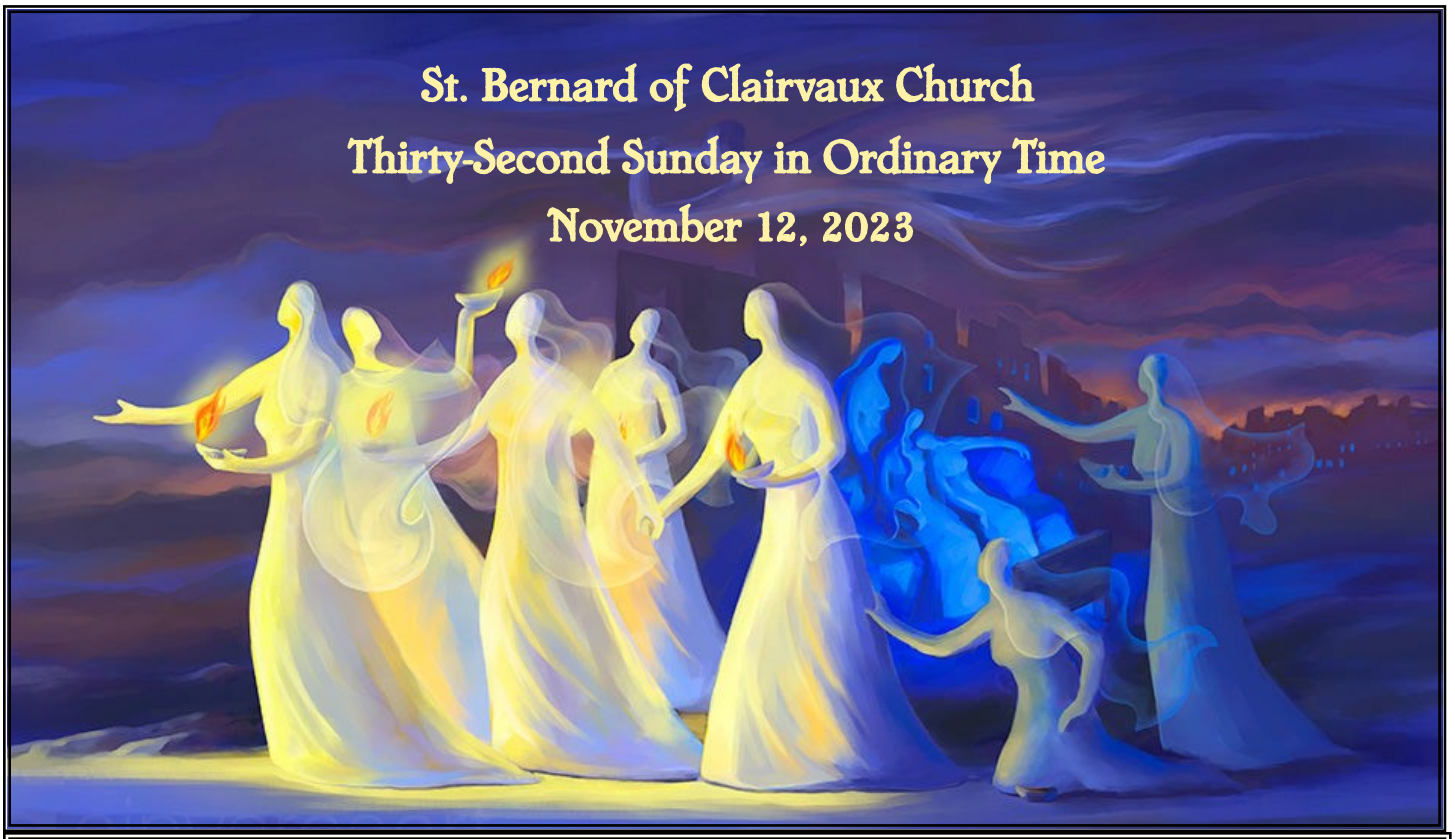

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Mass Schedule

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.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES WHILE IN CHURCH!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel reading is meant to teach us about the kingdom of heaven. The story begins with a bridegroom coming and that there are ten virgins, referring to members of the wedding party, who are waiting for his arrival so the party can start. There is a lot of planning involved when we have to make preparations for such a time. In the parable, five of the ten virgins knew the importance of preparation while the other five were less well-prepared. Anticipating that the night might be a long one, five of the virgins brought flasks full of extra oil for their lamps. They were ready in case the groom was delayed in arriving, which ended up happening. The other five virgins, however, did not think that far ahead and thus, were not prepared. As they waited and waited, those virgins ran out of oil for their lamps. This meant that they needed to run into the town to find more oil. Because of that, they missed the groom's arrival and were left out of the celebration. Jesus ends this parable by telling the disciples that we don't know when the Lord is coming at the end of time to bring about the kingdom of heaven. This sense of the "unknown hour" also applies to our lives; we don't know when or how God will act in them and we don't know when we will die. When we put off our faith and procrastinate about deepening our relationship with Jesus, it can keep us from being fully present in our faith lives. When we do this, we are like the five virgins who did not plan ahead and were not ready when the groom came. Thinking about your own faith life, reflect on what parts of it you push to the side and think you'll get to later. For example, do you make time for Jesus in your day, or do you just see him on Sunday at Mass? How can you prepare for heaven? Jesus is not giving us stumbling blocks in today's Gospel. He is telling us that to be welcomed into the kingdom of heaven, we must be prepared. We can prepare by receiving the sacraments, by going to Mass, by sharing the Gospel with others, by praying throughout our day, and so much more.

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

Thanksgiving Food Blessing

If you would like an item of food from your Thanksgiving table to be blessed, please bring it to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving morning.

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 as we turn on the lights for the beginning of the Christmas season.

Thanksgiving Liturgy

On Sunday, November 19th we will celebrate our Thanksgiving Liturgy as a Parish at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.
Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the main entrance of the church following any of the masses. All donations will be distributed through the Mary Queen of Heaven Food Pantry. St. Athanasius and our Church for the needy of our neighborhood for the holidays. Please place any monetary donation in an envelope labeled "*Food Pantry*" and drop it into the collection basket.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

TEMPLE SHOLOM and
ST. BERNARD CHURCH
Invite you to their Annual
Bernie Catcher Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service
Tuesday, November 21st, 2023
7:00 PM
Temple Sholom 2075 East 68th Street
It is a time to come together to ***pray*** and give ***thanks***! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

9:00 am Joan Moran by her Loving Family

5:00 pm Fredrick Houston by his son Edward (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

8:30am Toni Ann Seddio by Rita Damato
Dorothy Allen by Marylou Farrell (Birthday in Heaven)
