

St. Bernard Church

December 22, 2019



Merry Christmas

Parish Staff

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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

You can access our weekly bulletins at our website!

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

Emmanuel means, "God is with us." For so long, God's people waited for the promised Messiah, the one God promised centuries before Mary and Joseph's time. For so long, God's people had been separated from him by sin the world was aching for the Messiah. Like all Jewish people, Mary and Joseph were waiting for the Messiah. They knew that God had promised the Messiah and they knew well the Scriptures that told of his coming to the people Israel. The Virgin Mary, a young woman likely in her teenage years, learned that she had been chosen to be the Mother of the Lord, and she gave her assent to God's angelic messenger. Joseph, her intended, learned of her pregnancy and wished to keep quiet about ending the relationship. He did not wish to see Mary stoned cruelly executed for her extramarital pregnancy. By quietly divorcing Mary, he would spare her such a terrible end. Before that occurred, Joseph, who loved and obeyed God, listened to God in his dream, and did take Mary to be his wife. Joseph's obedience to God is something we deeply admire and try to emulate in our own lives. Like Joseph and Mary, we are called to be the brave, open, trusting in God, and kind. Like them, we are called to be open to make a place for Jesus in our world. Mary and Joseph very concretely made a place for Jesus in their world the Virgin Mary gave her body and her life for her son our Lord. Likewise, we too are called to make room for Jesus in our lives and in this world. His presence in our lives will change the way we treat others and treat ourselves. His presence transforms us. Part of making a place for Jesus in our hearts means following God's will. Most people will not be like Joseph and Mary in having such direct revelation of God's will. Humans, with notable exceptions, do not often have messages from God through Archangels. Even Joseph and Mary didn't have constant divine intervention giving instructions through angels the instructions and requests from God occurred at very particular points in each of their lives. The average Christian will need to use his or her own judgment and discernment, paying attention to call, when it comes to particular decisions in life. It means that we will be open to God's will and look toward spiritual discernment in big decisions. It means that we allow our consciences to be formed by the Gospel so that our everyday choices will reflect that which Jesus has taught us. Like Joseph we can be open to changing trajectory in order to be obedient to God. Like Mary, we can say yes to God's desires for our lives, and trust that he will care for us. As this last week of Advent comes to a close, we are finishing our time of waiting for the Christ child.

*On behalf of myself, Fr. Mike, Deacon Frank and Deacon Chris,
we wish you and your families a **Very Merry Christmas!***

We want to thank you for all the continued support you bring to our parish not just at Christmastime but all year round.

Please pray for peace in our world during these troubled times that we live in. Keep also in your prayers all those less fortunate than us.

We will remember you and your families in our prayers during this Christmas Season and ask that you also pray for us.

May you have a Blessed Christmas with Family & Friends!

Mary, Joe, Frank



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

Wednesday, 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

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



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

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

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



*Merry Christmas from
The Staff at St. Bernard*



Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!

Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Mrs. Sandra Arcati & Mrs. Michele Obdyke

The School of Religion will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020
Progress Reports will be distributed this day. 4:00pm to 5:00pm in the Parish Hall
Sunday, January 12, 2020 10:00am Mass
7th grade Confirmation Commitment Mass & 2nd grade Retreat



ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Annual Clothing Drive will be 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.

All donations will be going to “Hour Children”. Part of the symbolism of the name reflects those critical hours of these children’s lives-especially the “hour” of that visit when Hour Children brings them to see their moms and helps the families stay intact. Please place all items in black garbage bags and leave in the back of church.

Thank you for always being so generous!

*grateful
thankful
blessed*

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.

For the Fourth week of Advent, the Advent Candle of Peace has been memorialized
In Memory of

Gerald J. Cawthon & Jerry Norton

By The Wagner Family

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

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” (Matthew 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS	
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 & Sabrina 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
10:00 am	Maria DeCicco Sr. by her Daughter
11:30 am	Belisario, DeVito, Reinhardt & Mingino Families by The Belisario Family
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019	
8:30 am	Maurice Mulligan by Eileen & Robert Magnavito People of the Parish
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019	
8:30 am	Christian Mussig (1st Anniversary) by his Family
4:00 pm	Kaitlyn Bernhardt by her Family John McCarthy by his loving Family Mary, A-Net & Mickey Damato
10:00 pm	Jackie Fortunato by her Husband & Family
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019	
8:30 am	Mary & Carmine Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
10:00 am	Henry Frizell & Mary McKenna by June
11:30 am	Tara Salerno by Mom & Dad
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019	
8:30 am	Frederick & Josephine Houston by their son Edward
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019	
8:30 am	Steve Borriello (2nd Anniversary) by Lucy Capalbo
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019	
9:00 am	Joan Vinig by Terry Sorrentino
5:00 pm	Theresa Gale by Chrissy, Steven, Gianna, Theresa & Francesca
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019	
8:30 am	Guadalupe Rivadeneira by her Son & Family Saint Nunzio by The Conti Family Jack Tuohy by Tina Moore & Family
10:00am	David Mitchell by Jerrie
11:30am	Rosemarie & Stephen Marcinczuk by their Family

Memorials

Altar Bread:

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

Altar Wine:

*In Memory of Theresa Gale
Donated by Chrissy, Steven, Gianna, Theresa
& Francesca*

Altar Candles:

*In Memory of Bill & Pat Reinhardt, Jean & Lou
Belisario & Danny DeVito
Donated by The Reinhardt, MacBride,
Belisario & DeVito Families*

Tabernacle Candle:

*In Memory of Ann & Jim Cooper
Donated by Mary Cooper*

Tabernacle Candle:

*In Memory of Paul Bonauro & Jason Shanley
Donated by The Bonauro Family*

Church Bells:

*In Memory of Theresa Gale
Donated by Chrissy, Steven, Gianna, Theresa
& Francesca*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

*Go Christmas Caroling
with family & Friends*



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 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!

Calling all of our Young Adults in College

Come to our Youth Ministry College Social a Night of faith sharing and fun.
 Pizza will be provided. Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House
 Bring a friend!



Youth Ministry Fun and Games on Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall - Anyone who hasn't signed up for Youth Ministry and would like to attend may pick up a registration form at the Rectory. Any Virtus trained adult that would like to volunteer should call the Rectory at 718 763 5533 and leave your name and number.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
 Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
 Lk 2:1-14Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

#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!

Thank You!

To all of those that have participated in our Increased Offertory Program

To date 121 parishioners have responded. We thank you for your generosity!

If you have not returned your Commitment Card, please do so. Go to our Website and click on the DONATE NOW button to make your automatic offertory gifts. It's easy and it's secure!

ASSOCIATED VINCENTIAN CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN GIVES BACK



"My Car Went To Heaven"
 For each car, truck or van running or not the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to your parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle.

If you, a family member or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call (718) 491-2525
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 Thank you for your participation

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 Deaconate, 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.