

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Church

2055 East 69th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234
718-763-5533

*Serving God's People for 54 Years
1961—2015*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 1, 2015**



God Shows No Partiality All are Welcome Here

Are you a sinner? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Are you divorced or separated? Are you physically or mentally challenged? Are you from a different culture? Are you not accepted because of your sexual orientation? Are you elderly, a teen or young adult? Are you discriminated against because of your color? Are you feeling broken? Are you poor or out of work? Have you been imprisoned? Have you a feeling that you are left out?

**You are welcome here!
This is your home, and we are your family!**

PARISH STAFF

REV. MSGR. JAMIE J. GIGANTIELLO
Pastor

REV. ILYAS GILL
Parochial Vicar

MRS. KATHLEEN BUSCEMI
School Principal

DEACON FRANK J. D'ACCORDO
Permanent Deacon

MRS. MARY CASATELLI
Director Religious Education

MR. ERNEST BUCKLEY
Music Director

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays:

8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

SUMMER

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLIDAYS

8:30 a.m.

Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES WHILE IN CHURCH!

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

AUTHORITY FROM GOD - Jesus' authority rested in both his word and in his power and willingness to confront evil. The people in the synagogue were "astonished at his teaching" as well as his power over an "unclean spirit." The gospel narrates the dramatic confrontation between holiness and evil. Banishing evil is the *work of salvation* Jesus has been sent to do, and he does so with authority. He has this authority because he is the "Holy One of God." We too have this same authority to banish evil, because baptized into Christ, we are holy ones "of God." All of us must confront many battles waged between good and evil throughout our lives. As we grow older, the battles become much more serious than the small fib a child may make to an angry parent or teacher. We must all face decisions between what destroys our relationship with God and others and what helps us grow in holiness. The authority of holiness is our baptismal birthright; a God-given empowerment for freeing ourselves and others from evil.

**Monthly 50/50
Raffle**

Blank yellow envelopes for the **February** drawing are available at the doors of the church for those who would like to participate but do not receive monthly envelopes in the mail. Contribution is \$25 and the proceeds will be used for the current renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities.

Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. Drawings are held the last Sunday of each month and the next winner will be picked **February 22nd!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
JANUARY WINNER!**

**Msgr. David Cassato
St. Athanasius—\$1,125.00**

**YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO
WIN IT!**

**Anyone interested in
participating on an annual basis
can do so by completing a form
in the Rectory Office and
making a donation of \$300 for
the year.**

**The new cycle runs from
February 2015 to January 2016
and you are entered every
month!!**



THIS Tuesday, February 3rd we celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat ailments. To celebrate this feast day, we will have a blessing of throats at the 8:30 a.m. morning Mass followed by a 9:15 a.m. blessing in the Parish Hall for the children, parents and teachers.

Special Raffle



We will be having a special raffle, the winners of which will be picked at our Saint Patrick - Saint Joseph, Casino / Night at the Races event. Tickets will be \$500 each and only 100 tickets will be sold. First prize will be \$20,000; Second prize will be \$5,000 and third prize will be 5 free tickets to next year's drawing. Please come into or call the rectory to see what numbers are available if you are interested.

You have to be in it to win it!

FONTBONNE HONORS

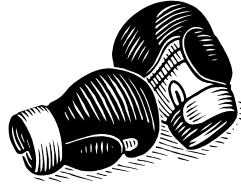
The following graduates of St. Bernard School have achieved honors at Fontbonne Hall Academy at the end of the First Quarter of this school year!

Lisa Capriola, Jillian Corozzo, Francesca DelloRusso, Vanessa Galofaro, Samantha Licata, Bianca Marletta, Julia Martino, Sabrina Meristil, Beanca Moise, Tiffany Ramos, Grazia Renda, Gabriella Renna, Victoria Ruscio, Isabelle Sagesse, Julia Schalk

**Congratulations Ladies! We Are Proud of You!
Keep Up the Great Work!**

Golden Gloves Boxing

Save the Date!



Wednesday, February 25th

**St. Bernard Parish Hall
Doors open 6:30 p.m.**

**Tickets on Sale Now in the Rectory Office
and
Performance Edge Chiropractic
7112 Avenue U, Brooklyn, NY**

**\$20 in Advance
\$25 Day of Event**

GAME SHOW NIGHT

On Thursday, March 26th St. Bernard will host "Game Show Night" at the El Caribe Country Club.

Cost of an admission ticket will be \$50 per person which includes salad, entrée, dessert, wine and soda. No carry-in food or beverages permitted. Each guest must have a **ticket in hand** for admittance.

Lots of Fun for EVERYONE
THOUSANDS of Dollars in Prizes

We anticipate ticket sales to begin in the rectory and school offices on Monday, February 9th. Please join us for a fun-filled evening and bring along 20 of your closest friends!!

Mark Your Calendars—Save the Date!



SCHOOL NEWS

Registration is on-going at Saint Bernard School for the 2015/2016 academic year.

Registration packets are available in the school office.

Please call 718-241-6040 for more information.

Jr. Pre-Kindergarten

Child must turn 3 in 2015

Pre-Kindergarten

Child must turn 4 in 2015

Kindergarten

Child must turn 5 in 2015

All Other Grades

Limited Openings

Thank You for Your Generous Support

Collection
Weekend of January 17/18
\$6,193

Expenses
Week of January 18th
\$6,445

If we can all increase our weekly offering by just a small amount, we can collectively turn an operating deficit into an operating surplus. Even an increase as small as \$1 per week made by everyone can help us to keep St. Bernard running smoothly and efficiently.

