Mary Queen of Heaven~ St. Bernard Parishes

June 28, 2026

Parish Clergy

REV. JOHN J. MADURI
Pastor

REV. PETER PENTON
Parochial Vicar

REV. MICHAEL G. TEDONE
Parochial Vicar

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DEACON CHRISTOPHER A. WAGNER
Permanent Deacon

DEACON HERB CABRERA
Permanent Deacon

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, 5:00 pm	*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*
Sunday, 8:00 am	*Mary Queen of Heaven*
Sunday, 9:00 am	*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*
Sunday, 10:00 am	*Mary Queen of Heaven*
Sunday, 11:00 am	*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*
Sunday, 12:00 pm	*Mary Queen of Heaven*
Sunday, 5:30 pm (Life Teen)	*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mary Queen of Heaven	*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*
Monday ~ Friday: 8:00 am	Monday ~ Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am	Saturday: 9:00 am
HOLYDAYS	HOLYDAYS
Vigil: 7:30 pm	8:30 am, 7:00 pm
Day: 8:00 am, 10:00 am	

CONFESSIONS

Mary Queen of Heaven	*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*
Saturday: 11:00 am-11:30 am	Saturday: 4:15 pm-4:45 pm

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES WHILE IN CHURCH!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff

MRS. MELISSA WAGNER
Academy Principal

MRS. KRISTEN CALVERT-LAVELLE
Academy Assistant Principal

MRS. VERONICA OBDYKE GRADES K-5
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MRS. SANDRA ARCATI
Office Manager (St. Bernard)

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Parish Secretary (Mary Queen of Heaven)

MRS. ANGELA ZITO
Receptionist (St. Bernard)

MS. DIANNE MATTHEW
Receptionist (Mary Queen of Heaven)

Rectory Hours

Mary Queen of Heaven
1395 East 56th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234

Monday, Tuesday: 9:00 am-12 Noon, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 am-12 Noon, 1:00 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

All are welcomed at Mary Queen of Heaven.
Meet us in church or watch us live at the 8:00 am Mass.
Website: *maryqueenofheaven-brooklyn.org*
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(Search @MQHRCCHURCH)
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HELP SUSTAIN OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

As our parish relies heavily on cash and envelope tithing, please help us sustain our spiritual home by enrolling in electronic giving.

Please scan the code to get started!

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
2055 East 69th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234

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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Stewardship Thought

"…whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE

This Sunday's Gospel from St. Matthew is interesting because it completely inverts how we tend to look at life in general. Many believe that if they can control every aspect of life, they will find it. When reality sets in, as it does for everyone sooner or later, the result can be devasting. We saw this vividly during the Covid -19 pandemic, where millions of people, particularly among the younger generations, raised to believe that they could control all aspects of their lives and thereby their destinies, were dealt a severe blow when all control was lost due to the virus. Six years later, many still live with a fear that another blow to that fantasy of being able to control life, is just around the corner. Today's Gospel finds our Lord saying something quite extraordinary. He tells us that it is not only good, but actually the best thing we can do, to lose our lives for His sake and the sake of the Gospel. It is in this that we find life. In contrast, those who hold onto their lives will lose them. This teaching is so contrary to our human nature, and for countless people, their upbringing. It is perfectly human for us to want to keep control, to hold our cards close to the chest, to believe we have complete determination over our destinies. Even the wealthiest, most famous, and most powerful people in the world will one day lose that control over their lives when the doctor gives them the bad news. The fact of the matter is that Jesus is only teaching something that life teaches us as we go through the years. However, there is a huge caveat. We are not called to lose our lives or any control over our lives for no particular reason. Rather, we lose it for Christ, and in this we find our lives. In other words, the more we hold on the more difficult it is to let go. This is what our Lord is calling us to do today – and everyday – to find opportunities to surround ourselves to God and His will for our lives. The reason of course is quite simple. Seeking to save our lives from heartache, sorrow, suffering, death, is simply futile. Those things will find all of us sooner or later. Yet losing our lives for Christ is to find them. Why? Jesus says "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." If we can embrace that one profound statement, we would have no hesitation in giving our lives away for the sake of the Lord and His Gospel. To lose our lives for the Lord Jesus is to find the way to the Father, the truth that makes us free, and the life that is worth living. To save our lives at all cost is in fact to lose everything. The way becomes confusing, truth collapses under the weight of our lies and self-deceptions, and life becomes an existence of fear and anxiety. True inner freedom is lost. One related thing we also find in this Sunday's readings is the awareness that God is never outdone in generosity. From promising the couple without a son in the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah that they would have a son due to their service and generosity to declaring in the Gospel that every sacrifice made for Christ and the Gospel would be met with much goodness from God, is a promise we are called to trust. It is this trust that leads us to "lose" our lives for the sake of Christ and the Gospel, and this self-surrender that becomes the pathway to new life and authentic freedom.

