

St. Bernard Church

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent



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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.

Holy Days

8:30 a.m. and Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

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

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday

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

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Third Sunday of Advent**

Before John was imprisoned he had a vibrant ministry we heard it proclaimed at Mass last week. John had a following of disciples, and they were people who listened carefully to John and trusted his leadership. While in prison, John was still in contact with his disciples, so sent them to question Jesus about his identity they asked, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Instead of a direct answer, Jesus gave the disciples a list of miracles he was performing and they reported back to their imprisoned leader. This list of miracles told John that, without a doubt, Jesus was the one from God for whom they had been waiting. Jesus told the crowds that John was more than a prophet, that he was sent to prepare the way, and he was the "Messenger" from Isaiah. John, like any Jewish man of his time, would have been keenly aware that God had promised to send a Messiah. The world ached for God's son to arrive on the Earth, even if they did not yet know for whom they ached. A holy man who would have had been profoundly aware of what Jesus' abilities meant, John's eyes were open and searching for the Messiah. John clearly saw in Jesus his identity, John beheld God's own son, coming to the Earth as God's promise to humanity. He could see that through his miracles Jesus was making wrongs right again by making the blind see, healing lepers, making the paralyzed walk and the deaf hear. John heard that the poor were hearing the "Good News" that Jesus could share with them. In this ministry, John saw Jesus doing things so miraculous that only one sent by God could perform them. Looking back through Scripture we too can see Jesus' identity emerging as the Christ, the holy one of God, the one who is to come. Miracles happen the people see the sick healed of their ills, and people's bodies are restored to normal function. Disciples are gathered, apostles called, and they continue to witness Jesus' miracles. As time progresses in the Gospels, Jesus' disciples become aware of who he is too, and they identify him, just as John identified him. The disciples identified Jesus, and Jesus is identified and claimed us. Our Lord claimed us as his own. We find our identity in Jesus Christ. Our identities are in Christ by virtue of our baptisms: in that sacrament we begin our initiation into the Church. It means that we live by God's grace, we live under his love and within his order, and it means that we are called to be hope for the hopeless. We are called to show God's love to others. Living our lives in service to our fellow humans, we are meant to love and care for all the people in our world.

Monthly 50/50 Raffle



Blank yellow envelopes for the **DECEMBER** 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 ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. Simply drop your entry in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office.

The next winner will be picked on **Tuesday, December 30th 2019.**

November's Winner of \$225.00 is
Linda Erricolo

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. Family Mass
Midnight Mass at 10:00pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th
8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
& 11:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31, 2019
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2020
11:30 a.m.

Rectory will be closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day



Reconciliation Monday

On Monday, December 16, there will be reconciliation for parishes in the New York Area. We will have confessions from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

It's a great way to prepare spiritually for Christmas

Spiritual Advent Talk

Tuesday, December 17th
following the 8:30am Mass with Sr. Ave Clark.
"Light of Jesus' Love" Refreshments to follow

YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Friday, December 20th at 6:00pm
Meet in front of St. Bernard Church
Following caroling we will meet in the Parish Hall for refreshments and will be stuffing stockings for Mary Queen of Heaven Food Pantry.

This weekend's second collections is a Parish collection for Electric & Heat.
Please place those envelopes in the second collection after Communion.

Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

Christmas is a time for us to come together to rejoice in the birth of Our Lord, Jesus the Light of the World!
 I ask you to consider being a supporter of this joyous annual event and important Parish fundraiser.
 You can choose to memorialize a loved one or you can make a gift in honor of someone.
 Please return this completed form to the rectory OR place in the Sunday Collection in an envelope.

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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| 8' CHRISTMAS TREES WITH LIGHTS - \$300 EACH _____ | 5' LIGHTED ANGEL - ONLY 1 LEFT-\$300 EACH _____ |
| TOWER WREATHS - \$ 400 EACH (2) _____ | NATIVITY LARGE ANIMALS \$200 EACH (1) _____ |
| REJOICE OUTSIDE SIGN - \$300 _____ | PEACE, LOVE & JOY OUTSIDE SIGN - \$300 _____ |

PLEASE PRINT

Donated/Sponsored by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please list below any additional gifts. Thank you for your continued support!



St. Bernard Rosarian News

On Sunday, December 1, 2019, the Saint Bernard Rosary Society presented Saint Bernard Parish a new Pall and Vestment set to be used at funerals. The vestment set included two chasubles, the priest vestments, and two dalmatics, one vestment for each deacon. This endeavor was initiated by a member request from Martha Jean Rosiello, who is a part of the Saint Bernard Consolation Ministry, a group that participates in the parish funerals in order to offer support to the grieving family. The membership of the Rosary Society voted to use the proceeds from the Wine Dinner fundraiser to make this large purchase. Various members contributed between \$10 - \$50 to the cause. Two members, Rosemarie Stern and Christina Carotenuto, decided to underwrite the funeral pall in Memory of their Mothers, Clara DiPeri and Theresa Gale, respectively. The following made individual donations of \$100 or more toward the purchase of the vestments: Stephanie Puleo and Tina Moore. A big thank you to Rita Damato, our treasurer, for choosing the beautiful garments and working with the company to embroider each with "Donated in Honor of Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society."

