

# The Shrine Church of Saint Bernadette

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“Come here in procession to praise God and sing,  
To wash in these waters and drink at this spring.”

(From the Lourdes Hymn)

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- Rev. Jeremy Canna (Pastor)
- Rev. Juan Luxama (Parochial Vicar)
- Deacon Frank DeMichele
- Ortenzia (Anna) Muriale (Administrative Assistant)
- Alex Violette (Director of Music)

## Masses

- Saturday Vigil Mass (fulfills Sunday obligation) at 5:30p.m.
- Sunday: 8a.m., 10a.m., and 12 Noon
- Monday through Saturday: 8a.m.
- Holy Days of Obligation: Specified at least one week in advance in the body of the bulletin

## Devotions

- Monday through Friday: Rosary follows the 8a.m. Mass (On Monday, the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed before the Rosary).
- First Friday of the Month: Cenacle at 12 Noon (Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)
- Adoration (The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration in church on Thursday evenings from 6:30p.m. until 8:30p.m. Stay for as short or as long as you like).

## Confessions

- Monday through Saturday: 7:30a.m.-7:50a.m. (Also on Saturday: 1:00-1:30p.m. and 4:50-5:20p.m.)
- You can also schedule an appointment with a priest for other times.

## Visits to the Sick and Homebound

- If someone will be unable to leave home to go to Mass for an extended period of time, please let us know so that a Priest, Deacon, and/or minister may arrange to visit with all appropriate Sacraments and blessings.

## Baptisms...Weddings...House Blessings...

### Becoming Catholic

- We invite you to e-mail, call, or come visit us as soon as possible so that we can provide information that is most relevant to you.
- Generally, infant Baptisms are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month at 1:30p.m., and Weddings require at least a six-month preparation process.

## Saint Bernadette Catholic Academy

- 1313 83rd Street / (718) 236-1560 / [www.stbernbk.org](http://www.stbernbk.org)
- Jeanne Shannon (Principal)

## Religious Education Office

- 1313 83rd Street / (718) 232-7733
- Maria Cordi (Coordinator)

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We, the faith-filled community of Saint Bernadette, under the guidance of our Blessed Mother, pass on our Catholic heritage to future generations by following Christ's example of caring for His people. We accomplish this through the loving actions of welcoming and serving one another's spiritual and social needs.



**Sunday, March 2nd**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 Laura Saporito  
 12:00 David M. Ferraro  
 Alfredo Tarulli  
 Ralph Mucci  
 John & Jessie Farraro  
 Marianna Luna  
 Aurelio Lema  
 Frank Rappa

**Monday, March 3rd**

8:00 Attilio Coluccio

**Tuesday, March 4th**

8:00 Zunno Family

**Wednesday, March 5th**

7:00 Vincent Badalamenti  
 9:00 Carmela Ferrara  
 12:00 Prayer Service  
 3:45 Prayer Service  
 7:00 Prayer Service



**Thursday, March 6th**

8:00 Rose Bruno

**Friday, March 7th**

8:00 Purgatorial Society  
 7:00 Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 8th**

8:00 Calogero Sferrazza  
 5:30 Joanie Termini

**Sunday, March 9th**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 Mary Quattrocchi  
 12:00 Tony Giordano Rose Bruno  
 Vivian Ferriola Domenica Infantino  
 Marcot & Brice Families  
 Margaret "Peggy" Giamanco

**PRAY FOR**

Anna	Angelina McCarthy
Serafino Bono	Ann Mogavero
Debbie Bouroudis	James Murphy
Sarah Brodine	Kevin Murphy
Clark Burrell	Roger Ohara
Lenny Caglianone	Doroter Pennetti
Tara Carusso	Anthony Piano
Cecile	Thespina
Matthew Cerulli	Christian Reyes
Vita Coraci	Frankie Ruggiera
Christina Chiaino	Joseph Rutyna
Marylou Chiarello	Marie Sacca
Grace Demaio	Patrina Seminara
Gloria DeStefano	Linda Swalling
Albert Destefano	Anthony Tama
George Guida	Faith Wobbe
Eleanor Iavorne	Nicodemo Zavaglia
Steve Katapodis	
Joan Macey	

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**Rest In Peace**

Bartholomew Vallaro  
 William G. DeAssis  
 Raffaele Carone



*The Altar Grotto Water flows this week for:*  
*IN MEMORY OF: Alphonse & Mary Della Rocca*  
*REQUESTED BY: Loving Granddaughter Maria*

**Sunday Collection**

Weekend of February 22-February 23, 2025  
 Plate Offering: \$3,124  
 Online Giving: \$501  
**Total:\$3,625**

A fast and convenient option exists to give to our Shrine Church online. Just scan the QR code below with your phone's camera or go to our parish's website at [www.stbernadettebrooklyn.com](http://www.stbernadettebrooklyn.com) and click "Give Online" -- and prayerfully consider selecting a "recurring" sacrificial offering. Benefits include fast emailed confirmation of your gifts, being able to choose the frequency (weekly, monthly, or other options) of your gifts and not needing to worry so much about loose cash or handwritten checks, or if you are away from the parish for a time. "One-time" offerings are also welcome. Above all, **thank you** for supporting our parish!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM. Each week our priests and deacons, and some guests, will take turns leading Stations.**