Ruthann Birmingham by Marylou Farrell

10:00am Santino Sage Mastroviti Love, Mommy, Daddy, Sienna, Bianca & Giada

11:30am Antonio Grimaldi (Anniversary in Heaven)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

8:30 am Anthony Juliano by his son Victor (Birthday)

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

8:30 am Julia & Matthew Mullen by their Daughter

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

8:30 am Patrick Rega by Jennifer, John, Julianna & Nick (2nd Anniversary in Heaven)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

8:30 am John Hammond by Stephanie Puleo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

8:30am Pasquale & Antoinette Sorrentino by Teresa & Tom Sorrentino

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

9:00am Donald Merone by Betsey Jean-Jacques

5:00pm Anthony Belisario by The Belisario Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

8:30am Anthony Haran Love, Mom, Dad & Your Brother

10:00am Anthony Cincotta by his wife Helene
Rosa Patrizio by John & Joann DiBlasi
Larry Sidoti by Martha-Jean Rosiello

11:30am Francesco Pomonio by The Conti Family

Special Needs Mass

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 2:30pm

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

St. Bernard Parish welcomes all families with special needs children and adults. While **all are welcome** to attend, this particular Mass will be a loving and open environment for those with special ministry needs to join us for the greatest Sunday "Family Meal" as we gather together around the table of the Lord.

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Vincent (Butchie) Lofredo
Donated by Balsamo, Antico, Liberto & Striano Families

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Vincent (Butchie) Lofredo
Donated by Balsamo, Antico, Liberto & Striano Families

Altar Candle:

In Loving Memory of Vincent (Butchie) Lofredo
Donated by Balsamo, Antico, Liberto & Striano Families

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Mary & Angelo Recco
Donated by Your Loving Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Patrick Rega
Donated by Julianna & Nicholas

Altar Flowers:

In Loving Memory of Vincent (Butchie) Lofredo
Donated by Balsamo, Antico, Liberto & Striano Families

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
V.B.
Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
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
Alexandra Gagliardi
Karen Gallagher
Patricia Gallagher
Peter J. Gallagher
Linda Gannon
Courtney James Garrisson Jr.
Thomas Garziniti
Margaret Generoso
Ellen Gentile
Connor Patrick Geoghagen
Francine Giannotti
Rose Giberti
Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
Maria Hinners
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Ann Klauss
Kiera Sophie
Stella Kinsella
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
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
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
Brian Morgan
Daniel Morrissey
Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
A.Passaro
Rose Patrizio
Sandra Pena
Jo-Ann Piazza
Nicholas Piccio
Clement Pollio
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Alexa Ramos
Phillip Ramos
Antonio Reda
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera
Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
Craig Rosen
Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
Robert Sansone
Jerry Sarni
Joanne Sarnicola
Laura Scattereggia
Carol Schroeder
Aiden Seazer
Erik Seidel
Gloria Serewitz
Mark Skinner
Michael Skody
Alexandra Smith
Aurora Sorrentino
Sue Ann Spotts
Troy Tamburo
Cigdem Tanriverdi
Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

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

In Memory Joe D'Ambrosio

Pernice Alogna Families Donated by Joe D'Ambrosio

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.

