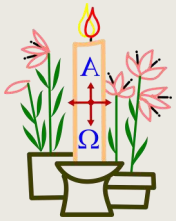
## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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
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.



This Years Paschal Candle is donated by Mom & Dad
in Light and Love of the life of *Larry DeAngelo Jr.*

The matching Altar Candles are donated by Angelina, Nicolette, Adreana, Alessia, Luciana & Aviana
With Love of their Uncle *Larry DeAngelo Jr.*

The Paschal Candle Flowers for the week of April 5~April 11 was donated
In Memory of

*Patrick Morris*

*by St. Bernard Friends*

## *Happy Easter Greetings!*

Mrs. Veronica Obdyke, Director K~5
Ms. Katie Mossbarger, Director 6~8
Mrs. Sandra Arcati, Office Manager
Ms. Angela Zito, Receptionist

## 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
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### 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

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## ACA Case 2026 Components

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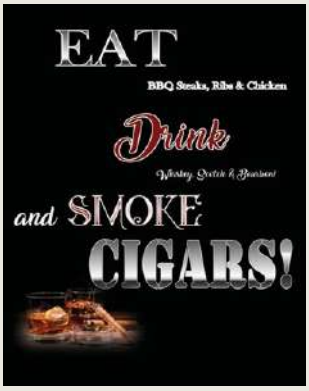
| VOCATIONS | $2,200,000 | 28% |
| CARE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS | $2,000,000 | 25% |
| CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & FORMATION | $1,650,000 | 21% |
| CATHOLIC CHARITIES | $800,000 | 10% |
| CHAPLAINCIES | $750,000 | 9% |
| CATHOLIC MIGRATION SERVICES | $600,000 | 7% |

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.

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

## Save The Date!

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




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*

**Say a prayer for someone who is hurting.**
(Psalm 34:18 – "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.")
**Make a list of things you are grateful for and share it at dinner.**
(Psalm 107:1 – "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.")
**Do something kind for someone in secret today.**
(Matthew 6:3 – "When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.")
**Pray together as a family and thank God for all the ways you've shared kindness this Lent!**
(Colossians 3:17 – "Whatever you do, do it all in the name of Jesus.")

Lord, thank You for showing us how to love others. Help us to keep sharing kindness beyond Lent. Amen.

## *Stewardship Thought*

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

## 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)

## 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**

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.
DOING GOOD WHILE HAVING FUN!
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Membership

## Parish Phone Numbers

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**SCHOOL OF RELIGION**: 718-763-5533

## Gift Shop Hours

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

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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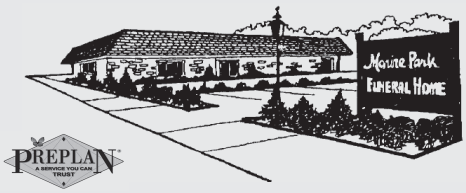


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