Fr. John Maduri

St. Bernard 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 July 2nd, 2026

This Month's Winner of $287.50 is Wioletta Obara

Fourth of July Holiday

Independence Day is a national holiday whereby we celebrate our freedom and the rights and privileges we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

In honor of the holiday the Rectory Office will be **CLOSED** Friday July 3rd and Saturday July 4th and reopen on Sunday July 5th. Emergencies can be phoned in at any time.

MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASSES & ALTAR GIFTS

Please stop by the Rectory Office during office hours to schedule your Mass Intentions, Memorial Masses & Altar Gifts. Also remember our Saints' Shrines and Votive Candle Offerings in church.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

In a world where you can be anything

Be Kind

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026
Weekday
Feast of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; BVM
Readings: Lam 2:2, 10-14,18-19, Mt 8:5-17

9:00 am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help by Evelyne

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a, Rom 6:3-4, 8-11, Mt 10:37-42

8:00 am In Thanksgiving for Noah Jenkins (Living) by Jean Pierre
In Thanksgiving for Marie M. St. Jean & Family by Marie M. St . Jean

10:00am Calliste Clarke by Mitzi & Family

12:00pm Augustine Wang by Claire Deng

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026
Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles
Readings: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

8:00am People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026
Weekday
The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Readings: Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12, Mt 8:23-27

8:00am Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026
Weekday
St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Readings: Am 5:14-15, 21-24, Mt 8:28-34

8:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026
Weekday
Readings: Am 7:10-17, Mt 9:1-8

8:00am Special Intention

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026
Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
Readings: Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29

8:00am The Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026
Weekday, BVM
Independence Day
Readings: Am 9:11-15, Mt 9:14-17

9:00am Bernadette Grillo by Sr. Bernadette

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Zec 9:9-10, Rom 8:9, 11-13, Mt 11:25-30

8:00 am In Thanksgiving for The Socrates-Abia Family by The Socraties-Abia Family

10:00am Hugh O'Donnell by Anthony & Lillian (10th Anniversary Remembrance)

12:00pm The Rosary Society by The Rosary Society

2:00pm In Thanksgiving for Suzelle Augustin by Suzelle Augustin

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS ST. BERNARD

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

9:00am Dominick Votto by Veronica Obdyke & Family

5:00pm Richard Duncan by Ellie & Nick Graziano

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

9:00am Patrick Morris by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino
Nicholas Burriesci by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

11:00am Anthony Clemenza by Joanna & Carmine Evangelista
Fortunato Luca by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Deceased Members of St. Bernard Choir by St. Bernard Choir

5:30pm Isabel Cawthon by Mary Cooper

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026

8:30am Jerrie Mitchell by Jean Muscianisi

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026

8:30am Meagan & John Bruno 8th Wedding Anniversary
Love Dad, Mom & Bella
Samantha Reinhardt by The Wagner Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

8:30am Salvatore Savettiere by Bergen Beach Gym Girls
Lorenza Adams by Veronica Obdyke & Family

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

8:30am Happy Birthday Lucas DeMarinis Love Grandma & Grandpa DeMarinis

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

8:30am Carmine Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

9:00am Jerrie Mitchell

5:00pm Ugo Capalbo Capalbo by The Capalbo Family
Angela Pollio by The Faith Formation Program
Jerrie Mitchell by Diana & Louis Noberini

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

9:00am Matthew McDermott by Harolde John

11:00am Rosarians Living & Deceased

5:30pm Josephine DeLuca

REST IN PEACE

BERNADETTE BEAUGE

And to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends.

