

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
- 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 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

Monday, March 24th

8:00 William LeDone

Tuesday, March 25th

8:00 Maria & Domenico Chieco

Wednesday, March 26th

8:00 Bartolomeo Peloro

Thursday, March 27th

8:00 Frank Rubino

Friday, March 28th

8:00 Joseph McLaughlin
 7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29th

8:00 Joseph McLaughlin
 5:30 Peter & Giovanni Ranieri

Sunday, March 30th

8:00 For the People of the Parish
 10:00 Mr. Michele Orsino
 12:00 Concetta Di Bartolo
 Carmelo Di Bartolo
 Vivian Ferriola
 Salvatore Lo Buglio
 Joan Macey

PRAY FOR

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

Memorial Gifts for the Week of March 23, 2025

Memorial Gift of Flowers

In Memory of: Anthony Forlano
 Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. C. Burke



Rest In Peace

Joan Marie Macey



The Altar Grotto Water flows this week for:

Sunday Collection

Weekend of March 15-March 16, 2025
 Plate Offering: \$2,667
 Online Giving: \$871
Total: \$3,538

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 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# 26-March 14, 2025

Maria Balzano
 Caroline Grasso & Family



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!!!

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).

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**



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.



AVOIDING SCAMS AND IMPERSONATORS

A common scam nowadays involves someone claiming to be a parish priest that you may know, trying to solicit information and/or funds. Many parishes, including Saint Bernadette, have experienced this problem. Please practice safe habits in your communications. Be wary of unusual communications, especially those that play with your emotions, make you feel like you have to act urgently, ask you to provide funds in a way that would be difficult to trace, or have other awkward qualities



“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





Parish Partnerships

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.

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.



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



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

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



Easter



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

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: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Total Number of Crosses: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Check number: _____

Thank you for your continued support and God bless you always!

Fr. Jeremy Canna

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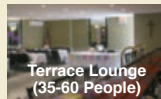
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