

# 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 16th**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 Peter Balzano  
 12:00 Matthew DeAngelis  
 Joseph Moringiello  
 Pablo Villa  
 Kemil Villa  
 Florence & Alfred DeVita  
 Patricia Marano  
 Mary Bernadette

**Monday, March 17th**

8:00 Anthony Zucco

**Tuesday, March 18th**

8:00 David O'Neill

**Wednesday, March 19th**

8:00 Fortunato & Matuszewski Families

**Thursday, March 20th**

8:00 Richard D'Adamo

**Friday, March 21st**

8:00 Dominick Cangiano  
 7:00 Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 22nd**

8:00 Claudette Papandrea  
 5:30 Joseph McLaughlin

**Sunday, March 23rd**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 Michael Ladisa  
 12:00 Irene Bodolato  
 In Thanksgiving To St. Bernadette  
 George Menake  
 Angelo Giurato  
 Bishop Alix Verrier  
 Msgr. Charlo Augustave  
 Fr. Yves Jocelyn

# PRAY FOR

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

## Memorial Gifts for the Week of March 16, 2025

### Memorial Gift of Bread

In Memory of: Giuseppina Buoncore  
 Requested by: The Ljubich Family



### Memorial Gift of Wine

In Memory of: Joseph Moringiello  
 Requested by: The Fisichella Family

In Memory of: Giuseppina Buoncore  
 Requested by: The Ljubich Family

### Rest In Peace

Anthony Forlano



*The Altar Grotto Water flows this week for:*

*IN MEMORY OF: Connie Gibilaro*

*REQUESTED BY: Anne DiBuono*

**Sunday Collection**

Weekend of March 8-March 9, 2025  
 Plate Offering: \$4,073  
 Online Giving: \$446  
**Total: \$4,519**

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.

**St. Bernadette Flower Club** is now accepting donations for the Easter decoration of our church. The offering is **\$30.00 per plant** and may be purchased at the Rectory during the usual office hours. We will publish a list of donors in our parish bulletin, and you will be remembered in the Masses and prayers of the parish during the Easter Season.



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

**80+ 1 Raffle Club Winners**

**Congratulations!**

**Week# 25-March 7, 2025**

Roseann & John Pagano  
 Frank Tommasini



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!!!

**ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC ACADEMY**



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**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.



**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).

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on 15th Avenue is having a Lenten Retreat on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 10 am to 12 noon.

The Facilitator is Msgr. Thomas Caserta

**Activities:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary, Reflection, Quiet time/Sacrament of Reconciliation, Blessing/Reposition

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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



## DIocese OF BROOKLYN LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

On Thursday, March 20th, the Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage celebrating this Jubilee Year 2025 is coming to Saint Bernadette for the day. The pilgrimage in general invites people to visit a different parish each day, except Sundays, during Lent. Even if you do not visit many churches, you are still welcome to any and all of the prayer moments of the day here on March 20th (see schedule below). For more information about the Pilgrimage, which takes place at 40 churches throughout this Lent, please visit: <https://lent.dioceseofbrooklyn.org>

**Diocese of Brooklyn Lenten Pilgrimage** The pilgrimage invites people to visit a different parish each day, except Sundays, during Lent. This year, forty parishes are designated for specific days on the itinerary where people can visit different parishes to experience the church's beauty and the community's beauty. [lent.dioceseofbrooklyn.org](https://lent.dioceseofbrooklyn.org)

Thursday, March 20th at the Shrine Church of Saint Bernadette:

8:00 AM: Morning Mass  
9:00 AM: Adoration  
9:30 AM: Rosary  
10:00 AM: Silent Eucharistic Adoration  
Noon: Angelus & Noon Mass  
12:30 PM: Stations of the Cross  
1:15 PM: Silent Eucharistic Adoration  
3:00 PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4:00 PM: Confessions  
7:00 PM: Benediction & Closing

Please note the Adoration throughout the day and 7p.m. Benediction will replace the usual Thursday Quiet Adoration hours for this week. The Thursday Quiet Adoration hours will resume as usual the following week



### 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 Lucama with Immaculate Conception students on a Catholic Extension Immersion Trip in Puerto Rico.

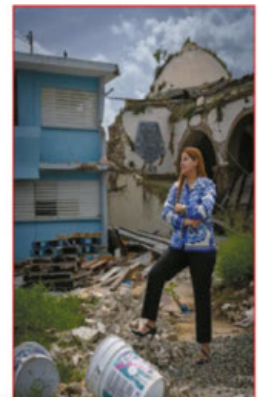


Padre Melvin Diaz Aponte celebrates Mass with students under outdoor tent.

#### 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, 92°F 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!**



As we prepare for our upcoming Easter celebration St. Bernadette Church will be organizing Palm Crosses available for purchase in Memory Of, or in Honor Of a loved one. You may purchase as many crosses as you would like.

**Please complete and return this form with your check made payable to St. Bernadette Church, to our Church Rectory no later than Thursday, April 10, 2025**

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**Please complete the following information below:**

Number of Crosses(\$50 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Cross #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Crosses will be displayed on the fence around the Church property for Palm Sunday and remain until the close of the Easter Season on Ascension Thursday. Crosses are available and placed on a first come first serve basis.**

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

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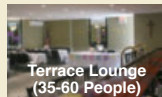
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