To add a name to the sick list,
you must call into the Rectory Offices
on Mondays only, before 3:00 pm.
The name will appear on the list for 4 weeks.

Mary Queen of Heaven Memorials

For all Special Intentions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Scott Allen
Stephanie Allen
Justin Andrickson
Jourdanna Barton
Jim Bellard
Doug Bontempo
Margaret Bracco
Arline Brack
Mitzi Brown
Morelda Brown
Michael C.
Mario Cadardo
Thomas Caliendo
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Concetta Carriero
Domenic Carriero
Rodolfo Chaos
Nick Codella
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Monica Crodette
Irma Cruz
Anthony Curreri
Francine Danza
Joe DeAmbrosia
Maureen DeMarinis
Baby Demi
Rocco Gabriel DiMaggio
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Elvia du Saire
Rose Esposito
John Fahey
Teresa Fornaro
Jonathan Gan
Carole Gibbons
Tina Giberti
Monica Godette
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
John Gullo
Baby Girl Heffner
Penelope Heffner
Ryan Hoefel
Sr. Joan Holmberg
June Honovich
Edward Houston
Micha Edmond Jordan
Jennifer Karayeanes
Ann Klauss
Richard Kompa
Michelle Leighty
Greyson Livia
Cheryl Lupo
Kenny M
Joseph Martino
Rogettio Matos, Jr.
Kendall Matthew
Alicia Maxwell
Richard Maxwell
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Margaret Moffit
Tannya Ortiz
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Loretta Risley
Maria Rosa
Gasper Sacco
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Stephanie Sheetz
Shawn Anthony Smith
Phil Spezio
Gene Stark
Maureen Stewart
Grant Storey
Cigdem Tanriverdi
Sally Tartaro
Liam Wattley
Beverley West
Mary Francis Whalen
Jim & Fran Zito

St. Bernard Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Salvatore Savettiere
Donated by Bergen Beach Gym Girls

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of George Smith
Donated by Laura

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of George Smith
Donated by Laura

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of George Smith
Donated by Laura

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Salvatore Savettiere
Donated by Bergen Beach Gym Girls

Purgatorial Society

Stanley Day
Frank Guido
David Hood
Elizabeth Petrillo
Mary Carmel O'Sullivan

St. Bernard Sick List Announcement

All names that are currently on the sick list will remain there until Tuesday, July 7th. If you would like a name to remain on the sick list you will have to call the rectory on Monday July 6th no later than 3:00pm to add the name back on the sick list. It will remain on the sick list for 4 weeks. To add a name on the sick list going forward please call the rectory **on Mondays only, before 3:00 pm.** The name will appear on the list for 4 weeks.

GIFT SHOPS will be open every Sunday after all Masses.

St. Bernard's second collection is a Parish Collection for Landscaping & Diocesan Collection for Peter's Pence

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

A Chapel Chair Plaque has been added to our Morning Chapel In Memory of

Lillian Rao Donated by St. Bernard Friends

If you would like to add a Chapel Chair Plaque our Morning Chapel
"In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN TEEN CLUB

All teens are invited to join the Teen Club Friday evenings 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center Basement Meeting Room. Please bring a friend. Contact Sr. Mary Jane for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

The Feast in honor of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday July 25th & Sunday July 26th
9:00am to 5:00pm
Everyone is invited to attend!

ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK

"My Car Went To Heaven"

For each car, truck or van running or not the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to your parish $75/$200 per vehicle.