For the Third week of Advent, the Advent Candle of Joy has been memorialized
 In Memory of

Samantha Reinhardt-Esposito

By Michele, Thomas, Julianna & Daniella Obdyke

If you would like to add to any of our Christmas decorations "In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.



Stewardship Thought

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8)

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019	
9:00 am	Biagia Salerno by Frank & Ilene Salerno Maria Czarnota (Living) by Irene
5:00 pm	Eleanor Pachnos by Helene & Nick Cirrincione
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019	
8:30 am	Mary Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
10:00 am	Anthony J. Vigliante (Blessed Christmas in Heaven) by Wife, Children & Grandchildren
11:30 am	Natale & Rosemaria Loccisano by their Family Lucia Guidone by Rose Franzone Christopher Marrazzo by Concetta & Carmine Carriero
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019	
8:30 am	Genevieve Podd by her Family People of the Parish
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019	
8:30 am	Carmela, Theresa & Francesco Logozzo by Daughter-In-Law
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019	
8:30 am	Giuseppe Logozzo by his Wife & Children
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019	
8:30 am	Holy Family
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019	
8:30 am	Kaitlyn Bernhardt (Happy Birthday) Love Grandma & Pop-Pop
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019	
9:00 am	Francis X. Esposito by Michele
5:00 pm	Louis & Madeline Poggioli by their Family Estelle Moss by Meryl & Neil Sorrentino Carmine Celeste by Jo & Lu Assunta Buono by Robert & Jennifer Canale
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019	
8:30 am	Rita Maria Ali by her Family
10:00am	Maria DeCicco Sr. by her Daughter
11:30am	Belisario, DeVito, Reinhardt & Mingino Families by The Belisario Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Donate a Christmas gift to someone in need!

Memorials

Altar Bread:

*In Memory of Mary & Carmine Grossi
Donated by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino*

Altar Wine:

*In Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by Her Family*

Altar Candles:

*In Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by Her Family*

Tabernacle Candle:

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Church Bells:

*In Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by her Family*

Altar Flowers:

*In Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by Her Family*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosa Andreani	Cori Fletcher	Tanya Ortiz
Francis Arcati	Marisa Fullam	A. Passaro
Anna Barone	Karen Gallagher	Sonia Pazmino
Anthony Barone	Peter J. Gallagher	Sandra Pena
Christine Palumbo Beck	Linda Gannon	Ellen Howe Peters
Nicholas Berlingieri	Courtney James Garrison Jr.	Clement Pollio
Thomas Caliendo	Thomas Garziniti	Dominick Puleo
Diane Camacho	Ellen Gentile	Alexa Ramos
Elaine Capper	Francine Giannotti	Phillip Ramos
Ana Caraballo	Mark Gottlieb	Ann Rega
Carmine Carriero, Sr.	Robin Gottlieb	Antonio Romano
Carmine Carriero, Jr.	John Gullo	Margaret Romano
Leonard Carriero	Cindy Guzzo	Craig Rosen
Domenic Carriero	John Hammond	Aida Rosiello
Janet Commisso	Ken Healy	Joseph Rosiello
Edward Connaughton	Gregoria Hernandez	Sal Rubino
Irma Cruz	June Honovich	Gasper Sacco
John Curte	Gianni Icardela	Robert Sansone
Josephine Dai	Laura Johnson	Susan Schneider
Vicky DeGruccio	Connie Jorgensen	Aiden Seazer
Frances DePace	Juliette Josma	Maria Segro
Dolores DePaolis	Stella Kinsella	Mark Skinner
Ed Desantis	John Kocher Sr.	Michael Skody
Rosa DiBerardino	Annette Kyle	Aurora Sorrentino
Donato Dimeglio Sr.	Grace Lambiasi	Sue Ann Spotts
James Donohue	Angelina Larrymore	Louis Stiesi
Donna Donzella	Roberto Lastra	Josephine Tacconi
Gia Marie Duffy	Salvatore Leone	Troy Tamburo
Stephen J. Esposito	Barbara Lopez	Cigdem Tanriverdi
Aiden Estrella	Ariana Lore	Phil Tates
Fran Fallon	Joseph Malk	Linda Testagrose
Richard Fallon	Allan Maloney	William A. Thomas
Tracy Farrell	Baby Salvatore Manniello	Sarah Thompson
Susan Feinstein	Yolanda Maranga	Ryan Torgerson
Natalie Ferber	Andrea Martin	Martha Torres
Jeffrey Ferretti	Steven Marinelli	Mary Tuohy
Anthony Filippazzo	Matthew Mason	Louis Sanchez-Vegas
	Nicole McCallion	Salvatore Ventrice
	Mackenzie McCallion	Nicole Ventura
	Eddie Boy McCarthy	James B. Wagner
	Kelsey McCartney	Stephen Wiegand
	Nancy McCormick	Patricia A. Wilson
	Brian Morgan	Lily Zemel

Great News! We have reached our goal of \$51,115 and our parish now receives *all* dollars raised to fund parish initiatives.

