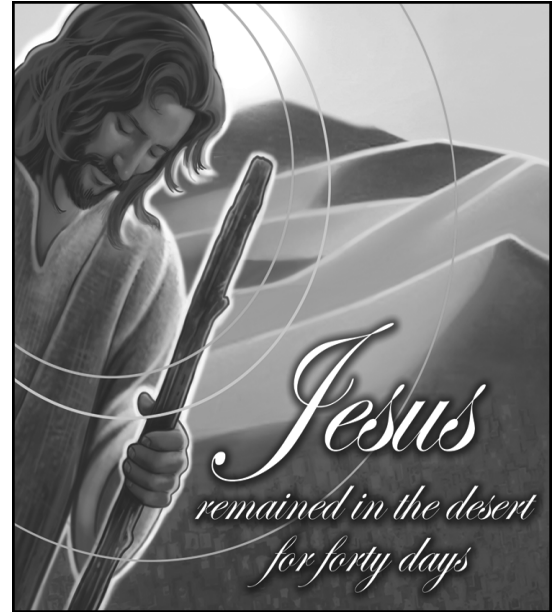


# Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Church

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

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
February 22, 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  
The First Sunday of Lent**

THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM - Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

**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 **TODAY!**

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE!**

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

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**Anyone who is interested in participating on an annual basis, can do so by completing a form in the Rectory Office. It's not too late to participate annually. Donation for the remainder of the year is \$275.**

**You will be entered every month!!**

**VOTIVE CANDLES**



We are in the process of renewing the perpetual candles currently burning in front of many of our beautiful statues. Renewals have been mailed to those individuals who made arrangements last year. If you received a renewal and would like your candle to remain lit, please respond as soon as possible. Some of these may be available to others if they are not renewed.

We currently have 10 perpetual candles available on the stand in front of Pope John Paul II and 6 in front of St. Peregrine, the patron saint of those suffering with cancer. If you would like to make arrangements for one of these, please stop by the rectory. The new cycle will run from April 2015 to March 2016.

**Special Raffle**



We are 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!*

**SAINT BERNARD ROSARY SOCIETY**



There will be a Rosary Society Mass **NEXT** Sunday, March 1st at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for the Mass and recitation of the Rosary followed by a meeting and refreshments in the Parish Hall. Tickets are also on sale for our luncheon to be held on Sunday, June 7th at Il Posto on Avenue U.

**New members are always welcome!!**

## Lent

The Lenten Season provides a great opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through prayer, penitential practices and works of charity.

**Stations of the Cross** will be said on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Bible Study** with Deacon Frank will be held on Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence** from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by Catholics 14 years of age and older.

**Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal, with two smaller meals permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted.

## Golden Gloves Boxing

**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

Tickets are on sale now in the rectory and school offices. Please join us for a fun-filled evening and bring along 20 of your closest friends!!

If you have **new, unopened and unwrapped gifts or alcohol** that you would like to donate to be used as prizes, or baskets, please bring them to the rectory office.

## 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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015**

8:30 am Louis Sammarco by his sister, Carolyn  
 Maria Amico by her friend, Rosana Commisso

10:00 am Lois Cardillo by Helene and Nick Cirrincione

11:30 am Sonny Ventola and Deceased Members of the Family  
 by The Marcinzuk Family

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

8:30 am Anna Fattorusso by Ann Lattanzio

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

8:30 am Dorothy Furseth by Frank and Ilene Salerno

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

8:30 am Marianna and Rocco Raschella by their daughter

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

8:30 am Mary Damato by Rita

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

8:30 am Giuseppina Conti by Domenica Botte

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

9:00 am John Yakaboski by Ed Houston

5:00 pm Salvatore Manarino by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Governara

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015**

8:30 am Podnia Ramlal by Teresa and Tom Sorrentino

10:00 am Dominick Votto by Tommy and Regina Votto  
 Anthony Saraco by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor

11:30 am Margaret Lombardi by her daughter, Sue



**MEMORIALS**

**Altar Bread for the Week:**

*In Loving Memory of  
 Angela and Anthony Gigantiello*

**Church Bells for the Week:**

*In Loving Memory of  
 Mary Damato*



**REST IN PEACE**

Susan Olson  
 Edward J. Romano

**PLEASE  
 PRAY FOR  
 THE SICK**



Elizabeth Bankhead  
 Josephine Brune  
 Anthony Calabrese  
 Diane Camacho  
 Janine Cardone  
 Janet Commisso  
 Joseph Commisso  
 Irma Cruz  
 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  
 Nicole McCallion  
 Mackenzie McCallion  
 Diana McEvoy Orilio  
 Margaret Prather  
 Antonio Romano  
 Margaret Romano  
 Michael Skody  
 Larry Spinelli  
 Louis Stiesi  
 Bill Thomas  
 Pat Wilson

## Parish Trips & Events



### Summer Cruise

Sail the Eastern Caribbean with everyone's favorite cruise director Msgr. Jamie on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas!

Ship departs from Bayonne, N.J. for 9 nights from Thursday, July 2nd to Saturday, July 11th. Visit Bermuda, St. Martin, Puerto Rico and Labadee, Haiti. 4 full days at sea!

Please call Donna from Perception Travel at 718-531-5600 for additional information and pricing.

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

Join us in the Parish Hall on **FRIDAY**, March 13th 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.**

### Catholic Adults of Brooklyn

#### **Alabama — Tennessee Mississippi**

**April 6th through April 12th**

**Music City, Grand Ole Opry, Johnny Cash Museum, National Civil Rights Museum, Sun Studios, Graceland, Montgomery and more!**

For more information call Michael at  
718-209-8241

email [cyactimes2005@aol.com](mailto:cyactimes2005@aol.com) with your contact information to join their mailing list

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING



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 at St. Bernard  
2nd Sunday of the Month at St. Columba  
3rd Sunday of the Month at 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.