**DIDN'T GET YOUR ENVELOPES?**

We are aware that a significant number of families have not received their usual Saint Bernadette envelopes in recent weeks. We are currently researching the problem and thank you for your patience. In the meantime, you may either consider giving online using the directions given near the beginning of the weekly bulletin, or simply use any ordinary envelope and clearly mark the front with your name. If you happen to know your regular envelope number, please add that too. But if you aren't sure about the number, it's ok and you can omit it .

The St. Bernadette Home Academy Association's Super \$10,000 Raffle is back and better than ever!! Along with the top prize, we continue to have two additional prizes and the cost of the raffle remains at \$50.00!!

- 1st Prize \$10,000
- 2nd Prize \$2,000
- 3rd Prize \$1,000

**Rectory Office Closed?**

If able, please use the drop-off box to the left of the rectory door of 13th Avenue. We check this box regularly each day.



**80+ 1 Raffle Club Winners**

**Congratulations!**

**Week# 23-February 21, 2025**

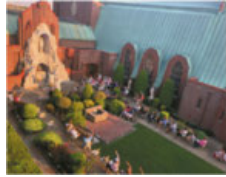
John A. Greco  
 Jessica Marcolini



The winning tickets will be drawn at our annual Ladies' Night Out Fundraiser on Friday, March 28th. The winner need not be present. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle, please contact the H.A.A. Corresponding Secretary, Mary Kresse (646-541-1473). Raffles will be sold outside of church on the following dates: February 22nd/23rd, March 1st/2nd, March 8th/9th, March 15th/16th, March 22nd/23rd, before and after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday evening and all Masses on Sunday. All raffles must be paid by cash or check made payable to St. Bernadette Catholic Academy. All funds benefit St. Bernadette Catholic Academy. Thank you for your support and good luck to all!!!

Come pray in our grotto!

Conveniently located alongside the church, it is normally open during all scheduled Masses and Confessions, and most weekdays until 4 p.m. (We regret that it may need to be closed from time to time due to severe weather or other irregular circumstances).



**PARKING FOR MASS?**

Schoolyard parking is available for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses only. Please take the time to come to a complete stop before the sidewalk and check carefully for pedestrians and other hazards, especially when exiting. Remember to proceed to your vehicle promptly after the Mass that you attend as the driveway gate must be kept closed at most times for the safety and security of our parish and school.



**FIRST FRIDAY CENACLE UPDATE**

We remind all parishioners that our monthly Cenacle is prayed every First Friday of the month. The next Cenacle is **Friday, March 7th**. Please note the new time for the Cenacle going forward: **12 Noon**.

**Give the Gift of Education- Be an angel to a student!** As an angel, you **enable a student** who is **at risk** financially, to remain in his or her Catholic school. **100%** of your contribution is directed to the tuition, with the parents or guardians contributing their part. Your tax-deductible contributions can be made in honor or in memory of someone you hold dear, while assisting a child who might not otherwise be able to afford the benefit that a catholic school education offers. For further information please contact **St. Bernadette School Principal, Jeanne Shannon @ 718-236-1560** or **Futures in Education Foundation @ [www.futuresineducation.org](http://www.futuresineducation.org)**



**ST. BERNADETTE 2025 MASS BOOK**

The second half Mass Book for 2025 is now open. The hours are as follow:  
**Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 to 11:30, and from 1:00 to 3:30.** The request for a donation for each Mass intention is \$20.00

**St. Bernadette Catholic Academy**

The mission of St. Bernadette Catholic Academy is to educate the whole child, fostering and stimulating in students an awareness of their Baptismal gift of Faith, recognition of their own God-given talents, and to empower students to mature into successful Catholic Christian adult citizens.



**March 5th, is Ash Wednesday, services:**

- 7:00 Vincent Badalamenti**
- 9:00 Carmela Ferrara**
- 12:00 Prayer Service**
- 3:45 Prayer Service**
- 7:00 Prayer Service**

**There will be no 8:00 am Mass, and no Confessions on Wednesday.**

**“CABRINI CORNER”**

The website at Saint Frances Cabrini:  
<https://stfrancescabrini-brooklyn.org/>  
 The Rectory phone number of Saint Frances Cabrini:  
 718-236-9165

**MASSES AT CABRINI**

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 4:00 PM  
 Sunday: 9:00 AM (Family Mass) 10:30 AM (Bilingual : Italian and English), 12Noon (Spanish)  
 Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM  
 Holydays of Obligation: 9AM



## LENTEN REGULATIONS 2025

Catholics practice abstinence and fasting, not in any way to suggest that food is a bad thing, but because the inconvenience and light suffering associated with these practices help us, among other things, to be more mindful of the sufferings of Jesus on the Cross and that our true peace and joy comes from a source other than worldly satisfaction. Also, by practicing some penances together as Catholics throughout the world, we grow in greater solidarity.