Thank you to all those that have made a pledge to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Each and every pledge is instrumental in helping St. Bernard Parish achieve success and we are so thankful that you have *Answered The Call*. Because of your generosity and those others like you, traditionally, we are able to enhance our ministries to better serve the needs of our parish family and make repairs to the Parish Grounds and Church.

The Campaign ends December 31st – There is still time to make your gift!
10.7% of our Parishioners have made a Pledge – that's 172 Families of the 1,600 Registered!
Every gift counts and every gift is important!



Remember! All monies received will now come back to our Parish for our general use!

Funds from the ACA support various Ministries and Services in our Parish.
 Please be as generous as you can when you participate in the
 Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

C.A.B. Catholic Adults of Brooklyn

Fun Volleyball - Most Wednesday Evenings

Saint Bernard Parish Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Bowling - Friday Evenings Strike 10 Lanes on Strickland Avenue at 7:15 pm

Save on your First Trip with C.A.B. \$10 off day trip / \$20 off a weekend trip. Mention that you read it in our Bulletin!

Our Annual Christmas Party

is Friday December 27 at 7:00 pm at OLG. We will have lots of food and games. We will even have a visit from our North Pole neighbor

Woodlock Pines Resort

January 11-12, 2020

We depart St. Bernard at 7am and OLG at 7:15. Saturday to Sunday We arrive at the resort by 10:00 am. You will have your room upon arrival until we leave Sunday afternoon. You will have use of all the resort's amenities. Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday are included. This time you will get to see the show Saturday night. Relax, play cards, ice skate or snow tube or enjoy all the activities, swim in the pool or go to the spa, play bingo and enjoy the entertainment or just walk the grounds. We return by 6pm Sunday night. Cost is \$259 per person double, \$229 triple, 289 Single. Teens \$145, Children 7-12 \$125,

Children 3-6

\$90. Add \$20 to cost after December 9.

For more information about C.A.B. call Michael at
 718-209-8241 or email cyactimes2005@aol.com

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Annual Clothing Drive is coming on Saturday, January 4th and Sunday, January 5th. Boots, jackets, gloves, hats, baby clothing and blankets are especially needed. Go through your closets and make room for your new Christmas gifts and drop whatever is in good condition but no longer needed.

BLESSING OF INFANTS

On Sunday, January 5th 2020 we will have a special blessing at the 11:30 a.m. Mass for all infants baptized in our parish during 2019. Letters will be sent inviting families to this special blessing. If your baby was baptized in another church this year and would like to attend you are also welcome. If you are planning to attend, Please call the Rectory Office at (718) 763-5533 to respond.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

The Portal Remains Active For Another Week! This day marked the beginning of the charitable season. Charities, communities, businesses and compassionate individuals all unite to *give back!* This day acts as a movement celebrating giving and generosity. This is a time for all of us to think about ways to **GIVE BACK & GIVE CATHOLIC!** Share your **time, talent and treasure** with your parish of **St. Bernard** in support of all of our Parish Ministries.

You can donate from your **Cell Phone**.

Simply text **TUESDAY** to 516-400-4140 and you will be guided through the giving process for **Giving Tuesday**

You can also donate online. Visit our Website at saintbernardbrooklyn.com and click on the DONATE NOW button, click on the GIVING TUESDAY Icon to make your gift.

Please call the Parish office for additional **Giving** and **Volunteer Opportunities**.

REMEMBER - Kindness is teachable and it's contagious!
THANK YOU!

Have you returned your Increased Offertory Commitment Card??

If you have not, please prayerfully consider your increase and return the card to our Parish Office or drop in the collection basket. Visit our Website to Donate Online! Thank You!

Parish Phone Numbers

RECTORY OFFICE: 718-763-5533 **FAX:** 718-763-0224
EMAIL: sbchurchbrooklyn@aol.com
ACADEMY OFFICE: 718-241-6040
SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 718-444-4674 or 718-763-5533

Gift Shop Hours

Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

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. Grimaldi, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank. or Dcn. Chris.

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.

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. Grimaldi.

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. Grimaldi.