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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel is the same passage that is used for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary that we celebrated on December 8. On that day, we focused on Mary and how God saved her from being born with original sin so that she would be prepared to be the mother of God. But today, we will focus on how Jesus had been foretold by prophesy, and how he was descended from the great kings of Israel. When Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear a son. He mentions that "God will give him the throne of David his father." David was a very important person for the people of Israel. In the Old Testament, before David, the people of Israel had been oppressed and driven out of their home many times. When David (this is the same David who was the young shepherd boy who defeated Goliath) became king, God promised to give the people of Israel a home they could have of their own. God also promised to make David's name great, and that the throne of David's kingdom would last forever. Joseph was from of the house of David and it was through him that Jesus became part of this lineage, even though Joseph was not Jesus' biological father. The Jewish people lived for generations believing in the hope of the promises made to David. That's not to say they went without doubt or troubles. By the time Jesus was born, the Roman Empire had already conquered Israel. So, what did that mean for their nation, for their promised sovereignty? When Gabriel says that the Lord God will give Jesus the throne of David, this was a sign that God's promise was coming to fruition. This is part of why the people were so excited to hear John the Baptist's proclamation that the savior was coming, and why they were so eager to follow Jesus. He didn't just come out of nowhere- the arrival of a savior and the promise of the greatness of David's throne had been prophesied, and the Jewish faith was grounded in that belief. Despite God's promise, there were still many who questioned and doubted Jesus. Those Jews who had power and wealth during the Roman rule, like some of the religious authorities or government officials, might not want the upset to the status quo of their power that the arrival of the promised messiah might bring. Others thought that the messiah was going to be a political and earthly king who would usurp the Roman rule, and Jesus' actions and humble beginning didn't match that. For whatever reason, not everyone was expecting Jesus to come as he did and do what he did. Not everyone believed in him. Yet, he was and is the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation that was made long before even King David.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Mike, Fr. Dominic, Deacon Frank, Deacon Chris & Deacon Herb 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!

Msgr. Joel Londres

Christmas 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.

The rectory will be closed December 25th & 26th and will reopen on Wednesday December 27th at 9am

New Year's Mass Schedule 2024

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

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

9:00 am Francis X. Esposito by Michele Esposito

5:00 pm Maurice Mulligan by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

8:30am Mary & Carmine Grossi by Teresa & Tom Sorrentino

10:00am Francesca DiBlasi Love your St. Athanasius Family (Christmas in Heaven)

11:30am Vincent Patrizio by Anthony & Michael
Mr. & Mrs. DeMeo by Mr. & Mrs. George Marinello
Carmine Carriero by his wife Concetta Carriero

4:00pm Mary, Mickey & A-Net Damato by Rita
Kaitlyn Bernhardt by her Family
John McCarthy by his Family
Jennie Donadio by her Family

10:00pm Jacqueline Fortunato by her Grandchildren

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

9:00 am Joseph Giacobbe by Mom & Dad

11:00am Henry Frizell & Mary McKenna Love June

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

8:30 am Fredrick & Josephine Houston by their son Edward

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

8:30 am Steve Borriello by The Capalbo Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

8:30 am Toni Ann Seddio by Maureen & Ted DeMarinis

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

8:30am Gerald Longobardi by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

9:00am Daniel Urlich by AnnMarie & Lloyd Spangen

5:00pm Yolanda Quinn by Doreen & Anthony
Joseph Jimenez by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Carmela Buonanno by deacon & Mrs. Wagner
(1st Anniversary in Heaven)
Robert Perasso by his Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

8:30am Toni Ann Seddio by Mark & Robin Hoorwitz

10:00am John Lindner by St. Bernard's Friends (Anniversary)

11:30am Karen Fogel by Fran & Eddie

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love!
Pray and rejoice in peace!

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
Donated by Mom & Dad

Altar Wine:

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Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Matilda Gillio & Joanie Costanzo
Donated by Lynn & Family

Tabernacle Candles:

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Tabernacle Candles:

In Loving Memory of Angelo & Mary Recco
Donated by your Loving Children

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Fosco Lenzini
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Sheila Connors
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
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Samantha Curreri
John Curte
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Joan Darragh
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Vicky DeGruccio
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Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
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Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
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Tina Giberti
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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
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Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
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Allan Maloney
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Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
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Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!

Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Mrs. Sandra Arcati,
Mrs. Michele Obdyke & Ms. Amanda Goldberg

The School of Religion will resume on
Wednesday, January 3, 2024

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

Robert LoGuidice

By Your St. Bernard Friends

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

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Steve & Helen Yurchik, Steve Yurchik, Jr., John R. Wiegand

Donated by Gina Wiegand

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"In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

St. Bernard
Matthew 25 Ministry

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

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

We welcome all our college students back from school. There will be a gathering for all college students on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

OUR NEIGHBORS CORNER-MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Come journey with us on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm deep into our Catholic faith. Bishop Robert Barron will guide us through art and architecture, music and nature to the foundational truths of CATHOLICISM. Each film is an hour in length; after it there will be time for discussion of what we have just heard and seen
January 7, 2024-March 10, 2024
Come for all of these presentations, or come for those you are free to attend. This will be a special way to make "the Lord's Day" holy. We will meet each Sunday at 3:00pm in the lounge of the Parish Center at Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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

Did You Wrap Your Gift?
Would you give a gift to a friend and not wrap it? Would you take a present to a party and not put your name on it? Please treat your weekly gift to God with the care and respect you would any gift that you give. Wrap it in an envelope and put your name on it. It will make you feel so much better about that gift.

Try it some Sunday and see if it doesn't make you feel a little prouder of your gift. If you need parish envelopes please call the Rectory at 718-763-5533
Thank You for Your Generosity!

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

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!

Stewardship Thought

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"
– Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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!

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, January 13, 2024
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

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. Joseph Novena

begins Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 following the 8:30 a.m. mass.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of December 16th & December 17th, 2023

Saturday December 16th 5:00pm ~120
Sunday, December 17th 8:30am ~112
Sunday, December 17th 10:00am ~120
Sunday, December 17th 11:30am ~150

Total Weekend Attendance~502

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Tuesday, December 12th 7:00pm ~281

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Devotions

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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

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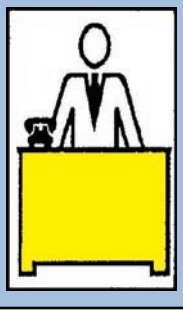

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