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

- 8:30 am Filomena DeVito by Teresa and Tom Sorrentino
- 10:00 am Natale and Rosa Loccisano by their Daughter and Family
James Campbell by Neil and Susanne Young and Family
Maria Piazza by her Family
- 11:30 am Maria DeCicco and Emma Maranga
by their Daughter and Son

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

- 8:30 am The Marini Family by Anna Lattanzio

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

- 8:30 am James Daly by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Magnavito and Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

- 8:30 am Rosa Gambino by Mary Candela

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

- 8:30 am Saint Agatha

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

- 8:30 am Angela Finazzo by Mary Candela
The Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015

- 9:00 am Katherine Esposito by Michele
- 5:00 pm Henrietta Balsamo by Nick and Helene Cirrincione

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

- 8:30 am Ugo Rosiello by Lillian Leggio
- 10:00 am Michael Lipinski by Jackie Miller
- 11:30 am In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Helen Bruhert by The DiSanto Family
Dominick Venbittelli by The Bruhert/Coronis Families

**MEMORIALS****Altar Bread for the Week:**

*In Loving Memory of Filomena DeVito
Donated by Teresa and Tom Sorrentino*

Altar Wine for the Week:

*In Loving Memory of Filomena DeVito
Donated by Teresa and Tom Sorrentino*

Tabernacle Candle for the Week:

*In Loving Memory of Louis DeStefano
Donated by his Wife and Family*

Church Bells for the Week:

*In Loving Memory of Lily Lenzini
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hinners*

**Purgatorial Society for
January**

Giuseppe Belgiovine,
Frances Carecenoto, Joseph Reali
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sheskel

**PLEASE
PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



Elizabeth Bankhead
Josephine Brune
Anthony Calabrese
Diane Camacho
Janine Cardone
Janet Commisso
Joseph Commisso
Vicky DeGruccio
Emilia DiMango
Anthony Donzella

Danuta Dylski
Stephen J. Esposito
Aiden Estrella
Richard Fallon
Susan Feinstein
Natalie Ferber
Anthony Ferraiola
Theresa Harvey
Ken Healy
Nancy Lawrence
Andrea Martin
Matthew Mason
Diana McEvoy Orilio
Margaret Prather
Anthony Pietri
Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
Michael Skody
Louis Stiesi
Pat Wilson

Parish Trips & Events



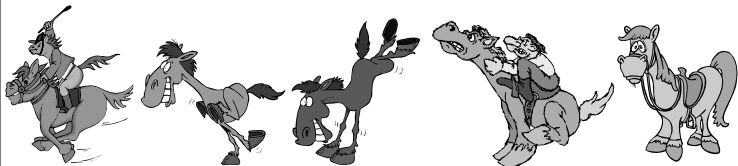
Saint Patrick / Saint Joseph Party Casino / Night at the Races



Save the Date!

Join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m. for a fun filled evening at our St. Patrick / Saint Joseph / Night at the Races / Casino Party! **Tickets are on sale now in the Rectory Office.** Admission is \$20 per person in advance and includes a corned beef and cabbage dinner, soda, coffee and Italian zeppole and sfingi for dessert. There will be a cash bar. Random seating tickets will be sold at the door for \$25 per person.

Must be 18 or over to Attend.



Pilgrimage the Holy Land

The trip of a Lifetime!

Depart: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Return: Thursday, May 28, 2015

Visit — Israel, Jordan, Sinai

The Catholic Adults of Saint Bernard are making dreams come true with the trip of a lifetime to Israel.

Walk the footsteps of Jesus!

Deadline — February 8, 2015

For more information call Michael at
718-209-8241

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

The next class for Automobile Insurance Reduction / Point Removal will be held at **Saint Bernard** on Saturday, March 28, 2015 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The cost of the course is \$50 per person. Proceeds will benefit Saint Bernard Parish. For more information or to register please call Andrea at 718-763-5533 and leave your name, address and phone number if she is unavailable.

Around the Neighborhood

B.C.R. Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders Needed!

Saint Bernard — Saint Columba — Resurrection

- ◆ A place where teens in Grades 9 through 12 can be with other teenagers and feel free to be themselves in a spirit of Christian fellowship.
- ◆ Meets from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

1st Sunday of the Month:	St. Bernard
2nd Sunday of the Month:	St. Columba
3rd Sunday of the Month:	Resurrection

Contact **Mel McChesney**, Youth Minister for more information if you are interested in helping or joining! Office hours at St. Columba Monday — Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

718-338-6265 and leave a voice mail or email at melmcc318@gmail.com

Saint Columba Ladies Guild

presents

Spring Fest Raffle Night

Friday, March 20, 2015

2245 Kimball Street between Avenues U & V
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Donation \$20 per person

Includes:
Chips, Pretzels, Cookies, Soda, Coffee, Tea

NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 PERMITTED

For More Information or Reservations please call:
Rose at 718-627-4247 or Loretta at 718-252-9238



Saint Bernard R.C. Parish -
Brooklyn, NY
CHECK US OUT!

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.

Msgr. Jamie

Bulletin Advertisers

As you read our weekly bulletin please take a moment to look over our advertisers on the back pages. These local businesses support what we do here at St. Bernard and enable us to have a weekly bulletin.

We invite you to please support them with your patronage as a thank you for what they are doing for us throughout the year. If you would like to place an advertisement, please contact J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. at 800-524-0263.

Web Bulletins!

You can access our weekly bulletins on the internet at:

parishesonline.com/stbernardbklyn

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 Msgr. Jamie.

Parish Phone Numbers

RECTORY: 718-763-5533
RECTORY FAX: 718-763-0224

SCHOOL: 718-241-6040
SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 718-444-4674

Rectory Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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 Diaconate, Religious Life or to serve in our Parish as a Lay Minister should speak to Msgr. Jamie, Fr. Ilyas or Deacon Frank.

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.