If you, a family member or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call (718) 491-2525
SVDPAUTO-BROOKLYNQUEENS.ORG
IRS TAX DEDUCTION-FREE TOWING-ANY CONDITION
Thank you for your participation

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of June 20th & June 21st, 2026

Saturday, June 20th 5:00pm-142
Sunday, June 21st 9:00am-145
Sunday, June 21st 11:00am-287
Total-512

Offertory Procession

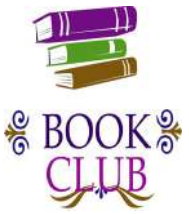
If you or your family has an announced Mass intention for a loved one and you would like to bring up the Communion gifts
PLEASE see one of the ushers

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Find your life by answering God's call in your life. Seek him as you strive for holiness. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: *vocations@diobrook.org*.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN BOOK CLUB

will meet in the Parish Center Wednesday, July 15, at 7:00 pm for a discussion of The Book of Lost Hours by Hayley Gilfuso



ANNUAL CYCLONE GAME

Mary Queen of Heaven Holy Name Society is sponsoring the Annual Cyclone Game on **Friday, August 14** at 7:00 pm. Each ticket is $23 and comes with a free hat and $3.00 credit for the concession stands and team store.

If interested, please call 917-335-0549 before July 1.

Thank you for your support of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.
MASS ATTENDANCE 6/14/2026:

8:00am-115
10:00am-185
12:00pm-144
Total-468

Website-25 Facebook-63

Save The Date

St. Bernard Annual Block Party!
Sunday, September 13, 2026
Rain Date
Sunday, September 20, 2026

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

One Church.
Diverse Ministries.
United Mission.

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Appeal Goal for 2026: $46,712.

We need to raise $20,000 more to reach our assigned goal.

To Date we have 70 Donors!

There are 1,000 families registered in our Parish – imagine if every family gave something! If each family gave $100 that would mean **$100,000**! That would make us reach our goal which supports the Ministries and Programs of the Diocese and we would have the remaining amount returned to our parish for ***our*** Ministries and Programs.

Of course, no gift is too large or too small!

Give WHAT YOU CAN When you can!

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!

If you have not - Please support the

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Thank You!

Summer Rosary

We are happy to announce that we will once again be reciting the Rosary on Tuesday evenings in our Parish Gardens starting July 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Please enter through the Gardens' gate on East 69th Street. There will be NO ENTRANCE through the Rectory. If there is RAIN OR THREAT OF RAIN, the recitation WILL BE CANCELLED. Now, more than ever we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.

Operation Backpack

Hosted by Matthew 25

Think it's too early to think about *back-to-school?*

Not for Operation Backpack!

Thousands of school-age children in New York City are homeless and one of the most devastating consequences of homelessness is the impact it can have on a child's education. Frequent school transfers and the stigma associated with living in a shelter add up to great hardship for these children.

Saint Bernard Parish will be participating this year to help thousands of homeless children on their first day of classes.

We will have a collection box in the vestibule of the Church in the coming weeks.

Won't you please consider donating a new backpack?

We will not be collecting school supplies ONLY BACKPACKS

We will be collecting through the end of July.

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

at St. Bernard Catholic Academy
Runs from June 29th-August 7th, 2026
Boys and Girls Ages 4 to 15
Certified adult staff in all groups
Groups are separated by age.
All staff are CPR, first aid & virtus trained
Licensed by Department of Health
ALL SPORTS-ARTS & CRAFTS-MUSIC & DANCE-WATER PLAY-GAMES AND MANY OTHER FUN FILLED ACTIVITIES!
ON-SITE INDOOR & OUTDOOR PLAY LOCAL TRIPS EXTENDED DAY & TRANSPORTATION
For more information, please contact Rosemarie Stern, Camp Manager at 917-442-4967
Register Now! Space is Limited!
www.gravesendsportcamp.com

St. Bernard Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2026/2027 Kindergarten through 7th Grade

Early Bird registration has been extended ONE WEEK ONLY until July1st.

All fees for 2025-2026 must be paid to re-register.

Early bird fee will be for all who **register in full** by July 1st.

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, JULY 1st.

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

Mary Queen of Heaven Faith Formation News

The Religious Ed. 2026-2027 School Year

Classes are held 8:30 am in the Parish Center downstairs meeting room (entry from 57th Street gate). Students and Parents/Guardians attend the 10:00 am Mass.

Registration forms are available at the Rectory Office. Please contact Sr. Mary Jane (718-763-2590) for more information. Student's baptism certificate is required. The fee is $150.00 for each student. (Discount for additional students in the same family.)

