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First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2023

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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.
Spanish-Once a Month on Saturday's at 7:00 p.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.-4:00p.m.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
First Sunday of Advent

We have a system for keeping our houses safe and ensuring that it will be ready when we return. Looking more closely at the analogy Jesus poses, what if we think about this not as an analogy, but as if Jesus was actually describing the reality of what would happen after his ascension? Place yourselves in this story. We are all called to be God's servants, each of us with our own unique gifts, callings, and responsibilities. Like the scenario Jesus describes, we don't know when Christ will come again. We don't know when this promised day will arrive, or even when our own lives will end. All od this uncertainty about the future can tempt us to put aside our preparations for Christ's return. And yet the message of this Gospel is clear: because it can happen at any moment, we must always strive to be ready. It's different to prepare for someone's arrival than it is to get ready to take a trip yourself. When you are going on a trip, you're trying to figure out what you need to take with you. But when we are preparing to receive guests, we're focused on what they will see and experience when they enter our home. What does it mean to prepare for Christ's coming? In the case of preparing for the end of time when Christ will come again, we are talking not about welcoming Christ into our homes, but into our hearts. When we stand before Christ on the day of judgement, what do we want him to find in our hearts? This is where the teachings of Jesus and the Church help us. If we truly know and understand and believe these teachings, then we know what God desires from us. And we know that welcoming God into our hearts means opening our hearts to the people and world around us as we work to build up the kingdom of God here on earth. One way to approach our Advent preparations is through the lens of relationship. Part of our responsibility as Christians is to have healthy relationships with God, with others, with creation, and with ourselves. Healthy relationships require attentiveness; without attention and care, relationships suffer and negativity impact our lives and the lives of others. At first, being intentional about everything we are doing can seem overwhelming. So, take it a little at a time. Each day strive to be attentive to one relationship in particular. Over the next several weeks, you will find that your ability to be attentive has grown and you might be able to manage more than you were able to at the beginning. When we show others love, we are showing love to God who helps us in our work.

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

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 at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket.
The next winner will be picked on December 5th, 2023

This Month's Winner of $237.50 is
Karen Young

ROSARIAN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 10th, 2023
Mass at 11:30 a.m.
Christmas Luncheon
Dolce Vita Restaurant
at 12:30 p.m.
$75 per person All are Welcome.
Join us for a fun filled afternoon to start off the Christmas season! 50/50 & Raffles
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Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses will be at 8:30am and 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Tree Lighting
The lighting of our Parish Christmas display will take place on Saturday, December 9th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
All are invited to attend, sing Christmas Carols with us and enjoy some nice hot chocolate & zeppole as we turn on the lights for the beginning of the Christmas season.
We will also have a special visit from Santa himself!

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Music Ministries.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

9:00 am Bruce Granatstein by Tina Moore & Family

5:00 pm Jean & Lou Belisario by The Belisario Family
Bill Reinhardt by The Belisario Family
Alan Howe by his Grandchildren
Mario Raineri by wife Maryann & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

8:30am Gloria Cibrano by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino
Gerald Jerry Longobardi by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Phyllis Guido Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
Jennifer Sciara by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

11:30am Antonio Filippazzo by his Grandchildren

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

8:30 am Nicolo Consales by Stephanie Puleo & Family

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

8:30 am Richard R. Cerchione by The Cerchione Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

8:30 am Martin Mulligan by Michele & Joseph Ribando

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

8:30 am James Campbell by his wife MaryJane & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

8:30am Ann & Edmund Carsten by Tina

7:30pm John Connor by The Arcati Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

9:00am In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

5:00pm Salvatore Ciccotto by his Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

8:30am Toni Ann Seddio by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino
Francesca & Angelo Incorvaia by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino
In Thanksgiving for Fr. Samuel for your Priestly Ordination by Veronica Obdyke & Family
In Thanksgiving for your Diaconate Ordination Deacon Herb by Veronica Obdyke & Family

10:00am Anthoony Cincotta by his wife Helene

11:30am Richard R. Cerchione by The Cerchione Family

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Take a tag from the Giving Tree, buy the present and bring it back to the tree!

Find multiple sites that give you information on writing or even sending a care package to the men and women in Military service!

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Francesca DiBlasi Incorvaia
Donated by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of James Constantino
Donated by Nick & Ellie Graziano

Altar Candle:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Esposito
Donated by Your Loving Wife

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of William Reinhardt & Louis & Jean Belisario
Donated by The MacBride Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Myrtle & Nat Granatstein
Donated by Their Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
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Rosa Andreani
Francis Arcati
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Anna Barone
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
Thomas Caliendo
Diane Camacho
Elaine Capper
Ana Caraballo
Joseph Carone
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Leonard Carriero
Domenic Carriero
Clare Cawthon
Nick & Sarah Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
John Curte
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Joan Darragh
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Gia Marie Duffy
Stephen J. Esposito
Aiden Estrella
John Fahey
Kevin Fahey
Pat Fallon
Adriana Farrell
Tracy Farrell
Natalie Ferber
Anthony Filippazzo
Marisa Fullam
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Francine Giannotti
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Tina Giberti
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Robin Gottlieb
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John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
Maria Hinners
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
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William Kenney
Ann Klauss
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Annette Kyle
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Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
Matthew Mason
Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
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Brian Morgan
Daniel Morrissey
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William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

For the first week of Advent, the Advent Candle of Hope has been memorialized
In Memory of

Richard R. Cerchione

By The Cerchione 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.

Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph
We Entrust Our Families To Your Sacred Heart

In Memory of The Pompinio & Conti Families

Donated by The Conti Family

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

Advent Series

To help prepare for Christmas we will have our Advent Series on Wednesdays,
December 6th, December 13th & December 20th
at 7:00pm in the Church.
The nights will reflect about Isaiah, Mary & John the Baptist.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

to all those who made a gift to the **Bishop's** Annual Catholic Appeal! We encourage all those who made a pledge to **please fulfill it.** If you have not made a gift, you can still make an end-of-year gift! The Appeal ends December 31, 2023 and all donations received over our goal will come right back to our parish for our use with Ministries and Services.

God Bless all our Parishioners for your Generosity and Kindness always!

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION SO THAT YOU CAN BE REACHED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WHEN NECESSARY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CHANGE TO YOUR DATA OR ADD INFORMATION, LIKE YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR IN THE PARISH HOUSE AND RETURN IT TO US. IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO EMAIL THE FORM TO YOU, PLEASE EMAIL US AT PA101028@DIOBROOK.ORG THANK YOU!

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. Family Mass,
8:00pm Spanish Mass &
Midnight Mass at
10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Day
Monday, January 1, 2024
11:30 a.m.
This is not a Holy Day of Obligation

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, December 9, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or
Maureen at 347-436-5192

St. Bernard Matthew 25 Ministry

We are looking for drivers to bring food to the Food Patries. If you would like to help, please call the rectory and leave your name and number for Fr. Mike.
Thank You

Advent is almost here!

Our

GIVING TREES

are up and decorated with "ornaments" for children and families in need. The Christmas Elves have worked behind the scenes and we are so thankful to have their continued help.

Gifts need to be back **by December 10th**.

Among the recipients of the generous gift of our parish community are *Hour Children* (children of incarcerate women), *Mercy First* (foster children), *Catholic Charities, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel* (Deacon Mendez), *Sisters of Life* (unwed/homeless pregnant women), *some other organizations that have reached out to us and some neighborhood residents.* Our gifts will brighten the lives of many ranging from the yet unborn and their moms through children of all ages and the adults of Mercy Home. Please feel free to purchase a gift now, at your leisure, if the timing is better for you. The sales will be starting quickly.

If you choose to purchase a gift ahead of time, please **just label the gift with the age and gender** so we can sort them easily. Many of the requests we receive are not specific so you can get a jump on your Christmas shopping if you like! Additionally, we always receive many requests for teens especially from MERCY FIRST and HOUR CHILDREN.

Gift cards are always a great idea for that age group!

Please remember to bring your gift **UNWRAPPED** and attach the ornament from the tree to it.

We need a volunteer (s) to drop off the gifts to Sisters of Life on or around Dec. 11th. The gifts need to be **dropped off in Manhattan**. An **SUV or van** will most likely be needed. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish House and leave your name and number. Thank You!

HAVE faith

Join Our Deacons
For an 8 part series on our Faith:
The Liturgy, Precepts of the Church,
Biblical Way to Pray the Mass, The Cardinal Virtues,
Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Works of Mercy,
The Our Father & The Beatitudes
This Tuesday, December 5th is our third part about
The Biblical Way to Pray the Mass
7:00 pm in Church
Come one, come all.
Join us each month or whenever the Spirit moves you

Stewardship Thought

First Sunday of Advent The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Reconciliation Monday

On Monday, December 18th, there will be reconciliation for parishes in the New York Area. We will have confessions from 9:00am-10:00am and4:00pm-7:00pm.

It's a great way to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Join us on
Tuesday, December 12th
at 6:00 pm to celebrate
our 7th Anniversary
Spanish Mass.
There will be
Live Mariachi!

Blessing of Baby Jesus

On Saturday, December 16th & Sunday, December 17th we will have a Blessing of Baby Jesus at all the masses. All parishioners are invited to bring the baby from their nativity to receive a blessing for this Christmas Season!

YEAR OF THE SUNDAY MASS

This year in St. Bernard's is the Year of the Sunday Mass. Since 2017, the diocese of Brooklyn has seen 37% decrease in Mass attendance. This has happened in our parish too. The Sunday Eucharist is the most important event each week in our parish. We hear God's word. We receive Jesus himself in Communion. We are sent into the world to live as disciples. We all know people on our block and in our family that are not coming to Mass. Pray for them and give them an invitation to come with you. Share WHY you come. We will be trying different strategies this year. One is using social media better.
We now have an Instagram page. Check it out: St.bernardchurch.
We'll be telling you more in the coming weeks

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St. Bernard's Council **#14269**
Council meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday's of the month at the Hudson River Yacht Club, starting at 7:30pm.
Check out our Facebook page for the most up to date listing of events.
www.facebook.com/Stbernardkofc
Interested in joining our council? Please contact our Recruitment Director,
Edward McCarthy 917-681-7936

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of November 25th & November 26th, 2023
Saturday November 25th 5:00pm ~120
Sunday, November 26th 8:30am ~96
Sunday, November 26th10:00am ~134
Sunday, November 26th11:30am ~266

Total Weekend Attendance~616

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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

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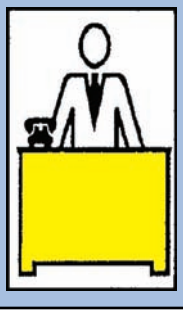

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