St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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
Second Sunday of Advent

John was reminding people that a savior had been promised. The prophets had told of this messiah, and the people of Israel were eager for this savior. They followed John because they wanted to know more about this promised messiah and were eagerly awaiting his arrival. By sharing his message about the coming messiah and baptizing people who acknowledged their sins, John prepared the way for Jesus' arrival. When Jesus arrived on the scene (in the verses that come after today's reading), he was baptized by John as well. Jesus was without sin, so there was no need for him to receive this symbolic baptism from John. Instead, Jesus' baptism is a turning point. John can point to Jesus and help people reform their ways by professing their sins, but he is not Jesus. Jesus is the Messiah and does take away sin. He is not just a symbol of salvation; he is our salvation. We believe that when we enter the waters of the sacrament of baptism, we are changed because Jesus made it a sacrament of our salvation, and cleanses us of our sins. Last week we focused on readying ourselves to receive Christ within our own hearts. This week. We can reflect on the ways in which we receive Christ outwardly. John offers an incredible and challenging example for us: not only to live a life that is countercultural in its zeal for Christ, but also to live with a spirit of humility, proclaiming God's praises instead of our own. John's greatest example is to show us that anything we do should point way from ourselves and toward the glory of God. How can our actions lead others to Christ?

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 January 2nd, 2024

This Month's Winner of $312.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. Reed Perlowitz

Advent Series

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

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

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!

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.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

9:00 am In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

5:00 pm 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 Anthony Cincotta by his wife Helene

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

8:30 am Louis Tedone
John McCarthy Love Mom & Dad (Birthday)

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

8:30 am The Victims of Sandy Hook & Uvalde Texas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

8:30 am Rose Failla by Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Burriesci

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

8:30 am Biagia & Francesco Salerno by Frank & Ilene

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

8:30am Mary Grossi by Teresa & Tom Sorrentino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

9:00am Andreas Gonsavos by The Berger Family

5:00pm Lougie Capadanno by his loving niece Mary Ann

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

8:30am Martin Mulligan Eileen & Robert Magnavito(Happy Birthday)

10:00am Letizia Palizzotto by The Palizzotto Family
Jeanie Salvaggio by The Arcati Family
John Marinelli by St. Bernard Friends (Anniversary)

11:30am Belisario, DeVito & Reinhardt Families by The Belisario Family

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Second Sunday of Advent – Peace!
"Peace on Earth,
Good Will Toward Men."
Thank Someone For Doing
A Good Job!
Deliver Cards To A Nursing Home!

Memorials

Altar Bread:
In Loving Memory of Rose Failla
Donated by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

Altar Wine:
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Donated by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

Altar Candle:
In Loving Memory of Linda Russo
Donated by Ann & Joe Stolz

Church Bells:
In Loving Memory of Petra Troncoso
Donated by Sandra Pena

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Pamela DeCesare
Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
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Rosa DiBerardino
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James Donzella
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Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
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Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
Matthew Mason
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Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
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William A. Thomas
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Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

For the second week of Advent, the Advent Candle of Love has been memorialized
In Memory of

James & Mary Wagner

By Their Grandchildren, Isabella, Meagan & John

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 Thanksgiving for Msgr. Joseph Grimaldi's 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination

Donated by Your Parish House Staff

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

8' CHRISTMAS TREES WITH LIGHTS - $300 EACH _____

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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!

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!

Stewardship Thought

The second advent candle "The Bethlehem Candle", as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, represents PEACE!

"Prepare the way of the Lord…" - *MARK 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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!

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Thursday, December 21st
6:30pm in the Parish Hall
Food, fun and Christmas cheer! Free to all.
There will be a visit by Santa Claus!
All are welcome!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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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 December 2nd & December 3rd, 2023

Saturday December 2nd 5:00pm ~165
Sunday, December 3rd 8:30am ~98
Sunday, December 3rd 10:00am ~78
Sunday, December 3rd 11:30am ~134

Total Weekend Attendance~475

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Devotions

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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.

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Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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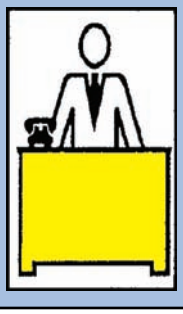

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