**Abstinence:** All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.

**Easter Duty:** After they have been fully initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in the Easter Season unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time. By special permission, in the USA, the period for fulfilling this precept is extended to include the period from the 1st Sunday of Lent (March 9 until Pentecost June 8).



### 2025 Lenten Almsgiving



In Partnership with Catholic Extension Society this Lenten season, St. Bernadette Parish Community is **Helping Bring Comfort and Opportunity to the Students of Immaculate Conception School in Puerto Rico.**

For the entirety of its 119-year existence, Catholic Extension Society has supported the Church's presence and ministries in Puerto Rico as a US territory. Over the last seven years, Puerto Rico has endured immense challenges, including Hurricane Maria, devastating earthquakes, and Hurricane Fiona. These natural disasters have left an estimated 1,000 Catholic properties damaged or in ruins. With your help, we can restore these cherished places of worship and education and bring hope back to the island's communities.

#### A Devastating Impact

- Hurricane Maria (2017): The strongest hurricane in a century caused 3,000 deaths, \$100 billion in damages, and widespread destruction of homes and churches.
- Earthquake Swarm (2019–2020): Powerful tremors toppled buildings, including historical churches.
- Hurricane Fiona (2022): Continued devastation left many communities struggling to rebuild.

The Earthquake swarm caused Immaculate Conception Church's walls to collapse. The damage extended to the adjacent school, destroying a wing of classrooms and the school's recreational area. Combined with the effects of the pandemic, this disaster brought significant hardship to the community.

Yet, in the face of these challenges, the school, under the leadership of Principal Carmen Rodriguez, is thriving.



Fr. Juan Luxama with Immaculate Conception students on a Catholic Extension Immersion Trip in Puerto Rico.

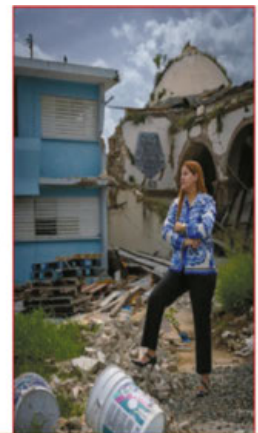


Padre Melvin Diaz Aponete celebrates Mass with students under outdoor tent.

#### A Principal's Determined Vision

Carmen Rodriguez, an alumna of Immaculate Conception School, returned as principal in June 2020, taking on the role during a time of crisis. Despite the damaged facilities, she has revitalized the school:

- **Enrollment Rebound:** Inherited 90 students in June 2020 and increased enrollment to 229 students—near its highest level in over a decade.
- **Academic Excellence:** Students shine in academics, sports, journalism, and more, instilling hope and opportunity in a community where 53% live below the poverty line.
- **A Beacon of Hope:** Families see Carmen as a role model, proof of what education and determination can achieve.



Principal Carmen Echevarria in front of the wrecked shell of Immaculada Concepcion School and Parish which was destroyed by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake.

#### The Need for Air Conditioning

With half the school still unusable, students eat lunch under tents, enduring tropical heat, 92F temperatures, and frequent rain. Opening additional classrooms in the usable part of the school requires installing air conditioners, which will:

- **Provide Comfortable Learning Spaces:** Shield students from heat and humidity, improving their learning environment.
- **Accommodate Growing Enrollment:** Enable the school to welcome more students for the 2025–2026 school year.

While the parish is part of Catholic Extension's long-term recovery program, rebuilding the damaged facilities will take years. Installing air conditioning now is a vital first step to meeting immediate needs and supporting Principal Carmen's incredible work.

Your donation will:

- Transform unused classrooms into safe, welcoming learning spaces.
- Directly impact students in one of Puerto Rico's most economically challenged areas.
- Ensure that families in Guayanilla have a bright future through education.

**Join Us in Helping This Remarkable Community. Thank You for your Generosity!**

Jubilee Year of Hope  
2025

MARCH

8

Pilgrims of Hope

# LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

**Saturday, March 8, 2025  
9a.m. to 2p.m.**

Begins with Mass at 9a.m. at Saint Bernadette, continues with conferences and prayer moments with our parish priests (includes morning snack and then afternoon lunch after walking 3 blocks to John Hughes Knights of Columbus Council). Breakout sessions after Mass to include the option for English, Spanish, and Italian languages.

\$30.00 per person (to help cover the cost of food and supplies)

Please complete the form and bring payment to either the Saint Bernadette or the Saint Frances Cabrini Parish Offices.

The Parishes of Saint Bernadette and of Saint Frances Cabrini are pleased to join with the John Hughes Knights of Columbus Council in this initiative! But all are welcome regardless of parish to be part of this day to help start their Lent off in this holy way.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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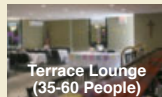
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