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)
Patrick King (Air Force)
Andrew-Jude Lao (SPC 2 Space Force)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)
Jacob Stapleton (Navy)

ELECTRONICS RAFFLE

Drop by the MQH-St. Bernard Rectory Offices, during office hours, to purchase raffles for a chance to win an assortment of in-demand electronic prizes.

Prizes, courtesy of DeSales Media and The Tablet include:

3 tickets for $20.00

- Apple Airpods Max USB-C (Blue)
- Ray-Ban Meta Glasses Wayfarer (Gen 2) Polar Gradient Graphite Lenses, Large

3 tickets for $10.00

- Apple Airpods Gen 4
- Bose Soundlink Flex 2
- Apple AirTag 4 Pack & Mophie Power Station Wireless Mini 5K Slim Stand

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!

ARE YOU A KNIGHT WHY NOT?

USE THE QR CODE TO JOIN US!

Membership

Dear Parishioners:

This coming Wednesday July 1st our parishes will canonically merge as the Parish of Mary Queen of Heaven-St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Msgr. Joseph Grimaldi, former pastor of St. Bernard and Fr. Thomas Leach, pastor emeritus of Mary Queen of Heaven for their dedication and commitment in beginning the merger process three years ago with the "Collaboration Phase." Fr. Leach has remained dedicated to this process assisting me through this past year's "Partnership Phase." I am most grateful to him. The priests, deacons, Sisters, and lay leaders of both parishes also deserve thanks for working together to bring this important process to its completion.

I extend my gratitude to the parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven and St. Bernard of Clairvaux for your overwhelming support of both the process and the merger itself. Having overseen the merger of Most Precious Blood and Sts. Simon and Jude parishes I am aware that these changes can be difficult for some people, especially those with long time ties to a particular parish community. Yet the vast majority of parishioners of both of our parishes, noting the necessity of this and other parish mergers throughout the diocese, and with generous hearts, looking to the interests of the parish communities rather than their own, have been an inspiration to me with your generosity, understanding, and support of this process. Together we move into a brighter future for both of our parish communities as we come together as one parish family.

Since the summer is upon us and many people are away, our celebration of the merger will take place the weekend of September 26th and September 27th. On Saturday the 26th we will gather at Mary Queen of Heaven for a Holy Hour at 6:00pm followed by a reception. On Sunday the 27th we will gather at St. Bernard of Clairvaux for 11:00am Mass also followed by a reception. At this Mass leaders of parish societies and ministries will be invited to participate in procession and in the overall celebration.

Sincerely in Christ.

Fr. John Maduri

Pastor

Mary Queen of Heaven

RECTORY OFFICE: 718-763-2330 **FAX**:718-763-6592
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Recurring Events/Meetings at a Glance

Adult Choir
Rehearsal, Sunday, 10:30 am, Parish Center

Charismatic Prayer Group
Every Friday, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass until 10:30 am, Church.

Haitian Choir
Rehearsals, Saturday before 1st Sunday Mass, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Parish Center

Holy Name Society
Mondays after the 2nd Sunday, 7:30 pm, Parish Center.

La Legion de Marie
First and Third Saturday of each month, 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Committee Members in the Parish Center.

Rosary Society
First Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, Parish Center.

Seniors
Wednesdays, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm, Parish Center

St. Martha's Guild
3rd Monday of each month, 7:15 pm, Parish Center

Wednesday Prayer Group
Immediately after the 8:00 am weekday Mass, One Hour, Parish Center

Youth Ministry
Fridays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Parish Center

St. Bernard

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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.

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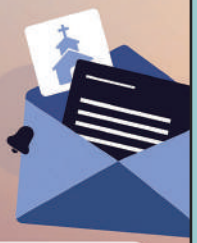

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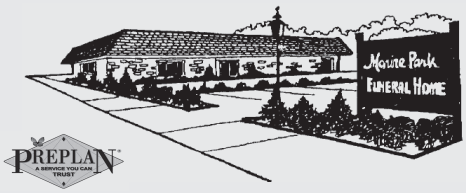

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