Merry Christmas One & All

Friends of Scout Troop 76 will be selling
FULLY DECORATED CHRISTMAS WREATHS
Great Price: $25.00

Starting November 25th and every Saturday & Sunday after every Mass outside of Church
Pre Order Contact 718.763.3837
Deliveries available on Sunday's

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.

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
Make your reservation at the Parish House.
Flyers are at the back of Church!

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
Every first Tuesday starting In Church 7:00 pm Come one, come all. Join us each month or whenever the Spirit moves you

Saint Bernard Parish Youth Ministry Program Hosts An Advent Wreath Workshop

It will be an evening of family & friendship! Bring your children, bring the grandparents!
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
Thursday, November 30, 2023
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.in the Parish Hall
Cost is $25.00
You will get: a brass ring, 4 battery operated candles (3 purple and 1 pink), balsam branch, pipe cleaners, and 4 ribbons (3 purple and 1 pink), prayer card, & instructions. *You may bring other decorations (i.e. pine cones, extra ribbons). You may want to bring your own cutting shear to cut the balsam branches. At the request of many pet owners, this year we have ARTIFICIAL branches. Reserve Your Kit EARLY but no later than November 16, Drop an envelope with payment to the Rectory or School, labeled with your Family name & the words Advent Wreath Workshop. Please indicate on the envelope if you would like Artificial Branches.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling ALL Youth, ages 13 to 17 to join the Saint Bernard Youth Ministry Program. Our program is not a club, and attendance is not mandatory just because you signed up. It is a group of teens who wish to learn and share their faith with others their own age in a social setting. We do many different activities and service projects. If interested, pick up a Registration Form from the rectory to fill out and then return to the Rectory. Parent and Child will be placed on our Flocknote text messaging service and you will receive messages about Youth Ministry meetings and events.

GOD SQUAD

Calling ALL Youth in Grades 5 and 6 to join the Saint Bernard God Squad, a junior division of our Youth Ministry Program. If interested, pick up a Registration Form from the rectory to fill out and then return to the Rectory. Parents will be placed on our Flocknote text messaging service and you will receive messages about God Squad meetings and events, which take place 3 - 4 times a year.
Forms are in Church and in the rectory

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

If you have already made your pledge to the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated!
You have helped us reach goal in pledges!
We encourage all donors to fulfill your pledge!

If you have not made your donation - Please support the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal – All Funds raised now COME BACK TO OUR PARISH FOR OUR USE.

We can use these funds for some needed repairs. We can use these funds to enhance some of our programs and ministries. We can use these funds to add to the vibrancy of our beautiful Parish!

(The cost of a NY Yankees Ballgame for a family of 4 including tickets, 4 hot dogs, 2 sodas, 2 beers and parking is app. $324. If only 100 families gave the cost of attending 1 game that would be almost $32,400 coming back to our parish!)

YOU CAN SCAN HERE FROM YOUR PHONE

AND YOU WILL BE GUIDED THROUGH THE DONATION PROCESS!

THERE ARE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH *TO USE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION. YOU CAN MAIL THEM IN OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH HOUSE OR PUT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET!* ***Thank you!***

Advent is just weeks away!

That means our

GIVING TREE

will soon be up and decorated with "ornaments" for children and families in need. The Christmas Elves have already started their work behind the scenes and we are so thankful to have their continued help.
The tree will go up on **Saturday, November 25th**.
Gifts that 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!

GET A HEAD-START ON YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!
ST. BERNARD ROSARY SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
FROM 9 AM THROUGH 5 PM
NEW ITEMS ONLY!
VENDORS NEEDED
CALL OR TEXT 917-698-5506 OR EMAIL: PA117@DIOBROOK.ORG

Stewardship Thought

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." ~ Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
"Doing good while having fun"
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 4th & November 5th, 2023

Saturday November 4th 5:00pm ~152
Spanish Mass 7:00pm ~102
Sunday, November 5th 8:30am ~116
Sunday, November 5th10:00am ~145
Sunday, November 5th11:30am ~215

Total Weekend Attendance~730

Parish Phone Numbers

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EMAIL: sbchurchbrooklyn@aol.com
ACADEMY OFFICE: 718-241-6040
SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 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.